

TACOMA UP IN ARMS.

Residents Are Determined to Drive Out Chinese Servants.

MR. RIGGS IS DEFIANT.

Fails to Heed the Warnings to Remove His Mongols From the City.

A BIG MASS-MEETING CALLED.

People of the Puget Sound Country May Repeat the Acts of Eleven Years Ago.

TACOMA, WASH., Dec. 12.—Tacoma to-night is somewhat in the situation of a building with an open powder-keg and a lighted match in close proximity. The trouble is all caused by the apparently insignificant fact that a newcomer to the city of destiny has imported two Chinese servants from Olympia. Mr. Riggs, the newcomer in question, seems not only to have been entirely unaware of the state of public sentiment here, but to be a man who is inclined to insist upon his own rights.

For eleven years past it has been the standing boast of every Tacoma and the greatest advertisement that the city—famous for cleverness in that line—has possessed that no Chinese of the lower class was permitted to dwell within her precincts. In fact, on the morning of November 3, 1885, the people then resident here rose en masse and rounded up every Mongolian within the city limits. They were almost as many in number as the white population, and at that period Tacoma boasted four Chinese quarters within a radius of a mile of the center of the city.

There was no nonsense among these Puget Sound pioneers eleven years ago. They knew what they wanted, and took it in a simple and direct way that was, however, terribly earnest in its simplicity and directness. Although not a blow was struck or an overt act committed the pig-tailed Celestials looked at the stern features of the brawny men who ordered them to pack up, and without further discussion of the matter they immediately began getting their traps in order to move. The committee of fifteen, famous and honored in Tacoma history, superintended the preparations for the Mongolian exodus, but every other adult of the city stood by ready to see that their mandates were promptly obeyed.

The Chinese baggage was loaded onto wagons provided for the purpose, and in an orderly procession, still under the stern escort of the fifteen, the Celestials were marched out to Lake View, a small town on the railway ten miles distant. There they were put on two freights and a passenger train and shipped to Portland. Since that eventful period not a lower-class Chinaman has ever labored in this city until Mr. Riggs had the temerity to try the experiment.

The servant question has been a vexing one here, as in other Pacific Coast cities, and it is exceedingly difficult for the upper classes to get trained domestics or keep them when they get them; but even though such people silently tie over their household difficulties, no one has ever dreamed of infringing what has become known as the unwritten law of the city, and, perhaps, it is due to this strict exclusion of the Mongolian that the laboring classes have generally fared better in Tacoma than in other points on the Sound, consequently the retail business must depend largely on the laboring classes for support and the laborers themselves are thoroughly united in the effort to keep the Chinamen away.

It certainly looks as if the two classes—the desiring servants and those dependent on their own labor—were being arrayed against each other in this matter as never before in the city's history. The Ministerial Alliance has met and passed resolutions to the effect that the interference in Mr. Riggs' domestic matters was an unwarrantable intrusion on the personal rights of an American citizen.

The Tacoma Ledger supports them in their attitude of defiance to public sentiment. The other two dailies, the News and the Union, are distinctly anti-Chinese, and say without mincing matters that Mr. Riggs' servants are only the intruders who wedge which will in the future rive the city doors open and introduce coolie labor to our mills and packing-houses and make the lot of the white toiler an undesirable one.

The latest action in the matter is that a sub-committee of the famous fifteen, still in existence, having represented to Mr. Riggs the desirability of sending away the two Chinamen and having received a decided rebuff from that un diplomatic gentleman, have now called a mass-meeting of citizens to take place Saturday evening. Everybody in town is discussing the subject, and the prevailing public sentiment is unquestionably antagonistic to John Chinamen.

The butchers, bakers and grocers are already moving to close their shops at 6 p. m. Saturday, that is, they are men who may attend the meeting. The rougher element speaks freely and decisively on the subject, and THE CALL correspondent has heard dozens state that they will form part of a guard to put both Mr. Riggs and his servants beyond the city limits.

Although it is not generally known, Mr. Riggs' house has been under police surveillance for several days, and that gentleman has applied to Mayor Orr for special protection in assertion of his personal rights. Sheriff Parker and Chief of Police Smith have conferred on the situation, and each is on the alert to preserve the peace and dignity of the city.

SUICIDE AT HANFORD.

W. W. Bateman Ends His Life With a Shot From a Pistol.

HANFORD, CAL., Dec. 12.—William Washington Bateman was found dead in his bed at the Hotel Artesia early this afternoon. As Bateman had not been seen since about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon the management of the hotel became uneasy and forced his door. The dead man's hand held a 38-caliber pistol and in his left a small hand-mirror. The suicide is supposed to have occurred between 5 and 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon, as the globe on the electric light showed that the light had not been turned on and his bed had not been disturbed. The bullet entered the right temple, passed through the brain, struck the bedstead and fell to the floor. The deceased was a native of England, aged about 38 years, and came to California about four years ago. There was no apparent cause for his suicide except that he was considered childish and eccentric. He owned considerable property, all of which is unincumbered; also 150 shares of stock in the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank of this city. No notes or papers were found. Mr. Bateman lately returned from England, where he had been on a visit to relatives and friends. His brother, B. A. Bateman, died three years ago here, and the deceased was acting as trustee, which seemed to trouble him without cause. His sister-in-law, Mrs. B. A. Bateman, left for England last Saturday. An only nephew of the deceased lives south of Hanford.

WANTED AT SAN LUIS OBISPO.

Bud Balaam Charged With Assault and Robbery.

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CAL., Dec. 12.—Bud Balaam, arrested to-day in Visalia, is wanted here as an accomplice in an assault and robbery made upon Charles Murray at Arroyo Grande, a small town in this county. One night in August Murray was beaten almost to death and robbed of considerable money. Arthur Farmer, a son of good parents, was arrested for the crime. Farmer pleaded guilty last Wednesday to the robbery, and implicated Balaam, who was one time a constable here.

PLEADED GUILTY TO MURDER.

Coughlin, Who Killed Charles Mallin, Acknowledges the Crime.

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CAL., Dec. 12.—The trial of Thomas P. Coughlin for murder was to have commenced to-day. After the opening of court, E. Graves, counsel for Coughlin, stated that the defendant would withdraw his plea of not guilty and enter a plea of guilty of murder in the second degree. He was allowed to do so. Coughlin killed Charles Mallin of Cholame in August and burned the dead body.

PLEADING AT STOCKTON.

Chin Hane's Attorney Secures a Promised Interview With the Governor.

He Will Present an Affidavit in the Hope of Getting a Stay of Execution.

STOCKTON, CAL., Dec. 12.—Just before Governor Budd left for Sacramento this afternoon, Attorney Neil A. Macquarrie secured the promise of an audience to-morrow morning, at which time he will endeavor to secure executive clemency for Chin Hane, the Chinaman condemned to hang in Folsom at noon for the murder of Lee Gong. Mr. Macquarrie left for Sacramento on the evening train and took with him an affidavit of Tee Chong which virtually puts Chin Hane in the light of an innocent man. The attorney expects to secure a writ of habeas corpus, and may get his new evidence before the proper authorities.

COMMENTS ON CLARK.

The Commissioner Doing Business With Corral Hollow Company.

STOCKTON, CAL., Dec. 12.—Railroad Commissioner Clark is being made the object of considerable adverse comment on account of the fact that he, as the senior member of the firm of Clark & Henery, has accepted a contract to furnish rock to the Corral Hollow Railroad. It is urged that, as a Railroad Commissioner empowered to fix rates, it is hardly proper for him to have personal business relations with a railroad corporation.

TO INVESTIGATE THE WRECK.

Valley Road and Southern Pacific Making Inquiry.

STOCKTON, CAL., Dec. 12.—It is understood that Chief Engineer Storey of the Valley Railroad will be here to-morrow to conduct an investigation for the purpose of fixing the responsibility for the recent wreck at the Taylor-street crossing of the Southern Pacific and Valley roads. It is expected that the employees who left the ballast-cars across the Southern Pacific track will be compelled to "walk the carpet." The Southern Pacific will conduct a separate investigation into the wreck and its causes. The cars wrecked were Southern Pacific cars, but as they had been turned over to the Valley line the question arises from that of which set of employees are to blame is, who will pay for the damage to the cars.

AT PARADISE CUT.

Tracklayers on the Corral Hollow Give Way to Bridge-Builders.

STOCKTON, CAL., Dec. 12.—Tracklaying on the Corral Hollow Railroad has been suspended and will not be resumed until the bridge across Paradise Cut is completed. This bridge, of greater length than that across the San Joaquin River, contains no draw span, and it is estimated that it can be built in ten or twelve days. In the meantime a smaller trestle will be built over a small stream this side of Paradise Cut. These two bridges will open up the way for tracklaying to the mines.

Will Sue for Divorce.

STOCKTON, CAL., Dec. 12.—Dr. Knight of this city, who eloped with a Mrs. Merritt, leaving his wife destitute, has been traced to San Francisco. His wife will bring an action for divorce.

A Young Girl Married.

STOCKTON, CAL., Dec. 12.—Miss Jessie Lavonia Jefferson of Gall, aged 15 years, was married by Justice Parker last evening to William Joseph Pruitt, aged 27.

INJURED AT CHICO.

An Aged Lady Residing at Ward Thrown From Her Buggy.

CHICO, CAL., Dec. 12.—Mrs. Mary Sellick of Ward, while driving home from Chico, yesterday afternoon, was very seriously injured by being thrown from her buggy. Her team was frightened by two dogs and became unmanageable. Mr. Reed, residing near the place of the accident, found the woman unconscious near the bridge and carried her to his home. Dr. Mack attended her and found that two ribs were crushed, a wrist bone broken, a deep and ugly wound on the forehead and numerous scratches and bruises about the face and body. It was feared she was also injured internally. Being quite an old lady her injuries may prove very serious, if not dangerous.

FIRE AT VALLEJO ORPHANS' HOME

Admirable Behavior of the Children Proved Their Thorough Training.

VALLEJO, CAL., Dec. 12.—The laundry department of the orphan's home was destroyed by fire last night. The loss was \$1500. The fire originated in the drying-room. A quantity of clothing and the building were consumed, but the fire department, citizens and attendants at the home by energetic work kept the fire from spreading. The children behaved admirably, and showed that they had been well trained for such an emergency. The little tots were awakened and told to hurry or they would be late for breakfast. The deception proved successful in preventing a panic.

Fire at Naples.

SANTA BARBARA, CAL., Dec. 12.—A granary at Naples, belonging to Stephen Rutherford, containing 500 sacks of barley, was destroyed by fire yesterday.

STIR IN SACRAMENTO.

Democrats Troubled About a Successor to Leake.

WIRE-PULLERS AT WORK.

Lawton and Stevens Said to Be Probable Aspirants for the Place.

TOM FOX STANDS A CHANCE.

He Would Draw the Support of the Leading Democrats if He Entered the Race.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., Dec. 12.—Sacramento Democratic political circles have been stirred to their depths by the published statement of the probable resignation of Postmaster Leake to accept a position under A. B. Spreckels, as manager of his extensive business interests, and in all quarters the question is being asked, Who will be able to capture the plum? While there are numerous aspirants, many of whom are already engaged in wire-pulling, there can be no certainty as to who will become Leake's successor.

W. D. Lawton, who ran for Mayor on the Democratic ticket at the late city election, has aspirations for the position, and could probably gather considerable influence in his behalf among the ranks of his party. There is also a strong likelihood that R. D. Stevens may take a place in the race, although it is not thought that he could or would receive any political aid from Leake, who is conceded by all to be the strongest and shrewdest political wire manipulator in this city. Knowing this there are many politicians who have no hesitancy in saying that Ed Tade, deputy postmaster, would have a good fighting chance for the position, should Mr. Leake espouse his cause.

But without doubt, should his friends succeed in persuading him to compete, the most popular aspirant for the position would be Tom Fox, who has been prominently identified with Democratic politics for years, and has always been foremost in promoting his party's interests. Should he decide to enter the race he would receive the backing of the county and city central committees, and also living to bear the weight of nearly the entire Democratic faction in this city. His high standing in the order of Native Sons will assuredly be no detriment to him, and it is said that he would experience but little difficulty in obtaining the good will of the executive, owing to the prominent part he took in managing his interests in this city during the late campaign.

ESCAPE OF THE APACHES.

News Received at Phoenix of the Identification of the Merrill Assassins.

Clothing That Belonged to Miss Merrill Dropped by a Squaw in Her Flight From the Sheriff.

PHOENIX, ARIZ., Dec. 12.—The assassins of H. H. Merrill and daughter have escaped. Sheriff Wight of Graham County, in command of the pursuing party, returned to Duncan last night, and in all probability this foul massacre will go unavenged, according to an authentic story brought here to-night. Sheriff Wight and posse overtook an Apache squaw and buck near Whitlock last Monday. A running fight ensued, during which the Indians escaped. When seen they had just killed a horse and were preparing the noonday meal.

When the posse appeared they dropped everything. The squaw escaped on a horse and the buck on foot, and although two of them followed him some distance, firing repeatedly, the Apache, who seemed to know every foot of the ground, succeeded in eluding his pursuers. The squaw, however, was closely pressed and in order to lighten herself threw away the clothing taken from the body of Miss Merrill when she was killed. While chasing the squaw the buck's horse was left at the camp. The wily Apache saw this, and while the posse was away he returned, secured his mount and escaped. Although only two Indians were seen it is more than probable that there were more in the party that committed the crime, as the remains of what must have been food for more than two were noticed along the route.

This ends the chapter of the Indian massacre, however, as the recovery of Miss Merrill's clothing settles the question of their identity and their escape settles the question of their punishment. Had the man who discovered the bodies rode straight into Solomonville, a distance of eighteen miles, instead of returning to Duncan, a distance of twenty-five miles, it is very probable that the assassins would have been caught within the hour of their crime.

REPORT FROM FORT APACHE.

A Telegram to Washington Tells of the Cibicu Indian Trouble.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 12.—A telegram to the War Department from the commanding officer at Fort Apache, Ariz., reports that the Indian trouble at Cibicu occurred because of an attempt by Sheriff Thompson of Globe, Ariz., to enter the Indian Reservation with a posse to make an arrest of Indians said to have attempted to take stores from a ranch whose occupants were absent.

The telegram says the Indians are said to have been caught in the act, but that nothing was taken. There was much excitement among the white inhabitants, who have gathered at Newton's store ranch at Canyon Creek. It is also stated in the report that a man named Boris died the killing of the Indian, whose body was found in the vicinity. He and two others of the party gave themselves up to Lieutenant Fenton, U. S. A., and are now on their way to Globe.

TO STOP CHEATING AT STANFORD.

Resolutions Presented by the Committee of Fifteen Adopted by the College Students.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, CAL., Dec. 12.—The student-body meeting here this afternoon was one of the largest and most exciting sessions ever held. Fully 600 students jammed into the chapel to hear the report of the special committee of fifteen, appointed for the purpose of draw-

ing up resolutions and preparing some plan to forever eradicate cheating among students.

The resolutions were read by Cathcart '96, and he began the support of the resolutions. A dozen students, one side or the other, argued with a zeal unusual in the quiet student body meetings. The special committee's proposition met with one objection, which threatened to ruin the whole plan; that objection was to the clause providing that the name of any one informing on a student who cheated would be kept secret.

All the opposition centered on the cowardice of one who might inform without being known and forcing an accused student to clear himself without knowing who made the complaint. The plan was so amended as to make it obligatory on the committee to make public the name of the informant, and a motion also prevailed that "hereafter it be the sense of the student body that he who informs the committee of any specific case of cheating shall be approved by the student body." With this amendment the resolutions and plan passed, and in their final form were as follows:

WHEREAS, The absence of distrustful espionage and the existence of cordial relations of personal friendship between professors and students to a degree almost unprecedented in educational history have heretofore formed one of the most attractive features of Stanford University life; and whereas, the continuance of this invaluable spirit here is greatly jeopardized by the indifference which we, as a student body, have displayed toward frequent violations of the general good faith by which such relationship can be maintained; be it

Resolved, That as a student body we do regret our past apparent indifference toward cases of dishonesty in examination, which has largely caused the increase of such cases, and do hereby express determination that from this time forth, such dishonesty shall cease among us; that to this end we will use our public and private influence to prevent further violation of good faith.

BOUND OVER AT UKIAH.

Father and Son Charged With Cutting Timber on Government Land.

They Will Be Tried in San Francisco by Judge Morrow in January Next.

UKIAH, CAL., Dec. 12.—United States Deputy Marshal Gallagher to-day arrested L. B. Frasier and Vaughn L. Frasier, charged with illegally cutting timber on Government land. A warrant is also out for one Harvey, but he has as yet not been apprehended. The arrests were made under an indictment found by the Federal Grand Jury on the 10th inst. Bonds were fixed at \$500 in each case, and were at once furnished by the two Frasier and approved by United States Commissioner T. L. Carothers at this place.

The hearing of the case was set at San Francisco before Judge Morrow of the District Court of the northern district of California for January 6 next. The defendants are father and son, and are prominent millmen of this county, owning a large mill near Potter Valley, twenty miles from here. It is expected that Harvey will be apprehended some time to-morrow.

INTERVIEW WITH A BURGLAR.

A Roseland, Wash., Man Says Witherow Made a Proposition to Divide the Spoils With Him.

PORTLAND, OR., Dec. 12.—James R. Boyd of Roseland, Wash., speaking of the interview he had in the Spokane jail with W. B. Witherow, a burglar, said: "Witherow said his chances for going over the road were good unless he could get out. He wanted me to aid him to escape, and said that if I would do so he would make a proposition for me. He said that he had cached in a sack in a certain locality near Hope a sum of from \$20,000 to \$40,000 in cash, the proceeds of a train robbery. He said that if I would furnish him with the means to escape and divide the money with him he would give me the secret of his hidden treasure. I told him that I would consider his proposal and let him know that evening. He said that when I returned he would be waiting for me. If I had declined to be his friend, he would furnish me with a map showing the exact spot where the treasure was located. Now, I am an honest man, and I am not going to betray the confidence of a man who has treated me as a friend. I have decided to turn this money over to the authorities."

Boyd took the map to several of the officials, who examined it closely, with the result that they became convinced that the treasure was hidden at the point designated, was certainly very familiar with that part of the country, as his description was recognized as being perfect.

NORTHERN PACIFIC MIDDLE.

The Gulf Widened Between Eastern and Western Interests.

PORTLAND, OR., Dec. 12.—All efforts to straighten out the Northern Pacific re-shipping business here have failed. Repeated conferences have been held, but each succeeding discussion has widened the gulf between the Eastern and Western interests. Authentic information has been received here to the effect that the Eastern interests seem to be opposed to Judge Hanford, have determined to send a powerful lobby to Washington, and if possible secure the passage of a law by Congress this winter, the effect of which will be to deprive Judge Hanford of his jurisdiction. This, it is said, explains the long delay in approaching the adjustment of the unpaid re-shipping for the road.

For a Second Forgery.

PORTLAND, OR., Dec. 12.—Alexander S. Baty, formerly a popular salesman with Feldman, Cole & Co., was arrested on a second forgery. This time he fraudulently attached the names of half a dozen affluent citizens of Gresham to a \$900 promissory note, and in his attempt to dispose of it to a broker his crime was detected. He has a wife and three children here.

Tried to Die at Portland.

PORTLAND, OR., Dec. 12.—Frances McGee, a domestic, 24 years of age, in the employ of C. W. Haddock of 670 Washington street, this evening shot herself in the left breast with suicidal intent. She will recover.

Fire at Santa Ana.

SANTA ANA, CAL., Dec. 12.—A house owned by H. S. Pankey, at the corner of F and Stanford streets, in this city, occupied by C. H. Perry and family, was totally destroyed by fire this evening. All the household effects of Perry are lost. The family did not even save their clothing. The fire caught from an exploding lamp in the hand of Nellie, the 4-year-old daughter, who was badly burned. Mrs. Perry, who was sick in bed, barely escaped. Loss on the house, \$1100; fully insured.

Killed Under a Plow.

HOLLISTER, CAL., Dec. 12.—Sylvester Gould, an old resident, was found dead under a large plow this evening. He is supposed to have been fixing the plow when the team started.

The Philadelphia at Port Townsend.

PORT TOWNSEND, WASH., Dec. 12.—The United States cruiser Philadelphia arrived here this afternoon. Her present plans are to go to Whidbey to-morrow and sail for Mare Island on Monday next.

NEWS OF SANTA CRUZ.

Large and Valuable Tracts of Land Placed in Litigation.

HUNDREDS OF OWNERS.

Estate of Martina de Peaux Files Suits Against the Present Holders.

MANY THOUSANDS OF ACRES.

Augmentation, Sequel and San Andreas Ranchos Involved in the Suits.

SANTA CRUZ, CAL., Dec. 12.—Three papers of very startling import were filed to-day in the office of County Recorder Martin. The three papers are three complaints, the first entitled M. Elizabeth Peck, special administratrix of estate of Martina de Peaux, deceased, vs. E. F. Adams et al. The second and third complaints are by the same plaintiff, but are against H. Agnew et al. and H. A. Burnside et al., respectively.

In these complaints plaintiff alleges that one Martina de Peaux died intestate in this county in December of 1890, and that at the time of her decease she was owner in fee simple of all the lands of the Sequel Augmentation rancho, the Sequel rancho and one-thirteenth of Rancho San Andreas, and that the hundreds of fruitmen, farmers and timber men who now hold these lands have no right or title to them. They have all been made parties to one or the other of these three separate suits.

The complaints recite merely enough to constitute a cause of action; there is a meagreness of detail and facts. In 1844, when the Mexican Government was bestowing immense grants of land upon all who would take them and endeavor to colonize them to a reasonable extent, Michel Lorenzo, then Governor of Northern California, granted to Martina Castro, who died, and Martina de Peaux the 32,702 acres of land that comprised the Sequel Augmentation rancho. This was in addition to a prior grant in 1833 by Governor Figueroa of the Sequel and San Andreas ranchos, comprised of 10,579 acres. In 1858 the United States Government, in accordance with the act of 1851, concerning the settlement of Mexican grants, ordered a resurvey of all acquired lands, and a year later granted Martina Castro, or de Peaux, letters patent to her holdings by the previous grant.

From that time to the time of her death the grantee resided in this county and from time to time transferred portions of her acres to those who wanted them. The Mexicans of the early days were lax in their business methods, and much of Senora de Peaux's land was transferred without any record being kept of the transfers. In fact, in some cases fraud has been alleged. These suits are brought to quiet the title of every landholder upon the vast territory involved. The complaints pray that in each case the alleged owner be compelled to prove in open court his right and title to his holding.

The Sequel Augmentation rancho is the most fruitful and valuable portion of the county. The rich orchards and vineyards of Skyland and Highland, the heavily timbered valleys of Sequel creek and its many tributaries, the almost inexhaustible forests of Loma Prieta, all go to make up the broad acres of the rancho. The Sequel rancho takes in the popular summer resort, Capitola, the village of Sequel, and many valuable farms besides.

Nearly all of the Sequel rancho and Sequel Augmentation rancho was acquired by the Hihi Company of this county. They now own all of Capitola and in late years have made vast improvements there. The timber of the Augmentation is nearly wholly theirs as are the most valuable portions of both the grants. It would seem that the suit is directed most pointedly in their direction and it is quite certain that they will be the hardest fighters.

ARBITRATION NEAR SPOKANE.

Farmers in Mount Hood Neighborhood Bring a Landlord to Terms.

SPOKANE, WASH., Dec. 12.—The people of the Mount Hood neighborhood, a farming community near here, have concluded to take law matters into their own hands and save the county a large amount of useless expense. A few days ago trouble arose between a tenant and the owner of a place. The owner, who lives in this city, disregarding the rights of the tenant, it is said, began to haul the grain off. The neighbors appeared on the scene, about fifty strong, armed with all kinds of

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