ON FRIENDLY TERMS.

Valley Road Cars Loaned to the Corral Hollow Company.

A TRAIN STARTS TO-DAY.

Constructors of the Line to the Coal Mines Progressing Rapidly.

ACROSS STANISLAUS RIVER.

Grant Brothers' Graders Pushing Onward the San Joaquin Valley Roadbed.

STOCKTON, CAL., Dec. 2.—Persons who so industriously circulated the report a few weeks ago to the effect that the Valley Road people were inclined to show an opposition to the Corral Hollow Company have received a severe object lesson on the untruthfulness of their assertions.

The Valley Railroad Company has loaned to the Corral Hollow people without cost ten of their new cars for use in the Corral Hollow construction work, and has placed everything in its power at the disposal of the coal road builders for the purpose of facilitating the construction work.

The first construction train on the Corral Hollow road will start out to-morrow and will be made up of the Valley Road cars and a Central Pacific locomotive, which has been rented. The work on the coal road will progress rapidly from this time.

Either to-morrow or the next day the scene of operations on the Valley road will be transferred across the Stanislaus River by the removal of Grant Bros.' outfit to that side, preparatory to beginning the work of grading there.

The track work in San Joaquin County is being finished rapidly, and at the bridge the superstructure has already assumed definite form. It is expected that work on the Valley road round house will be begun soon, as the site is cleared and considerable of the material is on hand.

The construction train now runs nearly twenty-seven miles into the country, and always carries a crowd of sightseers.

GIVE UP THE SEARCH.

Officers Fail to Find the Man Who Killed Deputy Sheriff Buzzell.

STOCKTON, CAL., Dec. 2.—The officers have failed to find H. C. Tyson, the old man who shot and killed Deputy Sheriff Buzzell on Thanksgiving evening, and are at a loss to account for his continued flight, when he has such a good case of self-defense to offer at a trial.

Some think that he is still lying in a lonely spot in the brush, suffering from the wound in the abdomen, which prevents him from moving about. Those who take that view believe that the old man will surrender himself as soon as he is able to walk to a place where he can obtain a horse and buggy to convey him to town.

An officer who was a member of the searching posse is of the belief that the fugitive has made his escape from the brush-grown country, and has taken refuge in some farmhouse in the vicinity.

District Attorney Nutter has not yet decided whether he will prosecute the Tyson boys, who are in jail, or order their discharge from custody. He says Henry Tyson seems to tell a straight story. Henry's version of the tragedy is to the effect that Buzzell, acting without authority, drew his revolver and fired first.

If this is the case, it is not likely that the Tysons will be prosecuted. The District Attorney is awaiting the testimony at the Coroner's inquest to-morrow night before deciding what action to take.

Sheriff Cunningham has found a boatman who ferried the Tyson boys across the San Joaquin River the morning after the shooting. The elder Tyson parted from the boys only one hour before the Sheriff's posse arrived.

The funeral of Joseph Buzzell took place yesterday afternoon. The services were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Sink of the Congregational church. The clergyman did not enter into the circumstances of the Deputy Sheriff's death, nor did he endeavor to fix the blame upon any one. He stated that the spectacle of a man risking his life in the performance of his duty, whether the duty be real or conceived, was one that should demand the respect of all law-abiding citizens.

FARMERS PAY FOR THE WORK.

The Repairing of the Woodbridge Dam Has Been Commenced.

STOCKTON, CAL., Dec. 2.—The work of repairing the Woodbridge dam was commenced to-day.

The contract was let recently to D. Tumelty & Son of this city, and yesterday they took their machinery out to the dam site. The contract calls for the completion of the work within five weeks, but if the weather continues fair the contractors believe they can finish it in less time.

Some $3000 has already been expended on the dam, but the engineer in charge says that hardly any of the old work can be utilized. The repairing of the dam now means a great deal to the farmers in that section.

If the repairs were not made until the water rose, no work could be done until next June, too late for irrigation. The money for the present work was furnished by the farmers, they taking Receiver Chapman's receipt. The property is in litigation, and it is problematical whether they will ever get their money back.

MISSING FROM HIS CABIN.

An Old Hermit Thought to Have Been Drowned in Stockton Channel.

STOCKTON, CAL., Dec. 2.—An old German named Johnson, who for some time has resided alone in a cabin on Lower Stockton Channel, is missing from his customary haunts.

Yesterday the 14-year-old son of Albert Fletcher found Johnson's boat floating down the channel and secured it. The boy then made an investigation of Johnson's cabin and to-day reported the facts to the police.

The old hermit's home was not far from where the Fletchers live, and he has been in the habit of going to their place every other day for water. On Thanksgiving day he was seen about his cabin, but nothing has been seen of him since.

Young Fletcher found his coat on the bank, containing 75 cents in one pocket and 20 cents in another. The finding of the coat and the boat led the lad to make a further investigation. The cabin was closed and the missing man's blankets were inside. It is thought the man was drowned.

TULARE COUNTY ECONOMY.

The Auditor Enjoined From Paying Salaries of Supervisors.

VISALIA, CAL., Dec. 2.—District Attorney Howard has brought another suit to prevent Supervisors Henderson, Twaddle and Gilliam from drawing $1800 per annum salary. This question was decided by Judge Jacobs of Kings County in favor of the Supervisors some months ago, and as the District Attorney did not appeal the case to the Supreme Court it was thought that the matter was settled.

On the complaint of District Attorney Howard, filed this morning, Judge Cross issued a writ of injunction directed to the Auditor, ordering him not to draw any more warrants for the salaries of the Supervisors named at the rate of $1800 per annum, and the defendants, Henderson, Gilliam and Twaddle, were cited to appear and show cause within ten days why the injunction should not be made perpetual.

REDWOOD CITY BURGLARY.

Two Thieves Captured After the Looting of a Freight Depot.

REDWOOD CITY, CAL., Dec. 2.—The Southern Pacific freight depot was entered by burglars this morning between 1 and 2 o'clock and a small quantity of merchandise and an overcoat stolen.

The Sheriff and his deputies took the road early this morning in pursuit of the thieves, and they were arrested by Deputy Butts at Palo Alto about 1 o'clock this afternoon while about to take the train for San Jose. The names given were Victor Wilson and Albert Kinell. They are from San Francisco. The men had some of the stolen articles with them when captured.

PERISHED NEAR ROCK SPRINGS.

Hunters Find the Body of a Man Who Was En Route to Los Angeles.

SALT LAKE, UTAH, Dec. 2.—A party of hunters four miles west of Rock Springs, Wyo., yesterday found the body of Henry Fisher of Dubuque, Iowa, lying in the sagebrush. In his pockets was found $975 in drafts, $69 30 in cash and a through ticket from Dubuque, Iowa, to Los Angeles, Cal.

From papers on his person it would appear that Fisher had one son living in Los Angeles and another son, a banker, in Dubuque. It is supposed that the high altitude affected his mind and that he left the train and perished in the cold.

EXCITEMENT AT FRESNO.

All Deputies in County Offices Lose Their Heads at a Blow.

Judge Risley Decides That the County Law Creating the Offices Is Unconstitutional.

FRESNO, CAL., Dec 2.—Judge Risley to-day signed findings in the case of Supervisor F. F. Letcher vs. County Auditor H. E. Barnum et al. The order of court perpetually enjoins Auditor Barnum from issuing any more warrants in favor of G. C. Freman for services as deputy District Attorney, and further enjoins Mr. Freman from accepting any warrants in payment for services in that capacity.

The court finds that the payment of the salary of a deputy District Attorney is without authority of any valid law or right; that the plaintiff and all other taxpayers of the county would suffer irreparable loss unless such illegal acts were restrained and prohibited. Judge Risley ordered that the costs of suit be paid by the defendant.

The decision of Judge Risley has created consternation in the courthouse, and according to it almost every office is deprived of its deputies. Sheriff Scott will lose his Under-Sheriff, four deputies and day jailer. He retains the night jailer and the chain-gang master, as their positions were created by the Supervisors.

District Attorney Snow loses all his three deputies. Auditor Barnum will be without his keeper. Treasurer Whitson will also lose his. Recorder Mashen must discharge three copyists. Clerk Hart will lose all his deputies, five in number. Superintendent of Schools Kirk's assistant must go.

It is quite probable that an appeal from Judge Risley's decision will be taken in a hurry. The defendant's attorneys consider that they have been treated with great discourtesy in the case and will move to have the findings set aside, on the grounds that they had not been furnished with a copy of them before they were signed.

It appears that the plaintiff had not supplied his attorneys with sufficient money to pay the expenses of the ordinary conduct of such a case, and one of the attorneys was compelled to write out the findings with a pen, because no funds were at hand with which to employ a typewriter. Pursuant to the spirit of the decision Auditor Barnum is not only obeying the court's injunction in Freeman's case, but positively refuses to issue warrants to any of the deputies in the various departments.

Mr. Barnum to-day stated that he would decline to draw warrants for any one whose office was not clearly created by law. The deputies are somewhat at a loss to know just what to do under the circumstances. It is quite probable, however, that they will raise a purse among themselves and push the case in the Supreme Court.

The Supervisors do not see any way in which the board could be of assistance in the matter. It is intimated that mandamus proceedings to compel the Auditor to draw warrants will be instituted in some department other than Judge Risley's in the hope of getting a decision to stand off his, but this is only a rumor.

Judge Risley bases his decision on the unconstitutionality of section 170 of the county government act of 1893. He holds this section to be unconstitutional, and therefore deputyships which were created by it are not valid.

SAN BERNARDINO'S SCARE.

Startling Results of an Investigation of the City Meat Markets.

Health Officers Find Immature Veal and Sausage Made of Colored Potatoes.

SAN BERNARDINO, CAL., Dec. 2.—The Board of Health of this city has discovered a state of affairs in local meat markets that has caused it to take instant action. It develops that immature veal is being sold and that calves are killed in the slaughter-houses when only ten days old. Sausage, largely composed of minced potatoes, with a small allowance of meat, is sold.

At a meeting of the Board of Health to-day some of the sausage was exhibited and it was found that the potatoes had been colored with smoke to give them a resemblance to meat.

What will be the result of these disclosures has not yet been decided, but it probably means the appointment of a food inspector for the city in addition to punishing the dishonest dealers.

Forgery at Fresno.

FRESNO, CAL., Dec. 2.—A warrant is out for the arrest of Ed Bovard for forgery. Bovard forged the name of Stephens & Bean, local undertakers, to two checks for $55 and $15 respectively. Bovard succeeded in passing the $55 check at the Ogle Hotel, and the $15 check at Bileberg's saloon. He has left for parts unknown.

SEEN NEAR MENDOTA.

Bandit Crowley Crosses the River Into Madera County.

ENJOYING HIS LIBERTY.

Officers and Fugitive Succeed in Effectually Evading Each Other.

DOUBLING UPON HIS TRACKS.

The Traveler Spends Most of His Time in the Brush Along the San Joaquin.

FRESNO, CAL., Dec. 2.—According to reports received from Mendota to-day Crowley, the Alameda County outlaw, has again doubled upon his tracks and is now back near the river again. Constable Adams left Mendota early this morning to resume the chase and to-night had not returned to Mendota.

Crowley evidently deemed it best not to come to Fresno. Last night he retraced his steps and crossed the river into Madera County. He was seen several miles from the river, but he again returned to its bank. According to fairly reliable reports Crowley is now back in the brush along the river, between Mendota and Firebaugh.

Under Sheriff Merritt of Madera informed a CALL correspondent by telephone to-night that early this morning he received a message from Mendota stating that Crowley had crossed over into Madera County. Later in the day Merritt saw a rancher who lived on the river near Mendota, and from him learned that Crowley had gone back to the river again.

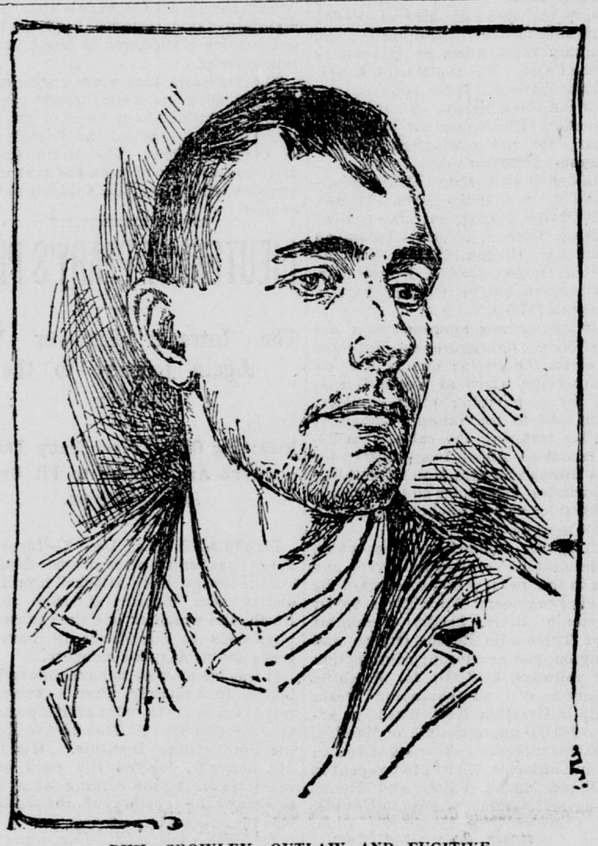
This rancher, whom Under Sheriff Merritt considered to be thoroughly reliable, told him that he had met and talked with Crowley. This was before Crowley visited the woodchoppers' camps and secured a coat. Crowley told the rancher that he was trying to get out of the country, presumably to Mexico.

It is believed Crowley is now on the Madera side of the river. His ramblings away from the stream are no doubt for the purpose of securing food. He evidently does not desire to appear at a place more than once for food, nor to frequent any one spot in the open country. In the brush where he is hiding it is hardly possible to capture him. He will have to be caught while on a foraging expedition.

Some people are inclined to disbelieve the reports that the stranger who is making things lively in the West Side country is the Alameda outlaw. The fact that he announced at the two woodchopping camps and to the rancher who was in Madera yesterday that he was Phil Crowley is pointed to with suspicion, as it would not be supposed that, if he really were the outlaw, he would make himself known.

However, Crowley is known to be irrational, and would probably do things which were not always best for him. It would not benefit him much anyway to conceal his identity, as his frequent visits at different ranch-houses for food would create curiosity and inquiries as to who he was would soon be instituted.

Should Crowley be bent on going south he could practically have clear sailing until he reached Bakersfield. He could follow sloughs from the San Joaquin River to Tulare Lake, screened by the liberal growth of tules in these sloughs, and from Tulare Lake could follow Kern River to Bakersfield.



PHIL CROWLEY, OUTLAW AND FUGITIVE.
[*Drawn from a photograph taken at Folsom prison.*]

FATE OF THE STRATHNEVIS.

The Theory That the Steamer Anchored Among the Aleutian Islands an Improbable One.

PORTLAND, OR., Dec. 2.—"The hope that the Northern Pacific steamer Strathnevis, which cleared from Tacoma for Yokohama on October 12, and has not been heard from, has reached an anchorage in some one of the innumerable bays of the Aleutian Archipelago, where Captain Battie is now awaiting succor, is not well founded," said Captain Marsden of this city this evening. "I have spent many seasons in the north on sealing and whaling voyages, and have doubled the entire chain of the Aleutian Islands. During these cruises, whenever we were in close proximity to the islands, it was considered a matter for remark aboard the vessel if three days passed and we were not spoken by a bidarki or skin canoe manned by a couple of Aleuts on a seal or otter hunt. We have had them come alongside at night, far out of sight of land, and again when working through some pass in the islands, near land where it seemed the foot of man had never trod, from some cove would shoot out one or more of the little skin craft and hail us for broken 'cutting-knives,' from the blades of which they make spearheads.

"It is this experience of mine in falling in with the Aleuts at what seemed the most unlikely times and places that causes me to place no faith in the theory that the Strathnevis, with disabled engine, has managed to make harbor among the islands. Had she done so, long ere this the news would have been carried to Unalaska, Kodiak or even Sitka, for the big steamer would certainly have been sighted by some roving bidarki. The trip to Sitka, carrying the news of the Strathnevis' distress, would be mere play to a crew of Aleuts with their great, broad shoulders, out of all proportion to their short, squat legs, bowed by constant sitting in the cramped quarters of a canoe. With a four-holed bidarki a quartet of paddlers will cover 120 miles a day and rest at night. No sea is too rough for them, the canoe being perfectly water-tight, each man after seating himself tightly lacing a skin apron, made fast to the rim of the hole, around his waist, thus preventing a drop of water from entering the interior of the craft. Should a capsize occur a quick motion of the paddles immediately rights the bidarki.

"There is a possibility that the Strathnevis, her engines disabled, has drifted out of the track of steamers traveling between North Pacific ports and China, and the steamer may now be tossing about in mid-ocean, her sails being simply sufficient to steady her, but as for the ship having made a harbor among the Aleutian islands, to my mind, there is not the slightest hope."

SIERRA TIMBER THIEVES.

Special United States Officers Seize a Quantity of Cut Wood.

FRESNO, CAL., Dec. 2.—Major John C. Brockenborough, special agent of the United States Land Office, and Deputy United States Marshal Bart Alford have returned from a trip to the Sierras, whither they went on a tour of investigation of timber depredations. They report several raids upon forest preserves. Cordwood valued at $20,000, which had been cut by the Sierra Buttes Mining Company in Mariposa County, has been seized. Reports of their discoveries are being made out to be sent to Washington.

Major Brockenborough and Marshal Alford will start out again to-morrow to investigate alleged depredations in this county.

HUNGRY SAILORS MUTINY.

The Captain of a British Bark Forced to Yield to His Crew.

Seamen Made Desperate by an Economy That Meant Death by Starvation.

PORTLAND, OR., Dec. 2.—The British bark Samarkand, now in Portland, from Santos, Brazil, had a rough experience on her trip up, of which Captain Hilton has as yet chosen to say nothing. The passage was not a long one, being 116 days, but a month before the bark's arrival it was short of provisions and the men were put on extra small allowances.

This made the crew not only indifferent to their work, but it coming immediately after the hardships and sufferings of a severe passage around the Horn, they grew rebellious at their captain's commands and finally openly mutinied. They waited on the captain and told him that they would not man the ship longer unless he put into the nearest port for provisions, and if he refused they would take the responsibility of taking possession of the ship and sailing it to the nearest port. They explained that they knew that no court would declare them mutinous when the captain permitted the ship to go to sea on a long voyage, knowing that the provisions would not hold out during a reasonably long passage.

Captain Hilton had no alternative but to do as directed, and ordered the vessel's course changed and she was pointed toward San Francisco. After being on this course for several days the schooner Vega was sighted on November 13, off the Farrallon Islands, two days from San Francisco to Seattle. The Vega was boarded and a cask of beef and three sacks of potatoes and onions purchased. After these provisions had been procured the men consented that the vessel should proceed on her regular passage, and in thirteen days more it was sighted off the Columbia.

Upon arrival here, the captain made no mention of his trouble nor did the crew, so no official action has yet been taken of it. The truth of the matter is that the shortage of provisions was due entirely to the criminal economy of the owners of the vessel. The bark has been a long time away from its home port—longer in fact than was intended. It went from Cardiff to Santos, from there to Rangoon, then back to Santos, and then to this port. Provisions are very expensive both in Santos and Rangoon, and the vessel was not properly provisioned for that reason. The result was that the crew mutinied on the high seas, and when the captain arrived in port he was afraid to discipline his crew for fear that the bark's owners would suffer for not provisioning the vessel according to law.

NEWS OF SAN JOSE.

Second Trial of Officer Kilvington for Killing Schmidt.

MULATTO HEIR IN COURT

Attorney Monteith Moves to Set Aside the Claims of Mary Barron's Children.

GUILTY LIKE AS THE MASTER.

The Employe of a Liquor-Seller Convicted—A Garden City Footpad Identified.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Dec. 2.—The second trial of George Kilvington for killing Henry Schmidt on May 13, 1892, was begun in Judge Lorigan's court to-day. Kilvington was convicted of manslaughter on the first trial and sentenced to seven years' imprisonment, but on an appeal the Supreme Court reversed the decision of the lower court and ordered a new trial.

Schmidt, who conducted a butcher-shop at the corner of El Dorado and First streets, kept his stable at the corner of First and George streets. It was said that he talked of buying some stock from Mrs. Hayford, now Mrs. John McComb, and that night about 9 o'clock Schmidt was seen to leave the yard of Mrs. McComb by the rear way, on San Pedro street, the dwelling being on the corner of George.

"Kid" Howard was coming from town and was about to enter the Hayford residence, when he saw Schmidt leave through the gate. He cried to him to stop as he was not recognized, but Schmidt fled northerly. Then Howard gave chase and called "stop thief." As Schmidt neared Taylor street he was met by Kilvington, who was a special officer in the woolen-mills, Chinatown.

Kilvington called to him to stop, but Schmidt did not reply. Kilvington then fired and the shot took effect in Schmidt's neck, killing him instantly. Kilvington claimed he shot only to frighten Schmidt and had no intention of killing him.

MORE OF THE BARRON CASE.

The Negro Boy's Attorney Files a Notice of Further Action.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Dec. 2.—George W. Monteith, attorney for Edward Andrew Barron, the mulatto claimant to the estate of the millionaire, Edward Barron, deceased, to-day filed a notice that on Saturday, December 7, he would move to strike out certain parts of the answer of Marian, Dorothy and William Barron, the minor children of Mary F. Barron. He also filed a demurrer to the answer of Mary F. Barron for her minor children, and asks that the claim of the children be dismissed, as it does not state facts sufficient to constitute a counter-claim and establish heirship; also, that it fails to answer plaintiff's claim according to law.

AFFIRMED THE LOWER COURT.

Conviction of an Employe at San Jose of Selling Liquor.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Dec. 2.—Judge Lorigan to-day affirmed the judgment of a lower court convicting George E. Letcher of selling liquor without a license. Letcher was fined $100 by Justice Gass, and an appeal was taken on the ground that as an employe he was not guilty of the offense charged. Judge Lorigan held that "where a master intrusts to a servant the management and control of his business of selling liquor, and he carries it on in the absence of his employer, both may be convicted of keeping and maintaining the tenement. An agent having actual possession of intoxicating liquors and participating in the unlawful purpose of sale is equally guilty with his principal."

SARATOGA-MAYFIELD LINE.

Liberal Subscriptions in Support of an Electric Railway Project.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Dec. 2.—A project is on foot to build an electric railway from Saratoga to Mayfield, and at a meeting at Saratoga to-day $45,000 was subscribed in a short time.

The plan is said to be to connect at Mayfield with the Southern Pacific, which is soon to run half-hourly trains from there to San Francisco.

A Vag Identified as a Robber.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Dec. 2.—John M. Sullivan, who is serving a fifteen-day sentence in the County Jail on a charge of vagrancy, has been identified as one of the men who entered the saloon of Frank Blackmao, on the Meridian road, on the evening of October 15 and held up the proprietor and five other persons in the saloon. The robbers secured about $50 in cash. Sullivan was arraigned before Justice Herrington on the charge to-day and his examination was set for December 10. Bail was fixed at $1000.

Eight Hours for County Work.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Dec. 2.—The Board of Supervisors, at the request of the Carpenters' Union, to-day decided to put the eight-hour clause in all county contract work in the future. E. M. Ehrhom was elected Horticultural Commissioner. His compensation was fixed at $5 per day when actually employed. R. E. Spalding was appointed poundmaster of Mayfield Township.

Policemen Kept in Suspense.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Dec. 2.—The annual election of members of the police force and Fire Department did not occur to-night, as Councilmen Main, Jarman, Dittus and Kreig failed to put in an appearance and there was no quorum.

The cause of their non-attendance was a failure to agree upon a programme in reference to the men to be dropped and those to fill the vacancies.

Four Years for Robbery.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Dec. 2.—John Devine, who was convicted of holding up and robbing John Gubser in the latter's saloon at Gubserville last May, was to-day sentenced to four years' imprisonment in San Quentin by Judge Lorigan.

STANFORD PLAYERS' FUND.

Athletes Profit Fairly Well by the Thanksgiving Day Game.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, CAL., Dec. 2.—The receipts from the Thanksgiving day game of football are still being counted, but are in such shape that they can be pretty closely estimated at the present time. Treasurer Hinsdill says that each university will get nearly $5500 out of the game. The expenses up to date do not exceed $3900, so Stanford will have a commendable sum to deposit to the credit of the athletic fund. Some debts from the previous year's athletics remain to be paid, but from present prospects the finances of the athletic contingent this year will be in a flourishing condition.

No thought has yet been given to an extended trip by the Stanford team. The probability is that no tour will be made. If, however, a trip is decided upon, the fact that a southern tour was made last year will make the idea of a trip to the north more popular this season. It was hoped that some big Eastern college might be induced to send a team to the coast during the coming holidays. Harvard and Yale, though anxious to come, are unable to be away from their universities for the necessary time, and, unless Michigan or Minnesota should agree to come immediately, it looks as though the season's football had indeed come to an end. Nearly all the players are opposed to any trip, as it would necessitate more time for training, which they are loth to spare from their studies. If a good trip could be managed, however, it would not take the players long to get into condition.

The glee and mandolin club are planning for a trip through the southern part of the State, but details have not yet been settled.

On account of the Carnot medal preliminary debate, the freshman glee, which was to have come off on the 6th inst., will probably be postponed to the 13th. The glee is to be a most elaborate affair, although plans regarding it are being kept dark. The function is in the hands of Messrs. McDonald and Polhemus.

To-night an elaborate Thanksgiving dinner was served at Encina, with about 300 guests present. Toasts were responded to by Professors Jordan, Howard, Ross, Abbott, Elliott and several students.

LOOT OF THE MONTEZUMA MINE.

Crude Amalgam Carried Away by a Thieving Employe.

PLACERVILLE, CAL., Dec. 2.—A bold theft was committed at the Montezuma mine by Sam Putnam on Saturday. The Montezuma is twelve miles below Placerville, near the village of Nashville, in which place C. J. Heald keeps a general merchandise store. Mr. Heald is also Postmaster and the owner of the Montezuma.

Joseph Maynard, the foreman of the mine, was engaged in amalgamating and employed Putman to assist him. Leaving Putman to complete the work and deliver the amalgam to him he preceded Putman to Nashville, but he has not seen the assistant since he left him at the mill. The amalgam amounted to about $500.

The thief is of sandy complexion, has heavy red whiskers, weighs 160 pounds, is 5 feet 7 inches tall and wore a brown hat, chinchilla coat and gray trousers. He carries a valise containing photographs of his brothers and sisters. Putnam was employed at the Grand Victory mine a short time, and for a time conducted a small restaurant in Placerville.

He left here about two months ago and found employment, until recently, at the Havilah mine at Nashville and later at the Montezuma. He is a heavy drinker, and after accumulating a few hundred dollars would go to San Francisco and remain until his money was spent in carousing.

Putman owns a quartz mine in Placer County, near Auburn. Some two years he was on the police force of Sacramento. Mr. Heald offers a reward for the capture of the thief and booty.

FRESNO DIVORCE COURT.

The Famous Case of Hart vs. Hart Decided for the Plaintiff.

FRESNO, CAL., Dec. 2.—Judge Carter to-day handed down a decision in the celebrated Hart divorce case, in which W. D. Grady, a well-known attorney, was named as corespondent. The plaintiff, Leon Hart, was given a divorce and the custody of the five-year-old child, subject to such orders as the court shall make if agreeable arrangements for the mother's visits to the child are not otherwise made.

Judge Carter's decision consists of thirty-two pages of type-written matter, thoroughly reviewing the testimony introduced at the trial. The defendant was desirous of securing the custody of the child, but the court was of the opinion that she was not a proper person and not able to care for him.

TIE-MAKERS IN TROUBLE.

Accused of Having Cut Timber Upon the Public Domain.

PORTLAND, OR., Dec. 2.—Some of the tie-makers at Kamela and other points are in a peck of trouble on account of an order just made public in which the Government demands that the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company cease payment on certain ties which were bought by the company at Kamela and near-by points. It is alleged by the Government that the ties were cut from land belonging to the public domain and that the parties had no right to sell and the company no right to buy. An investigation is being made, which may result in the arrest of a large number of tie-makers, and should the allegation prove true a great loss to merchants in La Grande, who have furnished provisions to the tie-makers, would be the inevitable result.

There seems to be no question but that some of the ties were cut from Government land. The Deputy Marshal is after the tie-makers and may cause them no end of trouble. It has been known for some time that the Government land was being robbed of its timber, and the department has given orders to prosecute a vigorous search for the marauders and punish them to the fullest extent of the law.

Decimating the Canine Ranks.

SANTA BARBARA, CAL., Dec. 2.—The dog-poisoner continues his nefarious work in Santa Barbara. A pet terrier belonging to Dr. Hall and a fine coach dog owned by Joseph Bates are among his latest victims. Fully 200 pet animals, many of them valuable animals, have eaten of the poisoner's collation and died. Some of these animals represented an actual money value of several thousand dollars.

A large reward was at one time offered by the Humane Society for the apprehension of this mysterious enemy of the canine race, but lately it was withdrawn and the poisoner has evidently taken new heart.

Tacoma's Reform Wave.

TACOMA, WASH., Dec. 2.—C. A. Cavender, Councilman from the Second Ward, is charged by Councilman Bulger with being implicated with the Bank of Tacoma ring and drawing out money that did not belong to him. Cavender was the only Councilman who shielded M. M. Taylor, found guilty by the Council of bribery and accepting money for his supposed "pull."

OF INTEREST TO THE COAST.

James T. English Will Retain His Job as a Page.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 2.—At a caucus of Democratic Representatives in Congress, held in the hall of the House this afternoon, it was decided to retain James T. English, nephew of W. D. and ex-Congressman Warren English of California. Jimmy has been a page for fifteen years and in the last Congress acted as chief page. The minority will, according to custom, also be allowed to name three other Democrats.

The Secretary of the Treasury to-day asked Congress for $100,000, as part of the limit of the cost for the San Francisco Postoffice building. This, with the balance already available, is deemed sufficient to last until the regular appropriation bill is passed at the next session. The supervising architect does not seem to be doing anything toward commencing work in San Francisco, but he promises to commence operations as soon as Chicago's building plans are disposed of.

Representative Bowers of California will introduce a bill to prohibit officers or employes of National banks from holding any office in any savings bank, and to prohibit the location of any National bank or its continuance in business in any building in which the business of a savings bank is conducted. He will also introduce a bill providing that all laws and parts of laws authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to issue or sell bonds of the United States for any purpose whatever be repealed.

Bids were opened at the War Department to-day for smokeless powder for three-inch field guns and small rifles. The Dupont Powder Company, the Maxim Powder and Torpedo Company and the California Company each bid $1 per pound.

The Supreme Court to-day reassigned the case of the Southern Pacific Railroad, involving the "overland land cases" of Los Angeles, for the first Monday in March.

A Postoffice was established to-day at Bay, Sonoma County, Cal., with Stephen A. Cunningham as Postmaster.

Pensions have been granted as follows: California—Original, Ezra E. Washburn, San Francisco; George A. Armstrong, Fresno; James H. Lambert, Los Angeles; reissue, George H. Rugg, Napa.

Supreme Court Decisions.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 2.—The Washington and Idaho Railroad Company lost three cases in the Supreme Court of the United States to-day. Two were controversies with the Cœur d'Alene Railroad and Navigation Company and the Northern Pacific Railroad Company over the right of way claimed by it in the vicinity of Mullan and Wallace, Idaho, which it is claimed the defendant companies were usurping. The courts below decided against the Washington and Idaho company, and Justice Shiras stated that the Supreme Court of the United States affirmed those decisions.

The other case involved the rights claimed by the railroad company to enter upon lands not surveyed, the possessory title to which was held by a settler, without compensation to the title-holder. The Supreme Court of Idaho thought the railroad was wrong, and the Supreme Court of the United States affirmed the opinion.

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