

PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

Crops Damaged by Cut-Worms in Southern California.

SONOMA TEACHERS MEET

Fire Destroys a Fruit Packing Establishment at Santa Clara.

A TRAGEDY AT SACRAMENTO.

Carson Officers Arrest Another Tramp Suspected of Having Killed Mrs. Sarmann.

POMONA, CAL., May 13.—This valley and several other sections of Southern California have of late had a visitation of what are commonly called cut worms...

They appeared by thousands after the cloudy and damp weather of the latter part of April and the first week of May, as though they had come up out of the ground...

The general prospects for all kinds of crops were never better in this valley than they are now. The apricot yield, for which most solicitude has been felt, will be from half to two-thirds of an average crop...

SONOMA COUNTY TEACHERS. Opening Session of the Annual Institute at Santa Rosa.

SANTA ROSA, CAL., May 13.—The annual teachers' institute of Sonoma County opened this morning at the Fifth-street Methodist Church.

Mrs. Amanda H. McReynolds of Bloomfield, Professor A. C. Abshire of Santa Rosa, Professor F. A. Cromwell of Petaluma were elected vice-presidents.

Mayor Woodward on behalf of Santa Rosa delivered an address of welcome to which R. M. Sims of Sonoma responded.

At the afternoon session Professor F. A. Cromwell presided. After rollcall Mrs. John P. Rodgers of Petaluma rendered a vocal solo.

BLAZE AT SANTA CLARA.

The Isaacovich Fruit-Packing Establishment Completely Destroyed.

SAN JOSE, CAL., May 13.—The large fruit-packing establishment of John and Luke Isaacovich at Santa Clara was destroyed by fire last evening.

DEATH OF SISTER ALDEGONDE.

Paralysis Ends the Life of one of the Missionaries of 1846.

SAN JOSE, CAL., May 13.—Sister Aldegonde died at the convent of Notre Dame, in this city, at 5:45 o'clock this morning.

DESERTED BY HER PARENTS.

Romantic Story of the Life of a Pretty Girl.

a nurse in Gilroy in March, 1894, and no one knows who they were or whether they went.

The Judge complied with their request, and issued an order making them the legal parents of the child.

SPORTS AT GILROY.

Cycling Races and a Shooting Match at the New Racetrack.

SAN JOSE, CAL., May 13.—The race meet of the Tribune Cyclers at the Gilroy racetrack yesterday was a success and was attended by a large number of wheelmen from San Jose.

The first event was a mile handicap in heats, the final being won by "Doc" Holloway, with Thomas Moloney second.

The two-mile handicap was won by W. Cameron, M. Bertiz second.

The half-mile handicap was won by Lee Holloway, James Babb second.

The medal shoot of the Gilroy Sportsmen's Protective Association took place at the club's grounds yesterday afternoon and was participated in by ten men.

George Furlong and Ed Banister tied with a score of 10 out of a possible 12. In shooting off the tie Furlong won.

The members of the shooting team of the association have been practicing a great deal lately and expect to make a good showing with the Garden City Cyclers' Gun Club next Sunday.

Want to Join the Cavalry.

SAN JOSE, CAL., May 13.—The members of Company B, N. G. C., are considering the proposition of having the company transferred from one of infantry to cavalry.

The last Legislature passed an act creating three new troops of cavalry, and the members of Company B will endeavor to have the change made.

Company B will go into camp at Petaluma from June 8 to 15.

BRINGS SUIT AT SACRAMENTO.

Southern Pacific Tries to Settle the Reward for a Train-Wrecker's Arrest.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., May 13.—The Southern Pacific Company has commenced suit in the Superior Court to decide who is to receive the \$5000 reward for the arrest and conviction of S. D. Worden for wrecking a train during the strike on July 11, 1894.

They ask that they be allowed to pay the money into court, so that the claimants can litigate the matter among themselves.

The complaint states that there is a large number of these claimants. J. A. Gibson and F. T. Burke, railroad detectives, have commenced suit against them for the reward, claiming that they jointly are the only ones entitled to it.

STOCKTON, CAL., May 13.—A peculiar suit was begun before Superior Judge Budd to-day. It was an action brought by Pool, the Democratic nominee for Superintendent of Streets, against City Clerk Campbell to compel him to eliminate the word "Democrat" from opposite the name of Edwin Phillips who is running for the office of Superintendent of Streets as an Independent Democrat.

Pool's attorney contends that Mr. Phillips, not being the nominee of the Democratic convention, had no right to use the word "Democrat" on the ballot.

The court sustained Mr. Pool's contention and instructed the City Clerk to print the ballots with the word "Democrat" omitted from opposite Mr. Phillips' name.

HOLLISTER MURDER CASE.

A Novel Point to Be Raised by the Attorneys for F. M. Conkling.

HOLLISTER, CAL., May 13.—A novel point will be raised as the next move in the case of F. M. Conkling, recently convicted of murder, with the penalty of life imprisonment fixed by the jury. It appears that during the trial of the case two of the jurors experimented with a rifle to ascertain at how great a distance a shot would powder-burn cloth.

From these experiments they satisfied themselves that the defendant's testimony on his own behalf was entirely false.

Conkling will be up for sentence on May 22, when his attorneys will ask for a new trial on the ground that the jury went out of the courtroom for evidence.

TRAGEDY AT SACRAMENTO.

Miss Lulu Worth Shoots Herself While Temporarily Insane.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., May 13.—Miss Lulu Worth, daughter of Mrs. Worth, housekeeper for ex-Senator Routier, shot herself with a pistol this morning at the Routier orchard near this city.

Two ribs were broken. The bullet was extracted from the seventh rib.

HEALDSBURG'S FIESTA.

Carnival Visitors Are Already Beginning to Arrive.

DONNING GAY COLORS.

Scores of Workmen Covering the City With Bright-Hued Bunting.

FINE FLORAL DECORATIONS.

Every Variety of California Plants Will Be Displayed in Attractive Designs.

HEALDSBURG, CAL., May 13.—Interest in the coming floral festival is increasing, and everybody is enthusiastic in the determination to make it a success.

Every variety of California plants will be displayed in attractive designs, and the industries of Northern Sonoma will be fittingly represented.

A half hundred workers were at work early to-day, and soon 4000 yards of old gold and blue bunting was fluttering to and fro. The stock on hand was exhausted and immense quantities were ordered by local merchants by wire.

Many strangers are already arriving, and the committee of reception is arranging to receive and entertain a large number of visitors.

RIVALRY AT SANTA CRUZ.

Citizens Vie With Each Other in Adorning the Carnival Committee.

SANTA CRUZ, CAL., May 13.—The carnival enthusiasm is still raging. Tomorrow morning the work on the building of the dam at the mouth of the river will commence.

Sacks by the hundred have been donated by the children of the public schools, to be used after being filled with sand for that purpose.

There is great rivalry among the children as to who will furnish the most sacks.

J. T. Sullivan went to San Francisco this morning to establish the headquarters at the Grand Hotel in the rooms kindly given for the occasion by S. E. Thomas.

Boxes of flowers will be sent daily there for decorative purposes, the Wells-Fargo Company having offered free transportation.

Plans are being consummated to run special palace-cars, leaving on Thursday evening, to attend the ball Friday night; also to leave Friday night to attend the "high jinks" and mask carnival on Saturday and remain until Sunday.

The time limit on the tickets for those who attend the Mystic Shrine's annual pilgrimage has been extended so as to include the carnival.

Mayor Eflay will leave to-morrow for San Francisco to attend the meeting of the San League Club, at which the attendance of the club at the carnival will be considered.

The committee started out for work this afternoon and met with good success. A meeting of the hotel men was held to-day for the purpose of making the necessary arrangements for the immense crowd that will be in attendance.

Even tramps in the County Jail are going to aid in the preparations, the Board of Supervisors having given its consent to their assisting in the building of the dam and the cleaning of the streets.

The Chinese are becoming enthused, and a pagoda fete is what they are planning, while the small colony of Japanese residents are planning for two beautiful floats, one of which will represent a Japanese tea garden.

Japanese ladies will be brought down from San Francisco expressly for the purpose of taking part in the ceremonies on the floats.

Goodall, Perkins & Co. will run an excursion steamer on Saturday, June 1, and June 7, and every day during the festival for a \$2 rate. Mr. Goodman says the engines and cars running between San Francisco and this city will be decorated immediately with the carnival colors—yellow and white.

The voting for the maids of honor is very spirited, and the friends of the young people are warmly supporting their favorites. To-morrow the voting for the Queen will commence.

NAPA BANDIT IDENTIFIED.

"Buck" English Found by a Sister Whom He Had Not Seen in Many Years.

It is Thought the Wounded Highwayman Will Recover—Part of the Loot Found.

NAPA, CAL., May 13.—"Buck" English, the stage robber, is getting stronger, and the chances for his recovery are now favorable.

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effect on such crops in the valley portions of the State.

The highest temperature was 98 deg. in the San Joaquin Valley and about the same in the Sacramento Valley, and from 94 to 88 deg. in Southern California, the hot wave of the week being therefore not a local one.

MRS. NOYES LEAVES VALLEJO.

The Missing Contractor's Wife Has Suddenly Disappeared.

VALLEJO, CAL., May 13.—No tidings of Contractor Noyes, who mysteriously disappeared from here a week ago with money belonging to others, have been learned.

It now turns out, after a close investigation, that Mrs. Noyes has also disappeared. There is no doubt that Noyes meant to dupe the people of this town, as it is conclusively proven that he went away with his effects packed in a valise.

The disappearance of his wife adds interest to the story. She professed, when interviewed, that she did not know of her husband's disappearance. She has taken up her residence in San Francisco, according to reports, with her brother, who resides on Shotwell street.

TACOMA TO HOLD A CARNIVAL.

Roses and Strawberries to Be the Main Features of the Exhibit.

TACOMA WASH., May 13.—Tacoma is to have a rose and strawberry fiesta in June, the dates being fixed to-day for June 20, 21 and 22. That will be the height of the rose and strawberry season on Puget Sound, and growers promise the most complete display of flowers and berries ever seen in the Northwest.

One of the features will be a display of the ever-bearing strawberries, which produce berries in this climate from June to December.

REACH VICTORIA SAFELY.

Passengers of the Glad Tidings Return From Alaska on the Danube.

The Overdue Missionary Vessel Had Been Disabled by Crashing Into a Rock.

VICTORIA, B. C., May 13.—The steamer Danube arrived from the north at midnight. She brought down the passengers of the missionary steamer Glad Tidings, for whom much anxiety was felt, as she was one week overdue from the north.

The Glad Tidings had put into the cove for shelter, and as she was hoisting anchor to leave the stern swung onto a rock. The passengers landed and waited for the Danube.

The steamer Miowera arrived this morning from Australia and Honolulu. She had an uneventful trip, being delayed several days on account of a break in the machinery, and had to make part of the trip under sail.

A half dozen sailing schooners arrived in port yesterday, all with small catches. They confirm the report that wreckage from the Montserrat and Kweenaw is scattered along the coast of Queen Charlotte and Vancouver islands. There is no doubt that the two big steamers were dashed to pieces.

A regular hurricane blew here yesterday evening. A number of minor accidents are reported. The storm came up suddenly and caught a number of small sailboats and yachts. Luckily there were no fatal accidents.

To Carry Hawaiian Mail.

VICTORIA, B. C., May 13.—The Hawaiian Government has closed a contract with the Canadian-Australian Steamship Company which remits to that company all port charges except pilotage and water.

The company will be free from port charges, wharfage, lights, buoys, blanks at custom-houses and harbor-master's fees, and will be allowed the use of land for the storage of coal. The company in return must carry the Hawaiian mail and maintain the present schedule and freight rates. The same arrangement will be made with the Oceanic and Pacific Mail companies.

GOVERNOR MCCONNELL'S STAND.

It Is Thought He Will Not Favor a 16 to 1 Silver Ratio.

BOISE, IDAHO, May 13.—Governor McConnell left this afternoon for Salt Lake to attend the silver conference. When asked if he would make a square fight for silver at 16 to 1 he said:

"Well, now, I think the business to be taken up at Salt Lake will be methods. That is the idea. We will talk it over, formulate plans and hew out a clear path to work."

The Governor's evasive answer tends to give credence to the repeated charges by the Populist press of the State that he is not in favor of free silver at that ratio. It is furthermore taken as a signal that should the Republican Convention in 1896 fail to adopt free silver the Governor will abide by its action.

PORTLAND POISONING CASE.

W. E. Ellsworth on Trial for the Murder of His Wife.

PORTLAND, OR., May 13.—The trial of W. E. Ellsworth, on the charge of poisoning his wife last January, began in the Circuit Court to-day. Ellsworth is well known in San Francisco and the Sound cities, having been connected with the Midwinter Fair and the Tacoma Interstate Fair. He was also connected at different times with Chicago and St. Louis papers.

Ellsworth came from Tacoma to Portland in January, and shortly afterward his wife died from the effects of poison and Ellsworth was arrested for the crime.

Fatality in a Lillooet Mine.

VANCOUVER, B. C., May 13.—News has just been received from Lillooet of a fatality at the McDonald & Hurley mine which occurred last Tuesday. Men were engaged in taking out props when, without the least warning, the earth caved in suddenly, burying John Farrell, who was twenty feet below. His companions immediately started to dig him out, and it was eight hours before they reached him. He was badly crushed, and had evidently been instantly killed.

Narrow Escape From Death.

VANCOUVER, B. C., May 13.—James Simpson, a resident of Sapperton, a suburb of New Westminster, and his wife had a narrow escape from death by fire this morning. The house caught fire, and his wife, who is an invalid, was taken out by her husband with difficulty. Simpson then returned to the house for some clothing and narrowly escaped suffocation.

FRESNO CONFERENCE.

Valley Road Directors Meet With the Citizens.

STILL KEPT A SECRET.

No Hint as to the Proposed Route South of the City.

ARE MAKING HASTE SLOWLY.

A Careful Examination of the Country Through Which the Road Will Pass.

FRESNO, CAL., May 13.—The party of Valley railroad directors, consisting of John D. Spreckels, A. H. Payson, Thomas Magee, Charles Holbrook, J. L. Sloss and Robert Watt, accompanied by Chief Engineer W. B. Storey, arrived from the south at 5 o'clock this afternoon. They drove from Visalia to Reedley this morning, and from the latter place to Fresno. They looked carefully over the country, but would give no hint as to which way the line would run from this city. The party was accompanied from Visalia by Ben M. Maddox, A. G. Patton, George Badden, P. M. Narboe and J. V. Huffaker.

Upon their arrival here they went directly to their rooms in the Hughes Hotel. This evening they held an informal reception at the hotel, and many citizens participated in a conference with them.

The directors have ordered breakfast to be served at 7 o'clock, and at 8 o'clock will leave for a drive eight or ten miles west of Fresno. On returning they will visit the country east of here. It is thought that their purpose is to decide through which part of the country the line shall run. They will leave here for San Francisco on the 3 A. M. train Wednesday.

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