

NEWS OF THE COAST.

Fatal Shooting Affray in a Saloon at San Jose.

FIRED IN SELF-DEFENSE.

Charles Bryant Killed by a Bartender Whom He Had Attacked.

DEADLY DUEL WITH PISTOLS.

The First Shot Crashed Through the Brain of the Saloonist's Assailant.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Sept. 9.—Fred G. Wenzel, a bartender employed in Knapp's saloon at the corner of Orchard and Santa Clara streets, shot and instantly killed Charles Bryant, a negro, in self-defense about 2:30 this afternoon.

Bryant entered the saloon and called for a glass of beer, laying down a nickel in payment. He went out, but returned a few minutes later and claimed he had laid down a quarter and had not received his change. The bartender said Bryant had given him only a nickel. Bryant began to abuse Wenzel, and the latter came around from behind the bar and led him out of the saloon.

A minute later Bryant came in the door with his hand in his hip pocket, saying: "I'll fix you!" He drew his revolver and chased the bartender around behind the bar. Wenzel got behind the safe, and the negro told him to come out of there, as he was going to kill him.

The negro began to reach over the bar with his revolver and Wenzel seized a 44-caliber revolver on top of the safe and shot his assailant, the bullet striking him in the head. Bryant staggered about six feet toward the door and fell on his face, his cocked revolver falling at his side.

John Salas and a young man from Los Gatos were in the saloon when the darkey entered, but as soon as they saw that a shooting was about to take place they ran out of a rear door. Salas says the negro entered the place and said he had not been given the right change, at the same time reaching for his hip pocket and drawing his revolver.

Bryant was about 35 years of age and unmarried. He had been employed as hostler at the Lux place, on North First street, but for the past few months worked on a ranch. Bryant has always been considered half-witted by the colored people of this city.

Mrs. Mary Gillett and her two children passed the saloon a few minutes before the shooting and saw Bryant standing on the corner, loading or fixing his revolver. Wenzel was arrested and taken to the City Prison, to await the outcome of the coroner's inquest. He has always borne an excellent reputation and is prominently connected with several fraternal societies. Coroner Secord will hold an inquest tomorrow morning.

Bryant's body has been removed to the morgue. The bullet entered over the left eye and death was instantaneous.

ARRESTED AT A FIRE.

Charles Smith Captured With Stolen Goods in His Possession.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Sept. 9.—Detective Pickering arrested Charles Smith at the fire of the Santa Clara Valley Mill today, while he was rumaging around the household effects that had been moved into the streets. When arrested he had a bolt of dress lining under his arm, besides a pistol and a lot of rare coins and odds and ends of jewelry in his pockets. He was charged with carrying a concealed weapon and will be held until the stuff is identified. Smith says he was merely helping the people to remove their things from their homes.

Smith has not borne a good reputation, and about a year ago was suspected of being implicated in a burglary at the corner of Tenth and St. James streets, for which J. Horton is now serving a term in San Quentin. The officers believe Smith is the person who has been committing the numerous burglaries of the past few weeks.

Stricken by Paralysis.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Sept. 9.—Dan Murphy, who commenced work at Start & Morrison's fruitdrier this morning, was seized with a paralytic stroke about 11 o'clock, while lifting heavy fruit-boxes. Both legs are paralyzed.

MUST REMAIN ON BOARD.

Exclusion Act Regulations Regarding Chinese Sailors Enforced.

PORT TOWNSEND, WASH., Sept. 9.—Strict enforcement of the provisions of the Geary exclusion law are working a particular hardship here at present in the case of two vessels arriving from the Orient with Chinese among the crew.

Previous exclusion acts have permitted the undesirable Mongolians to be held in jail here while the vessel is loading and unloading for sea. The new law, however, precludes this through that section which prevents unregistered Chinese from setting foot on American soil. The consequence is that vessels are not only forced to place the required bond of \$500 on each Chinese, guaranteeing to take them away again, but are also put to the expense of keeping a watchman aboard to prevent them escaping.

Shipping men here will prepare a letter to Secretary Carlisle asking him to modify requirements so that incoming Chinese sailors may be held in jail while the vessel is loading.

LOS TUNIS CANYON GOLD.

Ledge of Ore Struck by Santa Monica Prospectors.

SANTA MONICA, CAL., Sept. 9.—George Harris and K. A. Barry, who have been prospecting in the mountains, have returned with the news that they have located a gold claim adjacent to the Los Tunis canyon, six miles north of here. The ledge is about fifty feet wide, there being two or three sections which seem to dip toward a common center, each lead being two or eight inches deep. The rock is the regulation gold-bearing quartz, and although it has not yet been assayed, they think it is fairly rich in the auriferous metal.

There is plenty of water handy and it is easy of access. The miners are jubilant over their good fortune, and are arranging for several mining claims to be located.

YOUNG SAN BERNARDINO THIEVES

Two Children Who Are Seemingly Afflicted With Kleptomania.

SAN BERNARDINO, CAL., Sept. 9.—Louise Mueller, aged 12, and her sister, Gretchen, aged 7, are under police espionage for burglary. Last night they went to the residence of a neighbor and took knives, forks, a Bible and an album. A search of their father's house revealed a

cartload of household articles stolen in the neighborhood.

The younger child was taken in charge by Father Stocker and placed in an orphan asylum. The police are in a quandary what to do with Louise. Their mother is in an insane asylum and has been confined there about one year. The father is well-to-do. He and the children constitute the family, there being no woman in the house.

The children seem to be kleptomaniacs. While some of the articles found would naturally please a child's fancy, there are quite as many for which they could not possibly have any use. Among the things taken last night was a leg of mutton.

VICTORY FOR THE GOVERNMENT.

Decision Rendered in the Famous Overlap Land Case.

PORTLAND, OR., Sept. 9.—Judge Gilbert, in the United States Circuit Court, today read a lengthy decision in the famous overlap land case, a suit in equity, which has been pending for years in courts on various questions. It is the government's suit against the Oregon and California Railroad Company to determine the title to over 300,000 acres of land which formed part of the land grant of the Northern Pacific Railroad down the Columbia.

The decision is a victory for the Government, as the decree in effect cancels patents and restores the land to the public domain. Judge Gilbert says in his conclusion that he finds no warrant for holding that it was the intention of Congress to grant these lands to the Oregon and California Company.

Counsel for the railroad company says the suit will be appealed.

SUICIDE NEAR SAN ANDREAS.

Charles Bois Pulled the Trigger of a Shotgun With His Toe.

SAN ANDREAS, CAL., Sept. 9.—Charles Bois, a French Canadian, committed suicide at a sheep ranch about seventeen miles from here. He has been drinking heavily lately, which undoubtedly prompted the deed.

Bois placed the muzzle of a shotgun against his forehead and fired the gun with his toe. He was 70 years old and followed farming for a living.

NEWS OF SANTA BARBARA.

A Crazy Woman Who Set Fire to Her Home to Drive Out Enemies.

Burglars Make a Raid Upon the Naples Postoffice—The Murder Mystery.

SANTA BARBARA, CAL., Sept. 9.—An extraordinary and unexpected sequel to the fire which partially destroyed the house of Mrs. Helen Buernheim, a wealthy widow residing on Victoria street, developed today, when Mrs. Buernheim calmly presented herself to the astonished City Marshal and asked him to lock her up to protect her from enemies who were persecuting her and who had on Friday night gathered in such numbers outside her house that she had dashed a lighted lamp down on the floor to frighten them away, setting the house on fire. The Marshal took her in charge and to-night she occupies one of the upper cells in the county jail, a happier woman than she has been for months.

The circumstances leading to this derangement are pitiful. The woman's husband—who was the old mining partner of the late Mr. Herndon of Santa Barbara, and afterward a prosperous farmer in this vicinity—was stricken by paralysis, and for four years the wife nursed the helpless man day and night. Her sleep was so broken that insomnia ensued and after her husband's death she found it next to impossible to gain the rest she needed, until at last her eccentric habits began to indicate a mind unbalanced.

Mrs. Buernheim will be permitted to rest for a few days and then be subjected to an examination to determine her sanity, and will in all probability be sent to the asylum at San Bernardino, as she has no relatives in this country. Upon most subjects she is rational.

BURGLARY AT NAPLES.

The Postoffice Looted of Its Cash and Valuable Fictives.

SANTA BARBARA, CAL., Sept. 9.—The postoffice at Naples was entered by burglars last night and robbed of all its contents of value. The cash on hand fortunately was small, consisting of but a dollar in pennies and 23¢ in silver.

There is no clew to the robbers, although officers are watching a suspicious-looking team who has been hanging around for several days. Coming so soon after the Summerland robbery, many are inclined to attribute the two to the same men, although in this instance they did not time their raid opportunely.

Santa Barbara's Mystery.

SANTA BARBARA, CAL., Sept. 9.—Deputy Sheriff de la Cuesta is with a will prosecuting his investigations of the alleged murder of Van Hubbard in Idaho. To-day he received a telegram from the Sheriff of Lewiston, Idaho, stating that the latter knew nothing of the discovery of Van Hubbard's murdered body at Florence save what the papers had published. Meanwhile De la Cuesta sent a special messenger to Ventura to interview Van Hubbard's sweetheart and ascertain if she is in receipt of letters from him.

TRAGEDY AT HOLLISTER.

Major Dandridge Slashed His Throat With a Knife While in Prison.

HOLLISTER, CAL., Sept. 9.—Major Dandridge, civil engineer of the Monterey and Fresno Railroad, was taken to the County Jail this morning and locked up on a charge of disturbing the peace. Major Dandridge had been threatening to commit suicide and repeatedly tried to get hold of a pistol. The officers at the jail failed to search Dandridge and locked him up in the women's department alone. A short time afterward he was discovered with a large gash in his throat, which had severed one of the arteries leading to the jugular, and was almost dead from loss of blood. The knife which he used was very dull, or he would have succeeded in his suicidal attempt.

Major Dandridge had been on a protracted spree and was undergoing treatment at a local Revere institute. He is now resting quietly, but small hopes are entertained for his recovery.

Emerald County Convict Freed.

CARSON, NEV., Sept. 9.—A special session of the Board of Pardons was held today to consider the case of F. McGuire, sentenced for ten years for manslaughter from Esmeralda County. McGuire has been up before the board four times previously, but each time his petition was denied. To-day he was liberated.

Terminal Island Fatality.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Sept. 9.—George Fleming, baggageman on the Terminal Railway, was killed today at Terminal Island, near San Pedro, while coupling cars. This was his first trip over the line. He leaves a family residing in this city.

A Syndicate of Monstrous.

Here are the names of the abominable trio that compose it, hated and abhorred by man and woman kind—dyspepsia, biliousness and constipation. What is the most successful way to attack and quell these united monsters? Take Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, and they will pull up stakes and make tracks for parts unknown, leaving no trace behind. The Bitters also exterminates malaria, rheumatic and kidney trouble and nervous ailments.

NEWS OF THE COAST.

Three Blocks in the Heart of Vacaville in Ashes.

EXTENT OF THE BLAZE.

Ten Business Houses and Fifty Chinese Dwellings Destroyed.

FIREMEN BAFFLED BY WIND.

Further Spread of the Flames Prevented by Tearing Down Buildings in Its Path.

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From all accounts it is thought the fire was caused by the explosion of a lamp in a sleeping-room on the lower floor of the Central Hotel at about 10:45 o'clock last night. The building being entirely of wood, the fire soon had a good start. P. Brodbeck, one of the proprietors, who happened to be in the barroom, gave the alarm to the guests, and fortunately all were gotten out, although some had very close calls and lost all their belongings.

One heroic incident must be credited to Charles Summer. All the guests were out of the hotel but a woman and her little child. Mr. Summer, learning this, rushed into the building and found them in the hallway. They seemed thoroughly dazed by the fire and smoke which was all around them. He carried them safely to the bottom of the stairs and got them beyond harm's reach.

The hotel was owned by A. C. Bowles of San Francisco and leased by Brodbeck & Klose. As soon as the few persons that were on the scene were sure the guests were safe an alarm was turned in, but as an unusually heavy southwest wind was blowing, the hotel was a seething mass of flames before the fire department was out. The fire quickly spread to D. K. Carn's livery stable, leased by Sparks & Robie. This, being full of hay and straw, increased the heat and in spite of the heroic efforts of the firemen the flames communicated to Bowles Opera-house, J. M. Burns' saloon, De Long & Milligan's restaurant, J. Snyder's saloon and Charles Weibel's saloon. Here the fire was checked by tearing down Rambo's building and putting on plenty of water. The remaining two buildings on the block were saved.

During all this time a part of the department had been laboring to keep the fire from setting back from the hotel against the wind. Here A. J. Dobbins' law office and Mrs. Regan's variety store were destroyed before it could be checked, and considerable damage was done to Neibling's bakery.

As all the attention of the fire department up to this time had been given to Main street in order to save what it could of this business portion of the town, the fire had got a big headway in Chinatown, and it was with the greatest of difficulty that the seething flames were brought under control. The burned portion covered nearly three blocks. There were ten business houses and about fifty Chinese tenements burned. As all the buildings were of wood, the damage will not be over \$30,000, with the following insurance: A. C. Bowles' hotel and opera-house, \$3500; Peerless saloon, \$500; Brown, Craig & Co., \$2500; Lewis building, \$400; J. M. Burns, \$750; J. Snyder, \$750; Underwriters' hotel furniture, \$1500; J. Snyder's furniture and fixtures, \$750; Wilson's building, \$1100; Lewis building, \$500; Neibling's stock, \$300; Regan building, \$500; Mrs. Regan's stock, \$500; Newport's building, \$1200.

None of the houses in Chinatown had insurance, and the loss personally to the Chinamen cannot be estimated with any degree of certainty. Some of the burned portion will be rebuilt with brick in a short time.

WILL REBUILT AT ONCE.

The Destroyed Santa Clara Valley Mill Soon to Be Replaced.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Sept. 9.—The loss by the burning of the Santa Clara—alley Mill and the Reinhardt flats at an early hour this morning is estimated at over \$100,000. Manager Thorpe places the mill's loss at \$60,000. The total insurance will not exceed \$20,000.

The loss of the Reinhardt flats is estimated at \$15,000, insured for \$12,000. G. W. Peckham's loss of household goods is estimated at \$1000, fully insured. The small house occupied by O. D. Conterno, and owned by Miss Slavin, was totally destroyed; loss \$800, with no insurance.

The mill company will lose no time in getting to work again. To-day it had a temporary office erected on the site of the former one, and was ready to transact business at noon.

BLAZE AT SACRAMENTO.

Property Belonging to City Trustee Devine Damaged.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., Sept. 9.—During the progress of the electric carnival parade an alarm of fire was turned in from Fifth and N streets. The blaze started in a grocery store and the entire building with adjoining residence and barn was destroyed before the department succeeded in controlling the flames.

The property belonged to City Trustee Devine and is damaged to the extent of about \$5000.

WHITLOCK MINE FIRE.

Hoisting Works and Part of the Timbered Walls Destroyed.

MERCED, CAL., Sept. 9.—A fire at the Whitlock mine in Mariposa County last night destroyed the hoisting works and 100 feet of the timbered walls at the entrance of the shaft before it was got under control. The fire started from a lighted candle, near the mouth of the shaft. The accident will cause several workmen to be laid off until repairs are made. The loss from the fire is estimated to be about \$2500.

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The business was opened with the president, Hon. Henry J. Wells, in the chair, and E. D. Wadsworth as secretary. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Hon. Henry J. Wells, president; Cambridge; Charles A. Dole, first vice-president, East Somerville; Richard Harrington, second vice-president, Salem; Josiah Hayward, treasurer, Boston; Stephen W. Foster, secretary, Boston; thirty-seven directors, including Hon. John Conness, Dorchester, chairman; James Burdick, Providence, R. I.; E. C. Carpenter,

with the manner in which the day had been observed.

When that is clean in mind and heart, and that is American could regard the fleeting elements of pleasure derived from wealth as more than fleeting, more than interludes in the arduous labors of life? The very capital of the human race is being exhausted. The very capacity to enjoy the tawdry existence in which their lives is sunk is lost. No reasonable man can underrate the power and influence of the press, nevertheless there are some of its phases in this State which people of ordinary intelligence may question; its alliance with trusts, corporations, bosses, with special interests of every description, these may be criticized without exciting the resentment of those whom the cap does not fit. There is no such disposition as a sensational press allied to demoralization, which educates young men and young women into a disregard of truth and justice, which flatters and seduces every vulgar absurdity and every social reform, which treats the world as a pandemonium. Are there not illustrations of these truths in our midst? No wonder so many people practically desert

their own country. Money made by corruption is very easily spent, and corruption does not and never will represent the underlying simplicity and strength of American institutions. What are you going to do, pioneers, with a class of people born, educated and controlled by such influences unless civility were able to reassert itself? I do not believe in the demagogues of equality. Men are entitled to equality of opportunity and before the law, but there will always be irregularity in social standing and intelligence. When all this is said it does not minimize the duty of the pioneers to successfully contend with these evils. The yearning ambitions of society are all in you and around you. What do you propose to do or leave undone? Each man has his own woof of ideals. Young men of the pioneers, form and live up to your ideal. What grander ideal than to lift your State out of the slough and the mud high above all charlatanism and corruption? We wish to see California a truly American State in the van of modern thought and achievement. All our forward work shall be protected by the starry flag, the Old Glory that stands for equality before the law and in opportunity. Our progress must be irresistible because it comes from genuine Americanism. Back to your work of slowly but surely building the new edifice of the State you silver-haired pioneers! Forward, you young people forward, ye who wear the glittering order of pioneer; forward, not in dreams of casual beauty, but on stalwart legs; forward, new men of the Pacific, of the sovereign West, forward in labor and achievement, forward and upward, forward to the nearest muscle of the swaying breeze, forward along the substantial waves of commerce; forward, ye pioneers, forward, in the home of the new man who will accomplish the destiny of the American people.

The literary exercises over, the body of the hall was cleared of chairs, and Yanke's band played choice dance music. Then many of those who, it was thought, had concluded that their dancing days were over, selected partners and whirled and glided over the smooth floor with as much grace and almost as much sprightliness as they did when in the terminal numbers of the century were "40."

During intermission the boys of old days escorted their partners to the banquet-hall in the basement, where a splendid collation was spread. The service was all that could be desired and the quantity was unlimited. The hospitality of the Pioneers was similar to that which was characteristic of them in the days of gold. During the afternoon there was open house below stairs to all who desired to partake of the good things offered, while on the upper floors there were sideboards with lemonade and punch.

In the evening the festivities were continued. There was a grand ball and vocal music and recitations. Dancing was kept up until midnight, when the merry Pioneers and guests parted, all well pleased.

Minterbach was impressed by this, and a few years after coming to this country he went to the Black Ridge Mountains. He now says he is heir to an estate in Germany and exhibits letters from the German Consul at Pittsburg. He is certain that the fortune is coming and has implicit faith in the predictions of the astrologer.

SEIZURES IN BERING SEA.

Two Victoria Schooners Taken in Charge by American Cutters.

They Are Accused of Violating a Section of the Award Regulations.

Southern California exhibit. Mr. Wiggins states that the rain is interfering with the construction of the buildings. Every indication points, however, to a most successful exposition. He suggests that the local exhibit include an elephant, constructed similar to the one now to be seen at the Chamber of Commerce rooms.

Mr. Wiggins thinks he has prevailed on the railroads to ship the Southern California exhibit free from New Orleans to Atlanta.

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