

THE PACIFIC COAST.

Wild Dash of Two Cars From Crafton to Redlands.

THE RUNAWAYS DITCHED

Brakeman Veddar Is Thrown Nearly a Hundred Yards From the Track.

TROUBLE IN A MULLEN MINE.

Tulare Supervisors Win a Suit for Higher Salaries—Clan Mackenzie Case Reopened.

SAN BERNARDINO, CAL., May 7.—Brakeman Frank Veddar, employed by the Southern Pacific Railroad and a resident of Santa Ana, this afternoon had a peculiarly thrilling experience at Redlands which, if he survives his injuries, will form for the remainder of his life the basis of his most vivid recollections.

An engine was shifting two cars loaded with ice on the track of the Union Ice Company at Crafton to the main line. The brakeman was on the forward car. He says that, as the cars were pushed upon the main track, they bumped together, and the brake chain of the forward car was broken. He hastened to the other and applied the brakes, but it would not hold the two cars, which, with the continually increasing momentum of their own weight and sixty tons of ice, slid upon the down grade of 400 feet in three miles and flashed away toward Redlands.

The brakeman kept his head and his place on the cars, and made desperate efforts to draw the brake tight enough to reduce the speed. But they kept on, faster and faster, in a cloud of dust that hid the cars from view and gave them the appearance of a cyclone on its travels.

The employees at the ice factory telephoned to the Southern Pacific office at Redlands that the two runaway cars were coming. In a moment the switch was placed to throw them off the track, and none too soon. A second later they came in sight, running at a speed anywhere from ninety to 200 miles an hour. Fortunately no one happened to be in their path as they flew across Orange street, a hundred yards beyond which was the open switch.

The rear car jumped it and kept along on the main track. The forward car took the switch, and thus they separated, one drawing to the right and the other to the left. Of course the coupling broke, and the shock sent the rear car flying into the air with a jerk that whirled it over and over and flung it 200 feet along the track.

As it struck the first time it plowed a hole four feet deep in the dirt at the side of the track, bounded and rebounded in the air and at last stopped, a tangled mass of splintered timber and twisted iron work lying bottom up. The heavy cakes of ice slid with the ruins and were scattered broadcast down the track for 400 feet.

There were several eyewitnesses of this event who say that when the second car left the track Brakeman Veddar was whirled into the air at least twenty-five feet and thrown fifty feet beyond the point where the car stopped, or at least 250 feet beyond the point where the car left the track. The CALL correspondent paced off these distances, and they are reasonably accurate.

Mr. Veddar fell upon his face. His nose was broken and also his left arm and leg. His jaw was fractured in two places and there was an ugly scalp wound. He showed wonderful nerve and was conscious all the time. He told the story of the commencement of the accident and described his efforts to stop the cars in the brief ride from Crafton. He was taken to Los Angeles on the 245 train, accompanied by Dr. Sanborn. His physicians think that he will survive his injuries unless there are unforeseen complications.

TULARE SUPERVISORS WIN.

Holdover Officials to Draw the Same Salary as Those Newly Elected.

VISALIA, CAL., May 7.—Judge Jacobs of Kings County presided in Department 2 of the Superior Court to-day in the place of Judge Gray while the case of S. M. Gilliam, Supervisor, vs. E. M. Jeffers, Auditor, was being heard. In this case the plaintiff demanded a writ of mandate commanding the County Auditor to draw warrants on the county for \$150 for each of the months of January, February and March, 1895, as salary of plaintiff as Supervisor and Road Commissioner of Tulare County. The writ of mandate was granted by Judge Jacobs.

This decision will settle the question of salaries of Supervisors. It was contended by the Auditor that only the two Supervisors elected last November—Grimsley and Ellis—could draw the salary of \$150 a month, beginning January 1, 1895, as provided for in a law passed by the Legislature of 1893. Supervisor Gilliam held that the law increased the pay of the three Supervisors—Henderson, Twaddle and Gilliam—who held over. The decision given to-day gives the three holdover Supervisors the same salary as the newly elected ones.

REVERSED THE DECISION.

Ruling of the Supreme Court in the Clan Mackenzie Libel Case.

PORTLAND, OR., May 7.—A telegram from Washington to a legal firm of this city says that the United States Supreme Court has reversed the decision of the late Judge Sawyer in the Clan Mackenzie case, and remanded it for further proceedings. On the night of December 26, 1889, the steamer Oregon, on its way to San Francisco, crashed into the British ship Clan

Mackenzie, which was lying at anchor near Coffin Rock, in the Columbia River. The Clan Mackenzie was sunk and two negro seamen, named Austin and Reed, were drowned. Libel proceedings were brought in the United States District Court by the owners of the Clan Mackenzie. A cross libel was filed by the owners of the Oregon for damages sustained by their vessel. Judge Deady decreed that the damages should be divided and awarded to the owners of the Clan Mackenzie the sum of \$31,292, holding that the Clan Mackenzie was at fault in that the watchman aboard did not on the approach of the Oregon sound the ship's bell and display a side light. This decision was sustained by Judge Sawyer.

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Threats of Union Miners Cause a Permanent Cessation of Work.

WALLACE, IDAHO, May 7.—Operations at the Hunter mine at Mullen were abruptly terminated last night. Yesterday President Henry of the Miners' Union went to Mullen and advised Martin Curran, the superintendent, that if he did not raise the wages to the Canyon Creek scale or quit work the union of Canyon Creek would be over there several hundred strong, and that they would run him out of the country, and if they did not kill him, that the mill would probably be blown to pieces.

Superintendent Curran wired to Dennis Ryan, one of the principal owners, living at St. Paul, as follows: "Compelled to quit or take chances of having the mill blown up and myself run out of the country. Answer." The reply came to "close up the mine and mill."

Consequently the men were discharged last night and paid off this morning. The mine was in operation only a week.

FRUIT SHIPMENTS.

Nearly a Half Million Pounds of Wine Sent East During the Week.

SAN JOSE, CAL., May 7.—The total overland shipments last week amounted to 730,855 pounds, against 715,475 pounds for the same week last year, an increase of 15,410 pounds. The shipments of wine continue good, 420,310 pounds going forward last week. The dried fruit shipments amounted to 160,370 pounds, of which 87,290 pounds were prunes, 71,900 peaches, with small shipments of apricots and cherries. Shipments of canned goods fall short of the shipments for the same week last year, being 106,985 pounds for last week, against 177,115 pounds a year ago.

The narrow gauge handled 45,335 pounds of Eastern freight during the past week, being made up as follows: Dried peaches, 18,975 pounds; dried prunes, 860 pounds; canned peaches, 25,500 pounds. The local shipments on the same road were 235,680 pounds, wine, merchandise, fruit and produce and four and millstuffs being the principal shipments.

MINERS DEPART FROM SELMA.

Frank Dusy at the Head of a Party Starting for Cooks Inlet.

SELMA, CAL., May 7.—Twenty men have left this place for Alaska under the leadership of Frank Dusy, a pioneer and old miner. They will sail from San Francisco to-morrow on Ladd's fishing schooner for Cooks Inlet, when the schooner goes with men and supplies for the season's salmon fishing.

Mr. Dusy has private information in regard to rich discoveries of placer gold at the inlet, and as it is centrally situated with regard to the richest Alaska mines he is enthusiastic over the results of the trip. The inlet is much easier of access than the mines at Forty-mile and nearer by 1000 miles than the quartz mines of the peninsula. News from the party will be awaited with interest here, where the old miners are already feeling a renewal of the spirit of '49.

Bullets Fly at Porterville.

PORTERVILLE, CAL., May 7.—Two men made a murderous attack on an old miner named Harvey Wirth here at 11 o'clock last night. Their object was robbery. They attacked Wirth while he was in bed and struck him several times over the head with some heavy instrument. He rose and called loudly for help. Officers heard his cries and rushed into the room and the robbers fled.

Chase was given and shots fired at the fugitives. One of the robbers was caught in a willow thicket near town. He was not hurt. He proved to be Ben Logan, a gambler, well known here. The other robber was lost in the midnight chase.

MARYSVILLE MURDER CASE.

Stuart Greene and Marshall Miller Held for the Killing of Julius Pierre.

MARYSVILLE, CAL., May 7.—Stuart Greene and Marshall Miller were to-day held to answer before the Superior Court, without bonds, for the murder of Julius Pierre last Thursday. The attorneys for young Greene made strenuous efforts to keep out the confessions, but failed. Miller actually laughed when he heard the language of Greene's confession.

A Sebastopol Farmer's Brutality.

SANTA ROSA, CAL., May 7.—A sad story of a man's desertion of his wife and children comes from Sebastopol. A man named Andrews, living on a farm near Sebastopol, is reported to have turned his wife and five children out of doors to make room for a woman he became infatuated with in San Francisco. Mrs. Andrews and her children are stopping with friends in this city and she complains bitterly of the treatment accorded her by her husband. The matter is in the hands of officers, and some interesting developments will probably result.

Vallejo Firemen Elect Officers.

VALLEJO, CAL., May 7.—Last night the Board of Fire Delegates met and canvassed the vote cast Saturday night, for the election of officers of the fire department. George P. Burnap was declared to be elected chief engineer, and W. J. Haggerty and H. Kock were given credentials as first and second assistants, respectively. Chief Burnap, of the Board of City Trustees, proposes to inaugurate a district system in sounding alarms.

A Fort Bragg Lumberman Killed.

PORT BRAGG, CAL., May 7.—Peter McManus, while rafting logs on Caspar River, five miles south of this city, this morning fell off a boom and was drowned. McManus was 22 years old and unmarried. His father, mother, two brothers and two sisters live in Caspar.

Populists Win in Spokane.

SPOKANE, WASH., May 7.—In the municipal election to-day Belt, the Populist candidate, was elected Mayor.



MR. CLEVELAND TO APPEAR IN A NEW ROLE. The President is engaged in writing a book which is to treat of the science of political economy. It will not be published until the conclusion of his term of office.—Washington dispatch.

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charge of grand larceny was reduced to petty larceny. Pontet then pleaded guilty and was fined \$50 or twenty-five days in the county jail. He chose the latter.

Accused of a Burglary.

SANTA CRUZ, CAL., May 7.—Frank Wells, an old-timer, pleaded not guilty this morning in the Superior Court to the charge of burglary. Wells is accused of looting a house near Watsonville, and of trying to pass a Confederate note in this city.

TO TEST THE OLYMPIA.

The Cruiser's Official Trial Will Be Made in Santa Barbara Channel.

VALLEJO, CAL., May 7.—The Olympia is booked to leave for Santa Barbara Channel about the 21st inst, when she will undergo her official trial. This will include a four-hour run under forced draught, and a thorough test of her battery. On the return trip, she will get ready for the Board of Inspection, and after that is over her departure for Honolulu is looked for at any time. It is safe to say that when the result of the trial is made public the record made on the builders' trial, when the ship showed herself to be the equal if not the superior of the famous Columbia, will be again demonstrated.

DEATH FROM EXPOSURE.

The Crew of the C. G. White Perished After Reaching Shore.

Another Schooner Reported to Have Been Wrecked at Kodiak During the Late Storm.

PORT TOWNSEND, WASH., May 7.—Mail advices from Kodiak, Alaska, received to-day give further details of the wreck of the schooner C. G. White of San Francisco in a gale and snowstorm on April 14. One letter says eleven lives were lost, and another places the loss at seventeen. Captain Isaacson, after the White struck a rock, drifted ashore on a piece of wreckage and died an hour afterward from exposure. Every man but two reached the shore, and the cold, chilling blasts of the gale and the blinding snowstorm caused the men to die on the beach.

On the third day, when a party of natives came along, six of the survivors were taken to Kodiak on the schooner Lescoi for medical treatment. Their limbs were frightfully swollen necessitating amputation. Three others remained at the scene of the wreck until a schooner could return with assistance. The vessel is a complete loss, the hull being ground into splinters. It is not known at Kodiak how many sealskins she had, but it is believed her catch amounted to fully fifty sea otter and 100 sealskins, all of which were valued at \$3000. It was impossible to get a list of the dead from the survivors who reached Kodiak on account of their weak physical condition.

In the same gale the schooner Kodiak on Iktalik Island, twelve miles from Kodiak Island, went ashore and will probably prove a total loss. All of her cargo had been landed except twenty-five tons, which was gotten ashore after the wreck in a damaged condition. The crew reached shore safely, except the captain, who had his leg bruised.

Advice from Unalaska state a gale prevailed generally along the coast and was the severest known in the history of Alaska. No other fatalities were reported. At Yakutat the following sealing schooners were in port: Aurora 96 skins, Beatrice 120, Maud S. 245, and Helen with 11 skins.

In addition to the wreckage reported in the CALL dispatches as having been found in the possession of Indians on Charlotte Island, the medicine chest and several other articles from the steamer Montserrat were found by T. Patchon, who was in a small schooner on Etaline Island, Clarence straits, February 28. This wreckage drifted fully 700 miles to the northwest through narrow passages and among numerous islands from where the two colliers are supposed to have foundered off Cape Flattery. A copper-plate from the medicine chest was brought here by Captain Wallace of the steamer Topeka.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., May 7.—A complaint that is likely to produce some sensations before the end is reached was filed yesterday against Alfred Scott Chapman, one of the most prominent horticulturists in Los Angeles County, in which he is charged with breach of promise to marry the plaintiff, Teresa Ramirez.

The fair lady in the case alleges that on May 26, 1894, the defendant promised to marry her within a reasonable time, and that, confiding in the promise he made her, she has always since remained unmarried, and up to the day of the marriage of defendant to another person she was ready and willing to marry him.

The defendant, however, disregarded the solemn promise he had made her, and on or about August 16, 1894, he married Delina Santa Cruz. She therefore asks judgment against the defendant in the sum of \$50,000 damages, together with the costs of the suit.

The great wealth and prominence of defendant make the suit one of considerable interest, and it is claimed by those who know that the case will be vigorously pushed. M. G. Norton is attorney for the plaintiff.

Bandit Johnsons Taken to Folsom.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., May 7.—Alva Johnson, who was sentenced to Folsom prison for life on conviction for the Roscoe train robbery, was taken north by Deputy Sheriff McClure this afternoon.

Folsom Bricklayers Strike.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., May 7.—All the bricklayers and stonemasons at work for Kreuseberger & Harris on the Electric Light and Power Company's building at Folsom quit work on Monday and are still idle. It seems that they refused to work with some men sent up from here who are not in good standing with the unions.

HOLD-UP AT MIRABEL

Two Masked Bandits Rob a Lake County Stage.

PASSENGERS LINED UP.

Relieved of Money and Valuables to the Amount of \$1000.

PUMMELED FOR RESISTING.

A Plucky Chinaman Brutally Beaten for Attempting to Save His Gold.

NAPA, CAL., May 7.—The stage running from Calistoga to Lakeport was held up near Mirabel this afternoon and the passengers robbed of money and valuables aggregating \$1000.

The stage had reached a point one and a half miles from Mirabel when two masked men stepped from the bushes lining the road and ordered Driver Al Palmer to halt. Keeping their pistols pointed at Palmer's head they made him throw down the express-box. While one of the highwaymen kept driver and passengers covered the other broke open the box, but found no money.

The passengers were then ordered to leave the stage and form in line at the side of the road, and obeyed with alacrity. There were on the stage, besides Driver Palmer, E. J. Lynch of the Judson Powder Company, H. J. Gerdes and C. H. Goetjen, all of San Francisco, and a boy whose name is not known and a Chinaman.

They were kept covered by one of the robbers while the other searched their pockets. Lynch was relieved of a \$500 watch and \$75 in coin, Gerdes of a watch and purse, Goetjen of a watch. Goetjen managed to save his money by dropping it down the inside of his trousers.

The Chinaman was the only one that showed fight. He objected to their taking his handbook, and received a brutal pounding for his trouble.

The robbers secured from the stage a shotgun and a valise. The plunder was put in the valise. Lynch objected to giving up his watch, but the robbers thrust a revolver under his nose and he quieted down. While the robbers were engaged in going through the passengers two teams drove up and were stopped, and their drivers, Byrd Hunt and a man named Van Bibber, made to get down. The robbers were apparently acquainted with the drivers of the teams, for they called them by name and inquired after their health.

After finishing the loot of the stage the robbers ordered the teams to drive on to Middletown, and they took an opposite direction. They were seen about two hours later passing through Adolph Sutter's place, and were moving on foot in the direction of Oak Hill, Napa County.

When the stage arrived at Middletown Lake and Napa county officers were notified, and posses immediately started from Calistoga and Middletown in pursuit. The passengers describe one of the highwaymen as a man about 5 feet 11 inches in height; the other about 5 feet 8 inches tall. Both wore long ulsters, old shoes and masks. Their garb was hidden by the ulsters. One had a light mustache. The tall man showed himself the cooler of the two, his companion being perceptibly nervous. Each man was armed with a brace of large revolvers.

Insurance Rate War Brewing.

NAPA, CAL., May 7.—An insurance rate war has been brewing here for some days past, but the local agents had combined and agreed to all make the same rates. The nominal rate fixed was 50 per cent of the old rate, but some of the agents began to offer little side inducements for business, and while this has not yet led to open war, very low rates are being made. As high as 80 per cent discount on old rates has been given here to-day; it now looks as though open cuts would follow, and agents say that when that time comes insurance will be taken at a low figure.

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