

HISTORY OF A DAY IN CALIFORNIA AND HER SISTER COMMONWEALTHS.

VALLEY ROAD PROGRESS.

The Grading South of Mormon Channel Nearly Completed.

ALL THE WORK BEING RUSHED.

A Special Effort Being Made to Commence Track-Laying This Week.

STOCKTON, CAL., July 30.—Within a week the grading of the entire roadbed of the San Francisco and San Joaquin Valley road will be completed south of Mormon Channel and the contractors will be ready to start on the section between that body of water and Stockton Channel.

Taylor street from El Dorado to Edison streets is now ready for the rails and ties, and the latter street is graded up to within 500 feet of the channel, where the steel drawbridge is to be constructed. The work will be commenced at once on the eastern end of Taylor street to the city limits.

All preparations are being made to begin track-laying as soon as the grading on the portion south of Mormon Channel is completed. Track-laying will probably be commenced this week, and the contractors are working with this idea in view. They now have 185 men at work and 65 teams, and intend to put on more teams this week.

Everything is now ready to commence driving piles for the trestle across Mormon Channel, above the present Lincoln-street drawbridge. This work will be pushed to early completion. Just as soon as Thornton & Co. finish the grading south of the channel they will begin on the other section, which they claim can be finished in a third less time than the other.

There is a great deal of filling to be done along Edison street, but the contractors are dredging to secure the necessary earth for this purpose. One of the contractors said to-night that this section could be finished easily within two weeks from the time of commencement. This portion is the one which connects with the water front along Stockton Channel, which the directors of the road claim the Corral Hollow people are trying to shut them out of. This trouble will be obviated by the granting of the 230 feet additional in front of the sheds of the steamboat company. This the City Council is now pledged to do.

The contractors who are doing the grading inside of the city limits intend to put in a bid for grading the track between East street and the Stanislaus River, a section of some twenty-five miles. There is a great deal of adobe soil along this line and the sooner the work is commenced the easier it will be for the contractors. Altogether it is estimated that there will be about 150,000 cubic yards of earth to move along this twenty-five-mile stretch. If the men who have the contract for the inside work are successful they can begin work without an hour's delay, as they have their force ready to begin. The bids for this portion of the Stanislaus River will be opened in San Francisco on Monday, and the Stockton people are very anxious that the local men should be successful. Chief Engineer Storey and the superintendent of construction went over this portion of the road early this week.

ENGINEER STOREY'S REPORT.

He Tells of the Work Done on the Valley Road.

The directors of the San Joaquin Valley Railway met yesterday at 321 Market street. Among the more important proceedings were a report from Chief Engineer Storey, on the progress of operations on the new railroad and action upon contracts for a trestle bridge in Stockton, and a telegraph line down the valley.

The board purchased 700 tons of rails, 50-pound quality, from a local bank. These rails were brought here from England for a railroad enterprise some years ago, but that corporation fell by the wayside, leaving the rails with a bank that had advanced money on the project. They will now be used for the side tracks on the Valley road. The price at which they were secured was much below the present market rate.

The contract for a trestle over Mormon Slough in Stockton was let to John Worthington of this city. The trestle will be built at once, some of the material for it being already at Stockton, and it is to serve as a crossing for a continuation of the Mormon Channel at a point where the waterway is now in stringing out the city limits. Then contractors will be ready to continue the grading through the open country over the first division to the Stanislaus River. The two locomotives in Stockton that are to be used were carefully inspected by Mr. Storey, and he expressed himself as delighted with them. Machinists are connecting the pipes and other parts of the machinery, which work will be finished this week, and then the first two powerful engines of the Valley road's equipment will be tested. It won't be long until they are puffing and screaming through Stockton, for there is work ahead for them in stringing out the "twenty miles" of steel rails, redwood ties and other material for track purposes, and that will be started at the furthest within two weeks from now.

Storey reviewed the vast amount of work performed by the

three surveying parties, all of which has appeared in THE CALL. He also gave his views from a personal inspection of the staked-out road to the Stanislaus River, over which he walked last week—a distance of twenty-five miles. The route was the best that could be chosen and led up to a most feasible crossing over the river.

Speaking of the Corral Hollow railroad's franchise in Stockton, in which there were many things to harass the Valley road Mr. Storey said: "We came out of the fight no better off than when we went in, except for the price of the franchise. If the franchise is kept and the Council can deliver the goods, we will be all right; but I am afraid they will not be able to do for us what they seem to want to do. They granted the franchise as asked for by the Corral Hollow people, but promised to give us 200 feet more ground on the water front. I understand that objections to giving us the extra 200 feet of franchise are already being made, and before the sixty days which time must elapse before the franchise can be granted, many more objections may be made and the project defeated. We cannot help it, but regret indeed that Stockton should at this stage of the work hamper us."

ABDUCTION AT SAN JOSE.

Mrs. Rothe Took Illegal Possession of Her Five-Year-Old Boy.

Her Husband Complained Against Her for Violating a Court Order.

SAN JOSE, CAL., July 30.—William A. Rothe, a motorman on the First-street railroad, last night swore to a complaint before Justice G. C. Herrington, his wife with abducting their five-year-old boy. There is a divorce suit pending and the child has been in the custody of its grandmother.

Rothe says that yesterday afternoon the child's mother drove to the home of Mrs. A. Rothe on Willow street and took the child away. About a month ago the mother took the child away, but on an order from the court returned it to its grandmother. It is said that the mother intends to take the child East.

A HUSBAND'S STRATEGY.

He Has His Wife's Admirer Arrested on a Charge of Burglary.

SAN JOSE, CAL., July 30.—Frank Dean, the young man who has been charged with burglary by E. D. Shamp, who found his wife entertaining Dean in the house at a rather late hour in the morning, was released on \$500 bail this morning. Mr. and Mrs. Shamp are not on very amicable terms, and of late the wife has been receiving the attentions of Dean. Last Sunday morning Shamp was awakened by hearing Dean in the house, and a fight ensued, in which Shamp had decidedly the best of it. The husband immediately came to town and swore to a warrant charging Shamp with burglary. Dean's examination is set for August 6.

Robber Devine Held for Trial.

SAN JOSE, CAL., July 30.—John Devine was examined before Justice Herrington at Stockton this morning on a charge of robbery and held to answer before the Superior Court. His bail was fixed at \$1000, in default of which he went to jail. Devine was arrested in San Francisco recently for having robbed the saloon of John Gubser at Gubserville, near this city. Devine and another man drove up to the saloon one night about two months ago, and after calling for drinks stood the proprietor up and robbed him of \$15 and a gold watch.

Grain Thieves at Work.

SAN JOSE, CAL., July 30.—Joseph Tully, a farmer living at the corner of the Tully road and McLaughlin avenue, reported to the Sheriff's office to-day that on Sunday night thieves carried away forty sacks of barley from his place. About a week before a few sacks had been stolen and a watch had been maintained over the grain pile until Saturday night. The thieves were suddenly frightened, and after calling for drinks stood the proprietor up and robbed him of \$15 and a gold watch.

An Estate Ready for Distribution.

SAN JOSE, CAL., July 30.—Mrs. Mary F. Abbott, administratrix of the estate of John E. Abbott, deceased, to-day filed her final account, and asks that the estate be distributed. The estate is valued at \$73,271, and consists of a ranch near Mountain View worth \$20,000, \$17,000 worth of real estate in San Francisco and cash and other property valued at \$36,271. The heirs are Mary F. Abbott, the widow, and two sons, Ralph H. and F. B. Abbott. Under the will the widow is given four-sixths of the estate and the sons each one-sixth.

Arrestment of an Alleged Bigamist.

SAN JOSE, CAL., July 30.—A. M. Lorenzo de Ferrer, who was arrested in San Francisco yesterday at the instance of his two wives, was arraigned before Justice Dwyer this morning on a charge of bigamy. His examination was set for August 9, with bail at \$3000. Since being arrested De Ferrer has occupied himself by sending dispatches to his last wife, who resides in Santa Cruz, and is evidently trying to straighten things out so as to escape prosecution.

Imprisoned for Contempt.

SAN JOSE, CAL., July 30.—Rube Ruiz was tried before Justice Dwyer and a jury this morning on a charge of beating C. C. Strout out of a board bill and acquitted. This so pleased H. F. St. Clair, one of the spectators, that he began to stamp his feet and shout, "This is not a trial, it is a farce." Justice, and he had St. Clair arrested for contempt of court and sentenced him to ten hours in the County Jail.

Tiltotson Arraigned for Arson.

SAN JOSE, CAL., July 30.—H. Tiltotson, the ex-Superintendent who is charged with burning his house for the insurance, was arraigned before Justice Gass this morning on a charge of arson, and his examination set for August 6. His bail was fixed at \$3000, in lieu of which he is in jail.

FRACAS AT SUISUN.

One of the Participants Lying in a Critical Condition. SUISUN, CAL., July 30.—Last Sunday a return game of baseball was played between the Winters and Suisun nines. Between two players, George Morris of the former nine and Frank Larkin, Suisun's catcher, ill feeling has existed for some time, as the result of cross-firing on the diamond. After the game was over and while returning to town, they met on the railroad and a quarrel ensued. Morris, in his excitement, struck his antagonist on the head with a bat, rendering him unconscious.

Morris was placed under arrest by Deputy Sheriff Downing, and the Suisun player was carried to his home.

Larkin lies in a critical condition to-night, and his recovery is considered extremely doubtful.

Mysterious Stabbing at Woodland.

WOODLAND, CAL., July 30.—A stabbing affray took place at Grand Island this afternoon in which Harry Curtis, the nephew of W. C. Curtis, a prominent rancher of this vicinity, was very badly wounded. The parties to the affair were the thing extremely close and it is impossible to get at the bottom of the trouble.

SANTA BARBARA SPORTS.

A Day Devoted to the Pastimes of the Old Spanish Residents.

BULL-BAITING THE FEATURE.

Reputed Fierce and Vicious Brutes Apparently Awed by Their Surroundings.

SANTA BARBARA, CAL., July 30.—Gay pennants floating and flags waving proclaimed the opening of the unique exhibition at the fair grounds to-day. The entire Spanish-American population, which the day before had given the bicycle races lukewarm attention, turned out in full force, and with it came a fashionable society attendance, drawn thither by the desire to witness the reproduction of a spectacle of the historical town—a genuine bull-baiting, such as was once a weekly occurrence in the old Plaza de la Guerra.

The entertainment opened with preliminary exercises of breaking wild broncos, a display of fine horsemanship and skillful use of the lasso by Spanish-American vaqueros.

Then the great event of the day was heralded by the plunge of a great Durham bull into the arena. The animal was big and strong and fierce looking enough to promise rare sport for excitement lovers, but after one look at the thousands of faces staring at him over the fence he covered to one side of the arena in fear and terror.

Then Guadalupe Rosales, clad in a genuine matador costume of scarlet plush waistcoat and knee-breeches, trimmed and embroidered with silver braid, said to be a professional bull-fighter from the City of Mexico in reduced circumstances, with Jose Espinosa, in pink and white, and Vicente Valenzuela, in red and white, advanced upon the bull, flaunting gay scarfs in his face. The fierce brute, the terror of the place where he was reared, the savage and invincible man-eater from the San Marcos rancho, turned tail and ran, hotly pursued by the matador.

Horsemen next descended upon the animal with lassos and threw him to the earth, where a stout cinch was fastened around him, and Espinosa attempted to fulfill his boasted promise to ride on the bull's horns. The bull rose to his feet, with head hanging to the ground, placing Espinosa in an attitude far from graceful, and obstinately maintained this posture for five minutes. His ear was violently twisted and he began to prance, and the first move threw the rider in the dust.

The now thoroughly enraged animal dashed about the arena, bellowing and plunging, first aiming at the horsemen, then at the men on foot. For a time the spectacle was quite up to the ancient standard, with the brilliantly dressed athletes shaking their scarfs in the animal's eyes, then skillfully dodging or running to cover when the bull made a fierce direct attack. But the animal's fury soon subsided and it was only by repeated thrusts with the lasso and jerking him about the arena at the end of ropes and battering him on the nose with a plank that the brute was maintained in a fighting temper.

Once one old vaquero on horseback, old Chemango, jumped to the ground and engaged in the sport, doing the best work of the day but exposing himself so recklessly that on one occasion he was thrown to the ground and rolled over by the enraged animal, but regained his feet unhurt.

The next feature of the programme was the baiting of a small white heifer, weighing perhaps 400 pounds. Of the work done with this poor little animal the least said is soonest mended. It was finally permitted to escape from the bull made a bleeding nose and bathed in sweat. It was the almsy leading to the stalls she was designedly knocked down by a vaquero.

The second bull brought into the pit was a small black and white Jersey, plainly appalled by its new surroundings—the din of music and the shouts of the spectators. All attempts to make this little creature show fight were useless until he was thrown to the ground; and Espinosa succeeded in riding him several times around the pit amid laughter and applause. The animal resented this indignity by making a few fierce dashes at its tormentors, and was finally driven out.

The programme concluded with an exhibition of fancy horsemanship by boys and young men and picking up gold pieces from the ground while riding at full gallop. George Van Robbins distinguished himself by graceful and skillful riding.

A New Daily Newspaper.

SANTA BARBARA, CAL., July 30.—A few days hence a new daily newspaper will see the light in Santa Barbara. It is to be christened the Daily News. It will be a six-column paper, independent in politics, edited by Frank S. Sells. The business management will be in the hands of George P. Tebbetts, the former proprietor of the Independent. It is not yet settled whether it will be a morning or evening publication.

FOUND DEAD AT SEA.

Story of the Strange Death of the Mate of the McNear.

NANAIMO, B. C., July 30.—The bark McNear, Captain Petersen, just arrived from San Francisco, brings a strange story of the death of Thomas Whitmore, a native of New York, aged 47, who shipped as first officer, but was presumed to have left the vessel just prior to sailing.

The captain states that Whitmore came aboard on the morning of July 9, and was then apparently intoxicated. He failed to put in an appearance at dinner, exclaiming in an appearance at dinner, exclaiming himself on the score of illness. At 11 a tug came alongside to tow the bark to sea, but the mate could not be found. After a careful search of the vessel the captain concluded that Whitmore had gone ashore and accordingly shipped a new man, and left a little later the same afternoon.

The trip was uneventful till fifteen days out when the horribly decomposed body of Whitmore was found in the lower hold. The condition of the body was such that it was impossible to make an examination, and it was at once committed to the deep.

ROMANCE OF TWO CITIES.

August Edler Denies That He and Miss Parks Are Wedded. SALT LAKE, UTAH, July 30.—Some months ago it was announced in the Salt Lake and San Francisco papers that August Edler, an eccentric law student of this place, had wedded Emeline Parks, a daughter of Judge Parks of San Jose. Edler now claims that the alleged wedding in Ogden was a ruse, but that he and Miss Parks was married by a mutual six months' contract. That is to say, in May of this year Edler went to San Francisco

and they made the contract to marry in six months, provided neither tired of the agreement. It is said the girl's father, who is wealthy, has tried to get her way to Honolulu, and is strongly opposed to the whole scheme. Miss Parks lives at 931 Howard street, San Jose.

SAN RAFAEL THIEVES.

Captured While Endeavoring to Dispose of Their Booty. SAN RAFAEL, CAL., July 30.—George Bruce and a man whose name is unknown who broke the lock and entered a freight-car of the San Francisco and North Pacific Railroad at Ignacio station last Tuesday were captured by Sheriff Harrison to-day. One was captured at Bloomfield and the other at Tomales. They took from the car seventy-five pairs of ladies' shoes. They started out to dispose of their goods, going through a country where the people do not read newspapers. But Sheriff Harrison had notified all officers throughout the county, and was notified Sunday that a man who represented himself to be a tramp was disposing of ladies' shoes on the road to Tomales. He immediately went to Tomales, and on reaching there quickly found one of his men, who had twenty-seven pairs of shoes. The other man had gone on to Marshalls, where he was taken care of by Sheriff Harrison. Justice Rodden to answer the charge of burglary.

CLAIMANTS FOR REWARDS.

Quite a Number Already Taking Credit for Brady's Capture. Considerable Trouble Anticipated in Making the Proper Apportionment.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., July 30.—Now that the long-sought-for Brady has fallen into the hands of the law, there is every prospect of a first-class row over the division of the reward.

Despite the fact that the provisions under which the reward is offered are for arrest and conviction, and there is no absolute certainty that he will be convicted, there are a number of claimants who have already begun squabbling over the amount each should receive.

In the foreground is Sheriff Johnson and his deputy, who, although they failed to secure the bandit personally, will, without doubt, be strong in their claims. Justice William Johnston and Sheriff A. McDonald, who displayed their grit and courage by rushing in beneath the bridge and effecting the capture, are said to be entitled to a generous slice, and Detectives Thacker, Snyder, Gibson, Gard and Ahern will also probably present strong reasons why they should be remembered.

All the evidence connecting Brady with the various robberies is in the possession of the latter officers, and although the arrest was made through the Sheriff's office the former have only to stand pat and Brady will be a free man and the reward will not materialize.

It is also claimed that Constable Fitzpatrick of Suisun, who was in the Sheriff's office when word was received that Brady was in the locality of Richland, and who by invitation accompanied that official in the subsequent hunt, was putting in a bid, and there are others too numerous to mention. It seems to be the universal opinion that Detective Ahern, who did splendid work in locating Brady, and who followed him with the Sheriff's hound, is fully entitled to the lion's share, as it was entirely due to him that the capture was effected.

MISS HART AT HOME.

No Truth in the Report That She Had Eloped With Laugenour.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., July 30.—The published account of the alleged elopement of Miss Sue Hart of this city with Assemblyman H. W. Laugenour of Woodland is denied by the girl's mother. The young woman is too ill to receive visitors. To a call reporter her mother said: "My daughter is utterly prostrated by the cruel reports that have been circulated about her in connection with the missing Assemblyman. She has gone from one nervous chill to another ever since the visit of her daughter's visitor who was first to inform her of the published account."

BRADY HAS NOT CONFESSED.

The Story Said to Have Been Started by Reward-Seekers.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., July 30.—There is absolutely no word of truth in the report that Brady has confessed to complicity in any of the train robberies or, in fact, in any other robbery, save that of the black mare he took from the Rio Benito ranch when escaping from the close pursuit of Detective Ahern. The story, it is claimed, was started here by parties interested in the reward, for the purpose of swaging the amount, as there is a standing reward offered by the railroad company and Wells, Fargo & Co. for each train-robbery that occurs.

WILL INTERVIEW BUDD.

Friends of Percy Henderson Will Intercede for Him.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., July 30.—Governor Budd will be visited to-morrow by a delegation from San Francisco consisting of ex-Assemblyman Bettman and Senators Toner, Dunn and Percy Henderson, who will try and get him to use his influence with the Board of Health to get Henderson appointed Superintendent of Cemeteries. Henderson lays his failure to receive his appointment from the board to the opposition of the Civil Federation, and hopes to get the Governor to interfere in his behalf. They hope to have an audience with him to-morrow morning, when they will argue the matter.

More Fruit for London.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., July 30.—The fifth shipment of California fruit was forwarded by the California Fruit Transportation Company by special train to-day, consisting of ten carloads of pears, peaches, and other fruit, consigned to W. N. White & Co., Covent Garden, London.

UKIAH'S CONSTABLE BEATEN.

He Has a Desperate Struggle With an Unwieldy Man.

UKIAH, CAL., July 30.—A warrant was sworn out before Justice Sullivan yesterday for the arrest of Joseph Seablottoffer, charging him with insanity. Seablottoffer lives near Low Gap, and had burned his house and barn. The warrant was placed in the hands of Constable L. L. Harbert, who went out to bring in his man. The constable found him dead this morning at the scene of the crime. Constable Harbert tried to get Seablottoffer to accompany him to Ukiah, but the wily fellow could not be fooled, and immediately began to beat the constable with a heavy cane. A blow over the eye felled Harbert, who drew his revolver and fired, hitting his man in the leg. A rough-and-tumble scuffle followed, in which Constable Harbert came out best, and was compelled to use his revolver as a Billy. Seablottoffer is now in jail awaiting his examination.

VENGEANCE WAS PROMPT.

A Double Tragedy Enacted in a Lower California Seaport.

MURDER OF AN OFFICIAL.

His Assassin Shot Down Within Five Minutes After the Cowardly Act.

SAN DIEGO, CAL., July 30.—Antonio Bannet, chief of the Custom-house at San Quintin, Lower California, was shot and killed at Rosario, forty-eight miles below San Quintin, yesterday morning. His slayer was Juan Barroso, an employe of the Custom-house. Within five minutes Barroso also lay dead on the body of the man he had murdered. He was killed by Justice of the Peace Policarpo Espinoza, in whose office the tragedy occurred.

Last Saturday Bannet received word that a quantity of plunder, supposed to be contraband goods from an English smuggling schooner, had been found on the beach north of Rosario, and that thieves were taking it away. He sent Barroso to protect it, and soon after went himself to help bring the stuff to San Quintin.

Yesterday morning he ordered Barroso to take a telegram to San Quintin, and the latter refused. A bitter quarrel resulted, and Bannet, not desiring further trouble, turned on his heel. Barroso sprang to a rifle standing in a corner and shot Bannet in the back, killing him instantly.

Judge Espinoza was the only witness of the cowardly shooting, and he attempted to arrest Barroso, but the latter refused to be taken, and drew a revolver and fired several times at Espinoza. To escape being riddled Espinoza ran around the house and there met a rufale with a loaded rifle. Snatching it, he returned and shot Barroso dead in his tracks, the murderer falling on the body of Bannet.

Espinoza gave himself up, and the bodies were taken to San Quintin, where they arrived this morning, and were buried this afternoon. Espinoza is at San Quintin, and will be taken to Escondido for trial. He pleads self-defense, and is sustained by all the people of that section, who say that Barroso was a notoriously bad man, who had threatened to kill Bannet two years ago. He also tried to kill the woman with whom he lived, Bannet, on the other hand, was highly respected. He leaves a widow and five children in destitute circumstances.

SANTA CRUZ ENCAMPMENT.

Delegates of the Christian Churches Gather at Garfield Park.

Interesting Papers Discussed Before the Ministerial Association.

SANTA CRUZ, CAL., July 30.—The annual encampment of the Christian churches of California commenced in this city at their beautiful resort at Garfield Park to-day, under the most favorable auspices. Every train carried into this city its full quota of delegates.

All the tents on the grounds, and there is a large number of them, are engaged, something which has never happened in the history of the encampment. The church, which numbers 15,000 members in California, is represented by delegates and pastors from all parts of the interior of the State.

The Tabernacle, an immense building, octagon in shape, has been improved considerably the past year. The outside has been repainted and the interior renovated. The building has been transformed into a bower of beauty with evergreens, even whole trees being used to make it attractive.

The ministerial association opened at half-past 11 this afternoon, with Rev. Henry Shadle of Saratoga presiding. There was a good attendance of ministers and laymen. The meeting began with a praise service, led by C. L. Green of Woodland.

The question of Christian sociology was taken up, and the discussion was interesting and spirited. Those who took part in the discussion were: W. B. Berry, Nicholas R. H. Bateman of Tulare, A. C. Smithers of Los Angeles and J. L. Romig, an evangelist from Cincinnati.

After this discussion the meeting adjourned until half-past 7 this evening, when a banquet by President J. G. Keith of Berkeley was read, the subject being "Christianity in Politics." The paper was followed by a warm discussion.

Many prominent preachers of the church will be present during the convention, among them being Frank Tyrell, the Parkhurst of St. Louis.

GOLD NEAR SANTA MONICA.

It Is Discovered by Two Inmates of the Soldiers' Home.

Assays of the Ore Show That It Runs One Hundred Dollars to the Ton.

SANTA MONICA, CAL., July 30.—Two old-time miners on the Pacific slope, who are also veterans of the late war and inmates of the Soldier's Home, four miles south of this city, have been putting in some of their leisure time prospecting for gold in the mountains north of there with the result of finding some fine looking quartz, assaying more than \$100 to the ton.

They began sinking on the ledge, which was a well-defined cropping, a year or more ago, and from time to time resumed work until they have attained a depth of thirty feet, at which depth the new ore was found.

The ore-body is about six inches in width and is running perpendicular with the walls, which are lime and porphyry. The ore is black and white spar, interspersed with pyrites of iron. They have also put it to the test of paint and mortar, and some beautiful colors were obtained, which were visible to the naked eye. There is a great deal of float quartz in the gorge below, and it was by this means that the ore was traced to its origin. The new find has stimulated the discoverers to continue work as rapidly as possible, and to this end they are putting up a cabin at a spring in the vicinity of the claim, and hereafter will camp on the ground. For many years prospecting in these mountains has been indulged in, but with

no results like the present, and many have gone out to see the new discovery and look for more.

A Santa Rosa Suicide.

SANTA ROSA, CAL., July 30.—Henry Moller, an old resident of Santa Rosa living on Second street, killed himself by sending a bullet through his brain this afternoon about 2 o'clock.

His wife was accustomed to go for a daily walk and was away from home when the deed was committed. She returned from her walk, and finding the house locked up forced an entrance through a window. This window opened from a small closet and on going into the adjoining room she found the lifeless body of her husband with a revolver still clamped in his hand.

The only reason assigned for the deed is despondency. Moller was well known in Santa Rosa, having resided here since 1871.

Modesto Votes for Bonds.

MODESTO, CAL., July 30.—The election for an issue of \$300,000 worth of bonds for the Modesto irrigation canal, to-day resulted in a majority for the issue. There was a majority for the bonds of 185 in Modesto. This cannot be overcome in the outside precincts. This is the usual result, notwithstanding Judge Ross's decision.

CHARMING CAMP ROACHE.

Everything Described as Conducive to the Pleasure of Visitors.

Two Instructive Lectures of Interest to the Tillers of the Soil.

WRIGHTS, CAL., July 30.—The visitors at Camp Roache are well pleased with their experience thus far. The wisdom of the location is now apparent. The climate is delightful, the people hospitable, the instruction both interesting and profitable, accommodations abundant and cheap and the pure mountain air both charming and invigorating.

The subject of Professor Woodworth's lecture this morning was "Parasites for Insect Control." He mentioned Vedalia cardinals as the insect parasite which has done conspicuous service for California orchards. Professor Woodworth advocated the most thorough cultivation to keep the trees in the best of condition.

The subject of Professor Ross' lecture in the afternoon was "Present Condition and Complaints of the Farmers." Six separate dangers to farmers were pointed out, and it was shown how each of these dangers spring from either the farmer himself or others. The actual condition of the farmer of the present day, as shown by statistics, was given, showing that out of every hundred farmers thirty-four are renters, nineteen mortgagors and the remaining forty-seven really own their farms. The growth of the mortgage was carefully analyzed, bringing out the fact that farming lands are gradually being concentrated into the hands of a few, and that the farming occupation was tending toward the English system of landlord and tenant. The point which he did not undertake to determine was whether this was a conditional discovery of the age, to be remedied and therefore permanent, or one due to temporary causes and destined soon to pass away.

COAST NEWS IN BRIEF.

James M. Black, a well-known pioneer of 1852, aged 75, was found dead in bed at Hollister Tuesday.

Fifty thousand rainbow trout from Sisson Bay have been distributed in the San Bernardino mountain streams.

An enormous apple crop is ripening in the Julian Mountain region. Many trees are expected to bear an average of thirty boxes.

A man named Higgins, employed by the Sanger Lumber Company, fell from a high flume near Fresno yesterday, and received serious internal injuries.

A man named Baker was drowned on a ranch east of Fresno Tuesday. His body was found in the water which it is believed he fell when in a fit.

A Mexican named Morales, from Watsonville, had his right foot run over and crushed by the north-bound passenger train at Castroville Monday afternoon.

Jerome J. Green, a brother-in-law of Attorney A. B. Hotchkiss, committed suicide at Los Angeles, Tuesday, by taking strychnine. He had been on a spree for some time.

The Daily Gazette of Phoenix changed hands Tuesday, being taken into camp by the Territorial administration. It is intimated that Governor Hughes managed the deal.

The cash, door and blind factory of E. R. Childs, with its contents, was destroyed by fire Tuesday. The fire was caused by lightning. The loss was about \$1000; insurance about half.

A. S. Sherard and Dr. J. T. Collier have made arrangements to ship 1000 covolds of tallings accumulated at Victor from Holcomb Valley and Morongo district to San Bernardino for treatment.

Archie M. Horton, a member of a gang of counterfeiters who have been flooding Union and