PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

A Hidden Cavern Found in the Santa Monica Mountains.

WALLS OF SOLID ROCK.

Evidently an Abode of Early Seekers for the Yellow Metal.

MAY LEAD TO AN OLD MINE.

Prospectors Who Made the Discovery Will Make a Thorough Investigation.

SANTA MONICA, CAL., Aug. 23.—News comes from the San Fernando side of the Santa Monica mountains of the discovery of a wonderful cavern, which is believed to be the former workings of a mining tunnel. Prospecting for gold has been carried on extensively there for some time past, and it was while thus engaged that the discovery was made.

J. A. Edwards and W. B. Stokes are the two men who made what they term a remarkable find. They began digging in a rather deep canyon, stretching down from near the summit of the range, and almost from the first found "colors," which stimulated them to keep steadily at work. At a depth of about eight feet from the starting point they uncovered a wall of flat rock.

They then began digging toward the opposite side to see if it was really a walled chamber or tunnel, and at a distance of four or five feet struck the opposite side, and another wall of rock running parallel with the first was found. Thus they had a safe guide by which to continue work and ascertain the extent of the cavern. Presently they broke through and into an arched opening. All was dark within, and one of them hastened to the camp for a candle.

This was lighted and the work of exploration begun. It resulted in their finding the unknown subterranean vault to be about seventy feet in length and varying in height from four to six feet. Within a few feet of where the walled lining was found the rocks had altogether ceased, and the ancient working was through solid earth. Within was found some old beams, much decayed by age, and pieces of broken queensware; also a piece of hoopiron. Nothing of value was found, although up to that time the search had not been very thorough.

Various conjectures have spread abroad from the discovery, but nothing definite is known of it. For many years the mountains have been prospected for gold, and it is said that as early as 1846 the Mormons from Utah visited and prospected all the regions in which the new and strange discovery was made.

The two men have returned to their work and will stay until they learn more of the strange cavern and the object of its construction.

A FETE AT SANTA ROSA.

Delightful Social Function at the Hardin Mansion.

SANTA ROSA, CAL., Aug. 23.—A delightful fete was given at the Hardin mansion, on Fifth street, this evening, and a large and fashionable gathering enjoyed the programme of music and the good things provided in the way of refreshments. The lawn and grounds surrounding the house were brilliantly lighted with Japanese lanterns. The veranda was used as a stage for the musicians and singers, who rendered an excellent programme. The reception-rooms were tastefully decorated with choice flowers and plants. Among those present were:

Rev. C. O. and Mrs. Steele, Colonel J. S. Austin, Rev. T. A. and Mrs. Atkinson, Rev. H. B. and Hrs. Turner, Rev. J. A. Shepherd, Mrs. Julliard, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Swain, Dr. and Mrs. McNeill, Hon. J. T. and Mrs. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Campbell, Hon. J. C. Sims, Miss Rena Edwards, Dr. and Mrs. Cline, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Einhorn, Mrs. G. P. Neergaard, Miss F. Lee, Judge and Mrs. A. B. Ware, Mrs. Solomon, Mrs. J. W. Oates, Miss Ernestine Putnam, M. L. McDonald Jr., Miss Dot Ames, Miss B. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Davis, Miss Elaine Davis, Miss Porter, Miss Bessie Riley, Mrs. L. W. Burris, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Eardley, Misses H. and E. Austin, Miss R. Thompson Mrs. Elliott, Mrs. John Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Drysdale, Harry Leppo, Miss Florence Drysdale, Miss Celia McMahon, John Hood, the Misses Adelaide and Florence Rutledge, Mrs. Mountjoy, Mr. and Mrs. Schlotterbach, Miss Potter, Miss Constantine, H. Steele, Miss Lulu Pressley, Fred Johnson, Miss Bessie Caldwell, J. Speegle, M. Vaughn, Mrs. Edwards, Miss McMinn, Mrs. Foy, Mrs. Rickliff, Miss Lena Russell, Herbert Slater, Miss Winnan, Mrs. Boeher, Miss Booher, Mrs. Vaghn, Miss McReynolds, Miss Griffin, Miss Fish, Miss Jackman, W. H. Upton, Mrs. Dunbar, Miss Carrie Dunbar, Miss Kennedy, the Misses Fowler, Fred McMinn, Mrs. Walter Davis, Miss Minnie Livingston, Judge R. M. and Miss Miller, Dr. and Mrs. P. A. Meneray, Mac. Davis, W. Farley, Wilmer Thompson, Professor Gotwaldt, Professor Mitchell, Miss Alice Austin, Miss Edith Turner, Rev. and Mrs. B. F. Sargent, Rev. Dr., Mrs. and the Misses Finley, Todd Clark, S. Givens, the Misses Hahman and C. F. Reindollar.

Mrs. J. A. Hardin, assisted by the Misses Ethel and Eudora Hardin, received the guests and did everything possible to insure them a pleasant time.

RETURN FROM ALASKA.

Vice-President Stevenson and Party at Tacoma.

TACOMA, WASH., Aug. 23.—Vice-President Adlai E. Stevenson and party arrived here at 7 o'clock this morning on the steamer Queen from a two weeks' trip to Alaska. They will remain here until to-morrow morning as the guests of John A. Parker, and will then leave for the East via the Canadian Pacific. The private car of General Manager Sir William Van Horne is awaiting the party here. A stop will be made at Banff Hot Springs for a few days.

At Sitka a reception was tendered the Vice-Presidential party by the officers of the United States steamship Pinta and Federal officers. At Juneau a reception was also given.

Vice-President Stevenson was one of the most active sightseers of the many passengers. He climbed to the top of the Muir glacier, descended to the depths of the Treadwell gold mine and investigated everything and returned with a big store of curios.

"Our trip," he said this morning, "was taken for the benefit of the health of my daughter, who has been ill. She is now greatly improved. The entire trip has been delightful. The scenery along the line of the Canadian Pacific is superb, Alaska is marvelous. It has untold wealth in its mines and is a valuable possession."

He would not talk of politics nor commit himself regarding the probabilities of next year's campaign. The party consists of Mrs. Stevenson, the Misses Stevenson and John and William Stevenson, brothers of the Vice-President.

Drowning of a Boy.

SANTA MONICA, CAL., Aug. 23.—Owen Langworthy, 13 years of age, fell through a hole in the old pier of the Southern Pacific and was drowned yesterday. The pier has not been used for many years, and the railroad company has stretched wires across it and put up a danger signal, but this did not deter anglers, who desired to fish from the dock. This is the first accidental drowning at Santa Monica in seven years. The body has not yet been found.

INDIANS REMAIN SULLEN.

Trouble in the Jacksons Hole Country Not Yet at an End.

FORT WASHAKIE, WYO., Aug. 23.—Authentic reports have been received here that the Fort Hall Indians, who recently had trouble with the whites, are still sullen and very dissatisfied, and, although they have an increase of rations and offers of employment, they still demand the privilege of hunting around the Jacksons Hole country.

In compliance with instructions of the commander, General Coppinger, Captain W. L. Pitcher, Eighth Infantry, commanding Company F, will leave this post to-morrow with his company to repair crossings and establish a road from here to Birmingham's ranch. Should there be a renewal of the Indian trouble upon the withdrawal of the troops in Jacksons Hole this will enable the troops stationed here to reach the disputed hunting ground in advance of any other troops. Two troops of cavalry will be held here for the present.

WRECKED NEAR PORT CLARENCE.

A San Francisco Brig Said to Have Gone Down.

VICTORIA, B. C., Aug. 23.—Captain Locke of the wrecked sealing schooner Brenda, who arrived here to-day from Alaska via Seattle, reports the loss of a San Francisco brig in the vicinity of Port Clarence. He was given the news at Unalaska by the captain of a bark bound for Port Townsend with over $17,000 worth of furs secured in the Arctic region by two sealers.

The wreck took place some time about the end of July, but the name of the vessel could not be recalled by Captain Locke. It struck a rock, and, in the absence of proper assistance, sank, after several fruitless attempts to save it were made. The crew is supposed to be on their return to San Francisco.

Captain Locke says the sealing catch so far this year is small.

GOLD ALONG THE BEACH.

Sands of the Yakitat Glacier Rich in the Yellow Metal.

Miners Preparing to Leave for the El Dorado on the Alaska Coast.

PORTLAND, OR., Aug. 23.—A private letter received here to-day says that the wonderfully rich black sands of the Yakitat glacier, on the Alaskan coast, are at last being successfully worked, the company, however, jealously guarding the secret of its process. The arrival of the two miners from Yakitat, Smith and Campbell, at Juneau, with 180 ounces of dust as the result of thirty-four days' work, has caused excitement, and a number of miners were outfitting for the Yakitat sands.

The person receiving the letter was in former years a resident of Alaska, and has visited the Yakitat Bay. He says:

"The Illahee of the Yakitat Indians commences about 110 miles north of Cape Spencer, and stretches away toward the Arctic circle clear to Copper River. The trip from Juneau to Yakitat is one involving great peril, the coast after rounding Cape Spencer being a continuous line of beetling iron-bound cliffs, reaching precipitously up and down into deep water without a sign of beach on which to make a landing, while to the west stretches the Pacific. There are two indentions in the coast between Cape Spencer and Yakitat, known as Freshwater and Frenchman's Bay, but without Indian canoemen it is almost certain death for white men to attempt an entrance into the coves, jagged reefs and swirling eddies abounding.

"Yakitat, the Indian village, within a mile of which the first of the black sand deposit is found, is situated at the head of a fairly sheltered harbor into which empties a turbulent glacial stream called the Yakitat River, although it is next to unnavigable. On the north bank of the stream and filling a deep canyon is the glacier from beneath which comes the gold-bearing sand.

"If it is true—and it seems so—that its gold can be saved, there is millions of its metal for every one seeking it there."

WITHOUT REQUISITION PAPERS.

An Officer Encountering Trouble in Taking a Prisoner East.

PORTLAND, OR., Aug. 23.—Sergeant of Police Owens of Saginaw, Mich., who left here last Saturday with the Rev. O. D. Taylor, wanted in several places in the East for obtaining money under false pretences, is having trouble with his prisoner. Owens made a successful coup in getting his prisoner out of The Dalles without the requisition papers being in his pocket, but as Saginaw, his destination, is still some distance off, Rev. Mr. Taylor may delay his arrival some time.

At Omaha to-day, according to a special dispatch, Taylor's friends got out a writ of habeas corpus, and when the train reaches the city Sergeant Parker will have to dodge the officers and the lawyers.

It was not fear of habeas corpus proceedings that hurried Mr. Taylor away from The Dalles in a buggy. It was owing to the fact that the officer had missed his requisition papers and left them lying on a table in the office of the Governor's private secretary at Salem. The papers were found the next day and sent to Chief of Police Minto of this city for delivery to Owens, but the latter during his stay in Oregon never called on an officer to make himself known. When he reached The Dalles he discovered his loss, but, not wanting to wait, successfully ran a bluff and got his man out of the State.

Arrested for a Santa Ynez Crime.

SANTA BARBARA, CAL., Aug. 23.—Theodosio Bonilla, who was arrested at Los Alamos a month ago charged with resisting an officer, was released to-day on the ground that Figueroa, the officer so brutally assaulted, was not properly appointed. Bonilla was rearrested to-day charged with an attempt to murder Adolf Ruiz at Santa Ynez on July 18, 1894.

Bosses Yield to Strikers.

BOSTON, MASS., Aug. 23.—Secretary Fels of the Garment-workers Union stated this afternoon that the strike of the garment-workers in this city was practically over; that fully two-thirds of the bosses have accepted the terms of the strikers, have signed the contract and furnished bonds.

Now Wants a Divorce.

TRENTON, N. J., Aug. 23.—John A. Barnes, who yesterday caused the arrest of ex-Mayor Frank A. Magowan on a charge of alienating his wife's affections, this forenoon began proceedings for divorce in the Court of Chancery.

Business Buildings Burned.

PITTSBURG, KANS., Aug. 23.—A fire last night destroyed the business portion of the town of Merwin, north of this city. Several important houses are in ruins. The loss will reach $65,000, only partly covered by insurance.

PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

All Bets on the 2:17 Pace at Petaluma Declared Off.

NOT DRIVEN TO WIN.

Judges Dissatisfied With the Way the Horses Were Handled.

A VICTORY FOR COLUMBUS S.

The 2:27 Trot Taken by the Son of McDonald Chief in Straight Heats.

PETALUMA, CAL., Aug. 23.—The judges were in evidence to-day, and on the second event in the Fair Association races all bets were declared off, because it appeared that the horses had not been sent to win. The trouble occurred in the 2:17 pace, which was won by Ella W. When the second heat was finished in 2:28 the judges held an excited conference, with the result that the drivers were warned to loosen the reins. The last three heats were paced in faster time, but still it was not satisfactory, and those who bet on the event were allowed to draw down their money.

To-day's events ended the races for trotters and pacers at the fair. To-morrow will be devoted exclusively to the bicyclists.

The first event was the 2:27 class trot, the starters being Columbus S, Mojave, Letter B, Lottie and Kent. Columbus S was selected by the talent as the "sure thing," and he was made favorite at 10 to 4. Columbus S took the lead in the first heat and led to the first quarter by an open length from Letter B, Mojave third, Lottie fourth and Kent, who broke badly on the first turn, last. These positions were maintained for the balance of the mile, except that Mojave broke on the homestretch and fell back to fourth place. Time, 2:21¼.

Smith did not have to push Columbus S to win the next two heats and the race. Letter B was second and Lottie third.

The 2:17 pace brought out Welcome, Ella W, Javelin and Senator. This was one of the best betting races of the week, Javelin bringing $10 against $21 for the field. Hellman went away in the lead with Ella W in the first heat and opened up a gap of a dozen lengths. Javelin was second, Welcome third and Senator last. They finished in this order in 2:17½.

Ella W won the second heat in the very slow time of 2:28½. The judges did not like the way it was won, and warned all drivers that a better and faster heat would be expected or some one would suffer. The result was that Javelin and Ella W had a royal struggle for the third. Ben Chaboya managed to get the chestnut head of Javelin first under the wire in 2:16¾. Welcome was third and Senator last. Javelin won the next two heats and the race, but the judges did not like the looks of things and declared all bets off.

The last race was a special trot between Nina L and Carrie C. Nina won in two straight heats, the best time being 2:22.

Trotting, 2:27 class; purse $500.

Columbus S, b. s., by McDonald Chief-Fanny Rose (Smith)	1	1	1
Letter B, b. m., by Ward B-Irish (Kent)	2	2	2
Lottie, b. m., by San Diego-Flora B (Loeber)	3	3	3
Mojave, b. g., by Hogoboom (Snyder)	4	4	4
Kent, b. s., by Sable Wilkes (Carrillo)	5	5	d

Time, 2:21¼—2:21½—2:21.

Pacing, 2:19 class; purse $500.

Javelin, ch. m., by Creole-Flash (Chaboya)	2	4	1	1
Ella W, br. m., by Eros (Hellman	1	1	2	2
Senator, blk. s, by Secretary (Misner)	4	3	4	3
Welcome, b. s., by Arthur Wilkes (Gray)	3	2	3	4

Time, 2:17½—2:28½—2:16¾—2:22½—2:23.

Special trotting.

Nina L, by Echo Royal-Genevieve (Vall)	1	1
Carrie C, b. m., by Starbold-Sadie McGregor (Snyder)	2	2

Time, 2:25—2:22.

CARSON MINT SUSPECTS.

True Bills of Indictment Against Jones, Heney and Piper.

Charged With Stealing Bullion While Employed by the Government.

CARSON, NEV., Aug. 23.—The Grand Jury was discharged this afternoon after bringing in true bills of indictment against J. T. Jones, James Heney and Henry Piper. The defendants are held for alleged fraudulent taking of gold and silver bullion from the United States mint in this city.

The first case to be reported was that of John T. Jones, assistant melter and refiner. The indictment charged him with the taking of $23,000 worth of gold bullion from the mint while he was in the employment of the United States Government. The second count in the indictment charged the same shortage. The court then fixed bail at $25,000, and defendant was given until 10 o'clock, August 24, at which time he will enter his plea.

In the case of Henry Piper, charged with taking crude bullion, the indictment found that he had taken bullion to the value of $50 from the United States mint, and he was held in $2000 bail to appear in the morning and enter his plea. His bond was raised $1000.

The case of James Heney was the last to be reported. There were two counts against him, each for the sum of $23,000. The indictment accused him of taking bullion from the melter and refiners' department of the mint in the form of refined gold bullion. In his case the court increased the bail from $15,000 to $25,000. As Heney was unable to raise that amount on the original warrant, it is not likely that he will be able to furnish bail. In the case of Jones and Piper, both have secured their bonds and have filed them. In all of the cases the period of the defalcation was from June 15, 1893, to the day of their discharge. United States Inspector Mason acted as a witness against Heney and Piper.

HOLD-UP AT LONG BEACH.

A Collector Wounded by a Pair of Masked Robbers.

ASTORIA, OR., Aug. 23.—A bold attempt was made at Long Beach last night to rob Wallington Waddell, collector for the wholesale liquor firm of Van Schuyver & Co. of Portland. Waddell had been making collections for his firm, and had several hundred dollars in his pockets.

The robbers, with their faces masked, approached Waddell, who was walking along the beach, and ordered his hands up. They helped themselves to $24 cash and were about to take Waddell's diamonds, gold watch and the remainder of the coin, when he dropped to the ground and yelled for help. Several beach loungers hastened to the rescue and the robbers fled. They fired one shot at Waddell, which grazed his scalp, and giving a farewell shot to the loungers, on the beach escaped into the woods south of Ilwaco.

ATTACHED AT LOS ANGELES.

Box-Office Receipts of Professor Gleason's Show Seized.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Aug. 23.—The box-office receipts of Professor O. R. Gleason's horse-training show were attached to-night by the Sheriff.

Professor Gleason in his advertisements offers a reward of $500 for any horse he cannot subdue. Several days ago a horse was brought to him by one H. B. Belt, which he refused to handle publicly, the horse not being worthy, but offered to cure him of balking for $25. On Gleason's refusal to accept the horse Belt brought suit for the reward and the attachment to-night was made at his instance.

Gleason has been doing an enormous business here, and it said by prominent attorneys that the suit cannot hold and the attachment will be dissolved. Gleason will institute suit against the Sheriff to-morrow for damages.

GIFT OF THE PHELAN HEIRS.

A Site for the State University Training-School Offered.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Aug. 23.—At a meeting of the Board of Trade this evening, Director A. C. Darby, on behalf of James D. Phelan, Alice P. Sullivan and Mary L. Phelan, heirs of the Phelan estate, offered the regents of the State University a free site for the proposed Wilmerding training-school for boys.

The land offered is very valuable, and a choice is offered of all the ground necessary for a site in two tracts, one of which is located at the south end of the city and the other at the north end. A committee of ten, to include the Mayor of the city, will be appointed by President Wooster of the Board of Trade to-morrow. It will confer with the regents of the State University and make a formal offer of the site.

TROUBLES OF A STEAMER.

The Altmore Encountered a Terrific Typhoon Off the Chinese Coast.

Upon Her Arrival at Portland Longshoremen Refused to Handle the Cargo.

PORTLAND, OR., Aug. 23.—The Altmore of the Portland-China line steamers arrived here to-day. Further particulars are brought by Captain Watson concerning the terrific typhoon encountered on July 23 and 24 by the Andivineda, the Dawson Hill and Orealla. The Altmore had not fairly taken up the scope of her cables, after dropping anchor in the harbor of Moji, when the storm broke.

The storm began on the morning of the 23d, and lasted till the night of the 24th. Nearly every ship in the harbor was dragged from its fastenings, and a great amount of damage was done along the coast. Nearly 100 trading junks were driven ashore and wrecked, and there was great loss of life.

At 5 P. M., on the 24th, the typhoon had apparently spent itself, the wind was dying away entirely, but leaving a dangerously high sea running. At 8 P. M. the wind rose again, changing from east-northeast to north-northwest with terrible force, accompanied by fearful squalls of rain. At midnight the typhoon subsided, after what, said Captain Watson, was one of the worst storms ever experienced in a lifetime on the China seas.

Upon the arrival of the Altmore this morning with its large cargo the officers announced a reduction in longshoremen's wages from 30 to 17½ cents per hour. At this the longshoremen rebelled, and the entire gang of 100 or more men left the dock.

A meeting was held, and by an unanimous vote it was decided that not a pound of the Altmore's cargo would be handled by the longshoremen of Portland at a less rate than 40 cents per hour, no distinction to be made between the men below hatches and those handling the cargo after it had left the slings. No settlement of the difference had been reached late to-night.

Trouble Among Chickasaws.

ATOKA, I. T., Aug. 23.—J. F. Wisdom, acting Indian agent for the Indian Territory, arrived this afternoon with a full force of Indian police en route to the Chickasaw nation. Mr. Wisdom has orders from Washington to muster all the police and proceed to Chickasaw nation and eject a large number of intruders. Among the number to be ejected are some of the leading merchants of the town. Wisdom stated to a reporter that Hoke Smith assured him that a company of soldiers would be ordered to the scene of the conflict.

Only a "Fake" Bull-Fight.

DENVER, COLO., Aug. 23.—Governor McIntire returned from Colorado Springs to-night and in response to a query stated that the announced Cripple Creek bull-fight will be a fake. "I have sent Adjutant-General Moses over to Gillette in citizens' clothes," continued the Governor, "to watch proceedings and report upon the merits of the case. If the politicians want to make capital of this case I shall be prepared with facts to refute subsequent assertions that this hippodrome was a genuine brutal bull-fight."

Dropped in the Cage.

PETERSBURG, ILL., Aug. 23.—Eight miners started work at 7 o'clock this morning in the Quill Top mine. The engineer has been in the habit of letting the cage drop nearly to the bottom and then catching it. This morning the grippers failed to work and the cage fell all the way. Five men had legs broken and were injured internally so that they will probably die. The three others were so badly hurt that they will certainly die. They are: John Limberger, Patrick Kelly, Gus Nelson.

Suicide of a Templar.

ALEXANDRIA, VA., Aug. 23.—F. A. Reed, a prominent commission merchant of this city, and grand commander of the Knights Templar, grand senior warden of the Virginia Grand Lodge of Masons and at one time superintendent of the Mount Vernon Railway Company, committed suicide here to-day by shooting himself in the head. He had been a sufferer from mental depression lately.

Must Retire Greenbacks.

NEW YORK, N. Y., Aug. 23.—E. C. Benedict, well known on Wall street and for years identified with the Chicago Gas Company, is out with a statement in which he maintains that unless the Democratic party comes out squarely in favor of the retirement of greenback currency he will vote against it and in favor of the party that does.

Jumped Overboard to Death.

NEW YORK, N. Y., Aug. 23.—A Panama letter says that the Royal steamship Larne, which had just arrived at Colon from Port Timon, reports that while lying at that port a fireman of the steamer, after filling his pockets with heavy weights, jumped overboard and was never seen to rise.

Strike of Jute-Workers.

EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND, Aug. 23.—The strike of the jute-workers in Dundee is still increasing. Over 25,000 men are now out. There has been no disorder.

REACHED A COMPROMISE.

The Suit for Divorce Filed Against Herman Levison Dismissed.

WILL NOT RESIDE TOGETHER.

Mrs. Henriette Levison to Live Permanently in Hamburg, Germany.

The action for divorce which was filed by Mrs. Henriette Levison against her husband, Herman Levison, senior partner in the firm of Levison Brothers and president of the California Jewelry Company, on the 1st inst., has been abandoned and through the efforts of J. T. Bonestell, also a member of the jewelry firm and confidential friend and adviser of the Levison family, the matter has been amicably adjusted.

The most remarkable portion of the case is the profound secrecy which has characterized the suit, the greatest care having been taken to prevent the grounds for action from becoming public. Hearsay places it at willful desertion, and this opinion is strongly borne out by parties who are intimate friends of the family.

J. T. Bonestell, Levison's confidential friend, was averse to talking about the matter when seen last evening, but confirmed the report that a compromise had been reached. He said: "Yes, it is true that the differences which have been in existence between Mr. Levison and his wife for some time have been amicably settled, and the courts will not be resorted to, as was Mrs. Levison's first intention. I am not at liberty to state the entire contents of the compromise effected," continued Mr. Bonestell, "but it is a settled fact that the parties will never reside together again. Mrs. Levison will shortly leave for Hamburg, Germany, where she will permanently reside, and Mr. Levison will remain in this City, as he has large business interests here and they need his personal attention."

Levison came to this country from Hamburg, Germany, when very young, but has accumulated a fortune variously estimated at from $750,000 to $1,000,000. He returned to Hamburg and married his present wife, rearing a family of three children. The oldest, Emma, is married. There is also a son, and a younger child which, it is understood, was also mentioned in the divorce proceedings. Both husband and wife wanted the custody of the child, and it was to be left for the court to decide which parent was entitled to its custody if the case had come to trial. According to the compromise Mrs. Levison will take the child with her and educate it in Germany.

WILMERDING'S BEQUEST.

The Millionaire's Gift for a Technical School Is Bestowed.

INTENDED FOR POOR BOYS.

Regents of the University of California Accept the Sum of $400,000.

The Wilmerding bequest of $400,000 to the University of California for a technical school was paid yesterday to the regents. There was one check on the Bank of California for $350,401 43, two passbooks of the Security Savings Bank for $30,535 46 and one passbook of the San Francisco Savings Union for $19,063 11. The check was signed by the executors of the estate of J. C. Wilmerding—William Alvord, Thomas J. Lamb and C. F. Fargo—and the total bequest was received by Louis Sloss, treasurer of the Board of Regents of the university.

Attorney McCutcheon, representing the estate, was present and supervised the act of transfer, which was a simple business-like transaction, ending when Treasurer Sloss gave his receipt for the money paid him.

The late Mr. Wilmerding in his will left $400,000 to build and endow a school of mechanical arts to be under the control of the Regents of the State University. Only a few days since the estate was settled and with commendable promptness the munificent bequest was transferred yesterday by the attorney and executors.

It was Mr. Wilmerding's wish that a school, in which boys would be taught to use their hands even more than their heads, where there would be more manual work than study of books, be established in or about San Francisco. So when he divided his estate of $2,000,000 provision was made to carry his favorite project into execution. The school, while affiliated with the university, will not teach the higher branches of technical knowledge.

It will have about the same standing as the three manual training schools in this City, the Cogswell and Lick schools and the Polytechnic High School, but it will differ from them in that they teach manual training as a means of general education and only as a possible preparation for the practice of a trade, while the Wilmerding school aims exclusively at the education of boys in the different trades, blacksmithing, carpentering, etc. Although emphatically a trade school there will be an endeavor to mingle somewhat of intellectual training with the hand education.

The Regents intend to expend only $50,000 in a building and reserve the remainder to maintain the school under their exclusive management.

So far no site has been chosen. Oakland wants the school, representing as a good reason for its claim that San Francisco has three technical schools and can get along without a fourth one. The Regents may decide in favor of Oakland if a site be presented by the people of that city, but as there is not enough money in the bequest to buy a site, build a schoolhouse and maintain the institution the only other alternative is to build in the university grounds.

Suits for Half a Million.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., Aug. 23.—Suits aggregating $500,000 are soon to be filed by the Government against certain big lumber companies and turpentine distilleries in the lower part of this State. Special Agent Forbes has been working on the case for eighteen months, and yesterday forwarded to Washington a voluminous mass of testimony, showing that from 2300 acres of the finest forest land belonging to the Government 13,654 trees, yielding over 5,000,000 feet of lumber, have been cut. The Government authorities propose to stop the depredations by bringing to account the concerns that buy moonshine lumber rather than to criminally prosecute the ignorant chopper who fells the trees.

Fees and Larceny.

PLATTSMOUTH, NEBR., Aug. 23.—Receiver John A. Denelan of the Commercial Bank at Weeping Water this morning filed an affidavit in the District Court asking for an order upon R. H. Townley, chief clerk of the State Banking Board, for the return of $237 alleged to have been unlawfully retained by him while acting as temporary receiver. In 1894 Townley proceeded to Weeping Water and inspected the affairs of the Commercial Bank. He declared the bank to be insolvent and returned to Lincoln, taking with him over $1400 of the bank's assets. Townley handed over something like $1200 and presented a bill for the remaining $237. He refuses to give up the balance, and the Attorney-General ordered suit on the charge of larceny.

FLEECED BY SHARPERS.

A Stranger in Chicago Entertained While His Room Was Robbed.

CHICAGO, ILL., Aug. 23.—Two days ago Paul Fischer came to Chicago from San Bernardino, Cal. He brought with him $500 in $20 gold pieces. He was on his way to his boyhood home in Pennsylvania and was taking the money back there to pay off the mortgage on the old homestead, which still shelters his father and mother. Fischer had worked hard as a section-hand on the railroad in California to earn this money and it represented the savings of years.

When Fischer reached Chicago he went to a boarding-house on Sherman street, near Harrison, and paid for a week's board in advance. Then he took his valise containing the $500 up to his room and concealed it beneath his bed. The man arrived in Chicago on a Sunday, and other men who boarded at the house were lounging about the place, and two of them struck up a conversation with Fischer and soon learned all about his trip. They finally offered to show him the city and Fischer took a walk with them.

One of the men soon excused himself and disappeared around a corner. The other man kept Fischer away from the boarding-house for an hour. When they returned Fischer found that during his absence his money had been stolen. He went over to the Harrison-street station and, with tears in his eyes, told Captain Koch his story. Detectives were detailed on the case, and they arrested Peter Peterson and William Peterson, and Fischer identified them as the men who had enticed him from the house.

ON HIS WIFE'S GRAVE.

Charles Elsasser Killed Himself During a Fit of Despondency.

It Was a Choice With Him Between Living as a Beggar or Becoming a Criminal.

Charles Elsasser killed himself on his wife's grave in Odd Fellows' Cemetery yesterday afternoon. He was despondent, and evidently went to the graveyard fully

Charles Elsasser.
[From a photograph.]

determined to die. He took with him a British bulldog revolver, and lying down on the grave with his head against the headstone blew his brains out.

George Kerr of 17 Johnstone avenue and John Fredericks of 3413 Geary street were witnesses of the rash act, but before they could reach him it was all over.

When the body was searched at the morgue a letter addressed to "My loving children, Charles, Sophie, Willie and Fritz," was found in his pocket. It was written in German and a free translation is as follows:

SAN FRANCISCO, August 23, 1895.

To My Dear Children: Pardon me if I go from you. Bad luck has followed me so much that I do not see anything else before me but either to live as a beggar or become a criminal. Both of these I hate to do. For that reason I prefer death at my own hands to such a life.

It is very hard for me to leave you, dear children, who always have been my pride, but I cannot help it. Misfortune has broken me down, and I am useless. Therefore, do not care much about the whole matter. I have not been strong since the death of your dear mother. I expect Charles and Willie will care for the young ones as well as they can. Once more happiness to you all. Your loving father,

CHARLES ELSASSER.

P. S.—At the funeral I do not want any flowers or any clergyman, and the same shall not cost more than $60.

Near by where Elsasser committed suicide was a newly dug grave. A funeral was expected at 2 P. M., and Superintendent Fowler was in a quandary. He notified Coroner Hawkins and the Morgue wagon was sent out in a hurry. Deputy Tyrrell did not spare the horses, and the ghastly body was removed about twenty minutes before the funeral cortege entered the gate.

It is thought that Elsasser was temporarily insane, as he was fairly well to do. His eldest son is a marine engineer and the second boy holds a good position. The dead man was for four years watchman in State Treasurer Herold's office in Sacramento, and lately worked for B. H. Worse, at 429 Bush street. He had a friend named Steinman in the Deutsche Altenheim at Fruitvale, and a letter from him was found in the dead man's pocket.

An inquest will be held next Tuesday.

A PROBLEM AT HATTERAS.

Engineers Have Failed to Get a Foundation at Diamond Shoals.

The Diamond Shoals Lighthouse, off the North Carolina coast at Cape Hatteras, is still a problem for engineers. Two ineffectual attempts have been made with a few years to construct a beacon on these shoals, and the difficulties encountered are said to be greater than those which were finally overcome in the case of the celebrated Eddystone light. It is important, however, that the Diamond Shoals should be suitably protected at any cost, for the coastwise traffic is large and the place has been the scene of many sad wrecks. Some years ago the Lighthouse Bureau, obtaining a large appropriation from Congress, made a contract with an experienced firm of lighthouse builders to erect a lighthouse on these shoals. The plan of construction was to sink vast cylinders of heavy boiler iron down through the water and the shifting sands below to bedrock. The contractors took the job at their own risk, but after making several expensive attempts they threw up the work. Last year the Lighthouse Bureau undertook the work itself on a new plan. This was based on the use of heavy iron piles, driven by hydraulic jets deep into the sands, through which the seas were to be allowed full sweep, while the lighthouse perched far above the waters on top of the piling. A few weeks of fine weather last fall enabled them to put in a quadrangular pyramid, upon which a superstructure was erected, and at this point the fall storms came along and the work was suspended for the year. But when an inspection was made recently, preparatory to resuming the work, it was found that the waves had played havoc with the structure. Nothing remained of the superstructure, and the piling that stood was twisted into corkscrews. The foundation appeared in sound condition, but the effect of the waves on the surface-work has demonstrated the folly of attempting to complete the structure on the plans proposed. What the Lighthouse Burea will decide to undertake next will be watched with interest.—New York Post.

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The World's Oldest Man.

The oldest man in the world, it is said, is a citizen of Bogota, in the republic of San Salvador. He declares that he is 186 years old, but from the tales his neighbors and relatives tell, he is much older than he claims to be.

He is a half-breed Indian and Spaniard and his name is Michael Solis. He lives with an old planter named Luis Hernandez, who is himself 89 years of age. Hernandez says that as long ago as he can remember old Michael was known as a man far past the century mark. It has also been ascertained direct from the records that "one Michael Solis, a man now 125 years of age," contributed ten days' work toward building the Franciscan convent, which was erected at San Sebastian in 1812. If it is really true that the old patriarch was 125 years old in 1812, he has now passed the second century mile post, and is fast winding out the first decade of the third.

Doctors who have lately made a study of the case of this double centenarian say that there is not an ounce of meat on his bones, and that the skin, which resembles parchment, is drawn so tightly over his frame that it cannot be pinched up between thumb and finger. He is unable to walk, but has good hearing and sound eyesight, and a large crop of perfectly snow-white hair and beard.—St. Louis Republic.

In Paris a total of 2401 newspapers, trade journals, reviews, etc., are published. Of these 197 are medical, 193 financial, 166 political and 54 literary. The city supports only three humorous papers.

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The music of the voice dies out—everything has grown calmer. The east breeze is now fanning my cheek and I feel hot, for the blood was stirred up by the resoluteness and grim precision of the speaker. He is a young man just past his majority. You can feel his life blood stirring within him. It was of just such young men out of whom came the great city of Chicago—some older, none more resolute. As you look into his face, as you feel he is but a type of the new south, the great fruit metropolis, you no longer wonder that it is making—ah, has made—such huge strides.

Mr. Norman E. Penfield told me how he used Joy's Vegetable Sarsaparilla because others praised it, how he recovered his lost health, how he was sallow and nerveless, how he is now able to do a hard day's work and how he is constantly speaking in favor of this wonderful California remedy, feeling, as he said, a State's pride in a State's remedy. It would be well if all would do as does Mr. Penfield. A few druggists there are who try to substitute a poor medicine for Joy's Vegetable Sarsaparilla. Do they succeed? Well, you may answer.

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