

ANXIETY AT TACOMA.

No News Received From the Missing Mer of the Strathnevis.

THEIR FATE IN DOUBT.

Purser McDonald and Four Seamen Lost Off Destruction Island.

CHINESE PASSENGERS' PLIGHT.

They Are Not Allowed to Land on American Soil From the Returned Steamer.

TACOMA, WASH., Dec. 27.—No news was received to-day concerning the whereabouts of Purser McDonald and four men who left the Strathnevis in a ship's boat while off Destruction Island and attempted to put into a cove through the surf. Much anxiety is felt for their safety, and it is feared their boat may have sunk and all the men been drowned.

He is about 40 years of age. He came here from St. Johns, N. B., many years ago, and acted as purser on the Washington Navigation Company's steamer W. K. Merwin. In 1893 he accepted the position of purser on one of the Northern Pacific liners. He owns a large ranch on Puget Sound.

The steamer Miowera, which had the Strathnevis in tow five days and brought her to within twelve miles of the Tatoosh light, where the hawsers snapped and the steamers parted company, has not yet been heard from. The prospects for her safe return to port are gloomy, and those interested in the steamer are greatly alarmed.

Anxiety continues to grow for the safety of the steamer Danube, which left Victoria about two weeks ago to search for the Strathnevis and has not returned. While she has been at sea the severest gales ever known on the Pacific have swept along the west coast, and it is feared she may have foundered in the same storm in which the Miowera disappeared.

The amount of compensation to be awarded the steamer Miowera for towing the Strathnevis to port has not yet been settled, and no authentic information can be secured at present on the question. Maritime men believe the salvage award will be between \$50,000 and \$100,000, to be divided about equally between the Miowera and the Miowera.

Now that the Strathnevis is safe in port new trials are besetting her Chinese passengers. Deputy Collector Drum said to-day:

"Many of the Celestials who took passage on the Strathnevis last October expected to arrive in the Flouery Kingdom in time to enjoy the Chinese New Year's festival at home.

"The long delay has made them quite late, and it is now believed a large number of them will wish to abandon their proposed trip to China and return to America. This plan can easily be carried out by those holding return certificates from this Government, but between fifty and seventy-five of those who are among the Strathnevis' passengers are not armed with the necessary credentials to permit them to set foot on American soil again.

When they left they said they did not wish to spend more of their lives here. Now it is a serious question whether they can—one that will, no doubt, be referred to the head of the Treasury Department for a decision. Chinese laborers who leave the United States must own \$1000 worth of property before they can secure a certificate entitling them to return to this country."

Collector Saunders of the Puget Sound customs district attends to the inspection and passing upon all Chinese immigration questions of his district in person. There are five or six Chinese among the list of the Strathnevis who are under the ban of deportation.

Should the steamer return here it is doubtful if the United States Marshal would take them into custody again. They will perhaps be kept aboard the Strathnevis until she is repaired and sails for the Orient, or until they can be transferred to another steamer for the same destination.

A common plea among Chinese who are refused a landing in the United States from steamers from foreign ports is that they thought they would not want to return to America again and burned their certificates, but changed their minds afterwards and felt confident they would be admitted on identification.

The scheme has often been played by the hard-hearted sons of the far East, who had never before been out of the borders of the hermit kingdom. Customs inspectors smile with satisfaction when they think how the castaways on board the Strathnevis will not be able to enter this plea.

SHIPPING MEN NOT ALARMED.

Believe the Miowera Continued on to Its Destination.

THE STRATHNEVIS LIBERED.

Salvage Claims of the Miowera's Owners Fixed at \$150,000.

PORT TOWNSEND, WASH., Dec. 27.—The Pacific liner Strathnevis, which, after drifting about for sixty-six days in mid-ocean with a broken propeller, was finally rescued from wrecking on Destruction Island, was to-day libeled at this port by the Canadian Pacific Railway, charterers of the steamer Miowera, which rescued her. The salvage claim is fixed at \$150,000. This afternoon the tug Tye followed the vessel to Tacoma, where her cargo will be taken out, having been duplicated since she failed to arrive at her destination.

ANCHORED AT TACOMA.

TACOMA, WASH., Dec. 28.—The Strath-

nevis, in tow of the tugs Sea Lion and Tye, arrived here at midnight and is moored to a buoy in the midstream, and will remain there until the steamer Victoria arrives to-morrow, after which she will be put in the drydock at Quartermaster Harbor, near this city. Considerable trouble was experienced coming up the Sound. Several hawsers were parted, and the tugs had difficulty in handling the big steamer.

FEARS IT HAS GONE DOWN.

Captain Sorenson Not Sanguine as to the Miowera's Safety.

SEATTLE, WASH., Dec. 27.—Concerning the fate of the Miowera Captain Sorenson of the schooner Comper, now in port, does not take a very hopeful view of the situation. On the 23d and part of the 24th inst. he was sixty miles southwest of Cape Flattery, and on those days he sighted only one vessel, a three masted, one of the China liners outward bound. She was struggling with a terrific storm and the wind blew almost a hurricane. The Comper was tossed about like an eggshell, and Captain Sorenson states that he never knew so many and such severe westerly winds as have prevailed around the cape recently.

DEPARTS FROM MARE ISLAND.

The Boston to Start for the China Station To-Day.

VALLEJO, CAL., Dec. 27.—The Boston sails to-morrow at 9 o'clock A. M. direct for China, carrying some sixty men above her crew for distribution among war vessels now on that station. Some of these men will go to the Monocacy, which craft is used as a sort of river-police-boat in those waters, penetrating further inland in the event of native uprisings than is possible for the regular cruisers.

The Boston sails, a much finer ship than what last in commission. She now makes four or five knots' greater speed, and her battery and electric-light plant have been made more effective.

PLIGHT OF A SANTA CRUZAN.

A Man Who Ignored a Judgment Found Guilty of Contempt.

SANTA CRUZ, CAL., Dec. 27.—In the Superior Court this morning D. W. Gilmore was adjudged guilty of contempt in failing to comply with an order of the court, directing him to apply upon a judgment held by Charles Rufison \$150 in cash and a gold watch in his possession.

Gilmore was ordered confined in the county jail until he paid over the \$150 and surrendered the watch. Judgment was suspended for a week in order to give him time to raise the money, which, it is alleged, he turned over to another person in order to evade the judgment.

A SACRAMENTO FATALITY.

Miss Katie McNamara Burned to Death in Sight of Her Father.

Turpentine Applied Over Her Lungs to Check a Cold Ignites From a Candle Flame.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., Dec. 27.—Miss Katie McNamara, the 19-year-old daughter of John McNamara, who is employed in the railroad shops, met with a horrible death last night. She had been suffering from a severe cold, and when preparing to retire for the night had saturated a cloth with turpentine and placed it upon her chest. Then taking a lighted candle in her hand she went into the kitchen to ascertain if the doors were locked.

On opening the door the draft blew the flame of the candle against her and the turpentine became ignited. The girl shrieked in agony and her father ran to her assistance. He endeavored to wrap a blanket around her to smother the flames, but the girl, crazed by pain, struggled violently and fought him off. When he did succeed it was too late, and although everything that medical aid could devise was done to relieve her suffering, Miss McNamara died six hours later in terrible agony.

WON BY SACRAMENTO.

W. E. Henry's Suit Against the City Decided Adversely.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., Dec. 27.—The suit brought by W. E. Henry against the city for over \$500,000 for breach of contract was dismissed this morning on demurrer. The suit arose out of a contract made by the city with A. L. Fish to establish a pumping plant to furnish the city a supply of water. Fish assigned the contract to J. H. Henry and A. Abbott, who found good water and made a report to the Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees favored city ownership of the water works and had been closing the contract. Abbott and Henry then assigned to W. E. Henry, who brought suit, with the above result. The grounds of the demurrer are that the complaint did not state facts sufficient. The court held that an unexecuted contract was not assignable.

A Blaze at Bakersfield.

BAKERSFIELD, CAL., Dec. 27.—The residence of Charles Keller was burned to the ground last night, with all its contents. A fire started from a defective fuse Monday evening, but the flames were quickly extinguished. The space between the ceiling and the roof was lined with several thicknesses of a material used for carpet lining, made of paper and felt. In this it is believed the fire smoldered until last evening, when it broke out suddenly and quickly destroyed the house.

Poso Has Become Famous.

BAKERSFIELD, CAL., Dec. 27.—The railroad company to-day changed the name of its station formerly known as Poso, in this county, to Fresno. Poso was a railroad station and Spottiswood a postoffice are now things of the past, as the Postal Department several weeks ago changed Spottiswood to Famosa.

Accident at Bakersfield.

BAKERSFIELD, CAL., Dec. 27.—John Delaney, night clerk of the Cosmopolitan Hotel in this city, was run over by a horsecart on its way to a fire last evening and received fatal injuries. Delaney was a veteran of the Civil War and lived here for many years.

Suicide at Marysville.

MARYSVILLE, CAL., Dec. 27.—George Boy of the firm of Hammerly & Boy, cigar-makers, committed suicide at his lodgings, in the rear of the establishment, last night. The body was found by his partner this morning with a bullet hole in the right temple and a revolver clutched in his right hand.

Pendleton Counterfeiters.

PENDLETON, OR., Dec. 27.—E. B. Crawford of Athena and Louis E. Pendleton were to-day arrested for manufacturing and circulating gold coin. Eighty dollars in ten and twenty dollar pieces were found upon them. The counterfeit was a good imitation of genuine coin.

Probable Fatality at Oroville.

OROVILLE, CAL., Dec. 27.—Samuel Titus, ex-County Recorder, was this afternoon found in a dangerous condition from the effects of an accidental overdose of morphine. It is thought he cannot recover.

NEWS OF SAN JOSE.

Game and Song Birds Are Being Brought to the State.

MONGOL FIRM ASSIGNS.

The Yan Tie Company Forced by San Francisco Creditors to Suspend.

ESTATE OF AN ELBE VICTIM.

Property of a Man Who Went Down With the Steamer Distributed Among Heirs.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Dec. 27.—The Central California Association, recently formed here with the intention of importing foreign song and game birds to this State, is growing in strength rapidly. Game Warden Mackenzie, who is a leading spirit in the organization, while in Arizona a few days ago arranged to secure the cardinal and mocking bird. Various songbirds will be secured in the East. It is said that these birds feed upon insects and do not harm fruit. Upon their arrival in this city they will be rested under good care, after which they will be liberated together in favorable sections.

Mr. Mackenzie says special attention is being given to the care of the Mongolian, golden and English pheasants which are now in captivity in this country. There are over a hundred of these birds, and their value is considered great on account of their peculiar habits and characteristics. They will be held in captivity until after the laying season in the spring.

Their eggs will be hatched under bantam hens, and the young pheasants liberated as soon as they become able to care for themselves. The hen pheasants hatch on an average of fifteen eggs three times a year. Being protected from destruction by hunters or others for three years by the State law, it is considered possible, with ordinary care, to well stock the country within a short time.

The value of pheasants to the agriculturist is scarcely sufficiently appreciated; the birds destroy enormous numbers of injurious insects. Upward of 1200 wireworms have been taken out of the crop of a single pheasant, and if this number was consumed at a single meal the total destroyed must be incredible.

There is no doubt insects are preferred to grain. An authority tells of one pheasant shot at the close of the shooting season which had in its crop 720 wireworms, one small, nine berries and three grains of wheat. Four hundred and forty grains of the cranefly were taken out of the crop of one pheasant.

The Acclimatization Society is gaining many members from all parts of the county, as well as from Santa Cruz and San Mateo counties. Stress is laid upon the importance of those contemplating joining the society doing so as early as possible in order that birds can be secured before the spring mating season opens.

All persons having the interest of song birds at heart are requested to begin at once a general war upon the bluejay and the English sparrow. The bluejays are not only destructive to young birds, eggs and young fish, but to fruit and vegetables. The English sparrows are of a pugnacious nature and will go into any trap, and trapping is suggested as the best means of killing them.

FAILURE OF A CHINESE FIRM.

The Yan Tie Company Forced to Close the City of Peking.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Dec. 27.—The Yan Tie Company, by W. C. Chen, the manager, to-day petitioned the Superior Court to be declared insolvent. The company has been conducting a fancy goods business on South Second street, under the name of the City of Peking. A general depression in business is the cause of its failure.

The liabilities amount to \$10,554 65, and consist of indebtedness to San Francisco firms for goods furnished. The assets are \$3900, embracing the stock of goods in the store. January 7 was set as the time for hearing the petition.

SANK WITH THE ELBE.

The Estate of a Victim of the Ocean Disaster Distributed.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Dec. 27.—A decree of distribution was issued to-day in the estate of P. Meuschler, a victim of the Elbe disaster. The estate is valued at \$800, and goes to his mother, who lives in Germany. Meuschler, who had been a resident of this city for a number of years, was returning from a visit to relatives in Germany on the ill-fated steamer when the vessel was crashed into and sunk by the Cathie.

Funeral of Jacob A. Hutton.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Dec. 27.—The funeral of Jacob A. Hutton, a pioneer resident of this valley, took place from his late residence in San Tomas district this afternoon. Interment was made at Santa Clara. The deceased was 51 years of age and a native of New York. He had resided here since 1855.

Subscribing for the Railway.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Dec. 27.—The canvass of the committee in the interest of the Saragosa electric railway project yesterday resulted in securing \$2955. This makes a total of \$28,955 subscribed toward the \$30,000 necessary to secure the road.

VISALIA GETS A MEDAL.

Its Peach Exhibit the Best at the Atlanta Exposition.

VISALIA, CAL., Dec. 27.—In the published reports of awards made at the Atlanta Exposition no mention was made of Visalia, consequently I. H. Thomas wrote to Phil M. Baier to learn the reason why. To-day Mr. Thomas received a letter from Mr. Baier, written at Atlanta on the 21st, in which the following statement is made:

"I got for the Visalia district an award as high as the fair gives—a gold medal—for an exhibit of peaches, dried and in fluid, superior to any for flavor, size and color, and the only medal given for that grade. The big peach district of Georgia received a silver medal for the same thing."

Water System for Healdsburg.

SANTA ROSA, CAL., Dec. 27. A committee of citizens of Healdsburg has been here this week investigating the new system of water works, with a view to having a system like it put in at Healdsburg. The committee is making an effort to get Contractor Perkins to go to Healdsburg and put in the system.

Fire Destroys a Chien Residence.

CHICO, CAL., Dec. 27.—The two-story

residence of J. M. Coffman, editor of the Biggs Argus, was destroyed by fire this afternoon. A defective flue was the cause, and the flames spread so rapidly that it was impossible to save much from the upper floors. The loss on the building and contents is \$3500; insured for \$2300.

REDDING INCENDIARISM.

Firebugs Cause the Destruction of the Only Bakery in the Town.

REDDING, CAL., Dec. 27.—Redding's only bakery went up in smoke at 12:30 o'clock this morning. Incendiaries had fired the one-story frame building on the corner of Market and Tehama streets, owned and occupied by Supervisor O. Grytner as a bakery and saloon.

Within a half-hour the entire structure was in ruins. By hard work the flames were kept from adjoining buildings, but had the least wind been blowing at the time the whole block and adjoining property would have been destroyed.

There was no one in the bakery at the time, the bakers having completed their labors and gone home. The loss is about \$5000, with an insurance of about half that amount.

The fire was undoubtedly the work of an incendiary. Almost simultaneously with the alarm two men were seen to run away from the burning house and disappear down an alley in the rear of the Temple Hotel. Yesterday a man under the influence of liquor applied to Mr. Grytner, the proprietor, for a loan of some money and a drink.

He refused the fellow remarked that when they left the house Tremor Coffin, who he would play even. Whether the fire was his work or not it is not known, but officers are looking for the man.

The burned building will be replaced by a two-story brick structure.

EVENTS AT LOS ANGELES.

Clifton E. Mayne Deposes in the San Diego Water Company Bribery Case.

Trustee Stimson Petitions for Relief From His Trust—Oranges Sent to the East.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Dec. 27.—United States Commissioner Van Dyke and several gentlemen from Los Angeles and San Diego interested in the alleged water company bribery cases in San Diego were at the County Jail this morning to take the deposition of Clifton E. Mayne.

Mayne told substantially the same story that he did in his affidavit, published a few days ago. After a couple of hours, Mayne said he felt that another hemorrhage was coming on and he must lie down. The taking of the deposition was postponed until this afternoon, but when the officials called Mayne was too weak to go on. The object of the deposition is to preserve Mayne's testimony in case he should die.

WEARIED OF HIS TRUST.

Trustee Stimson of the Apablasa Estate Seeks to Be Relieved.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Dec. 27.—Trustee M. W. Stimson filed a petition to-day to be relieved of his trusteeship in the matter of John V. Apablasa.

The trust was originally made out to Senator Stephen M. White, and conveyed five and a half acres in the vicinity of Marchessault street in this city in trust for the benefit of Apablasa, who is a minor. The trustee states that he does not know who is now entitled to receive the estate.

It is claimed by James E. Gordon, who says he holds a deed to it. E. V. Sargent claims a similar one, and also claims a Sheriff's sale upon foreclosure of a mortgage for about \$6000. A suit is also pending to set this mortgage foreclosure and sale aside, upon the ground that it was taken against Apablasa when he was a minor, and there was no guardian appointed for him.

Considerable litigation will ensue before the matter is settled. Apablasa attained his majority September 2.

Oranges Sent Eastward.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Dec. 27.—The Southern Pacific forwarded seventeen carloads of oranges eastward last night and the Santa Fe eleven carloads of the golden fruit.

The reports from the East are that the fruit is arriving in good condition and giving satisfaction. Riverside alone has shipped thus far 295 carloads of oranges, and as the fruit was packed judiciously it is meeting with a ready sale in the East.

Division of the Baker Estate.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Dec. 27.—Charles H. Forbes, administrator of the estate of the late Robert S. Baker, made his final account in Judge Clark's court this afternoon, showing that the total value of the estate is \$341,755 65, much more than was originally expected. This was owing to the discovery of certain stocks. There are a number of heirs, who will divide half of the estate proportionately. Mrs. Arcadia B. de Baker, widow of the deceased, being entitled to the other half.

Arrested for Forgery.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Dec. 27.—J. F. Bidwell was arrested this afternoon upon a charge of having signed the name of W. F. Marshall to a check drawn upon the Los Angeles National Bank and passed it upon C. J. Robinson. The amount was \$400. The accused was taken before Justice Young, who held him to answer under a \$1000 bond. Failing to secure bail, he went to jail.

ALBANY'S ENIGMA.

Young Montgomery Has a Little Regard for Truth as for Human Life.

ALBANY, OR., Dec. 27.—Lloyd Montgomery, the murderer of his parents, is certainly an oddity, a moral enigma. He seems to have a little regard for his word as for human life.

To a person who called upon him several times since he was sentenced he has doggedly insisted that his first confession, in which he alleged that McKecher killed his parents and that he then killed McKecher, was correct, and that he would have persisted in this story if not practically forced to make the other statement. He had been permitted to confess when sentenced, he said, this was the one he intended to make.

He claims in the story he is now telling that before the shooting McKecher asked his father if he had sold his hops and the answer was "Yes, on yesterday," and immediately after the shooting began, implying that McKecher did it for the money.

BRIBERY AT CARSON.

Witnesses Tell of Money Paid to Save James Heney.

STRATEGY OF LANGEVIN.

Had Accepted Brule's Gold, but Neglected to Leave the State.

TELLS HIS STORY IN COURT.

The Witness' Testimony Corroborated by That of His Wife and Son.

CARSON, NEV., Dec. 27.—There was standing room only to-day in the United States court during the trial of Night Watchman Brule, charged with having bribed men to leave the country to prevent their testifying against James Heney, lately convicted of having stolen \$23,000 in bullion from the Carson mint. Evidence was introduced to prove that on the night of the bribery the United States Marshal and a Government detective had called at Langevin's house to find out where to find his son, who was wanted as a witness.

There was testimony to the effect that when they left the house Tremor Coffin, attorney for Heney, entered and endeavored to persuade Langevin to avoid a subpoena by flight, stating that if he was subpoenaed he would have to tell that his son had been run off to Canada. Then Barney Brule followed with \$400 and paid to get Langevin to go away for two weeks. Joseph Langevin testified as follows:

"Barney Brule came to my house after Coffin left, and then offered me \$100. I asked him who sent it, and he said Woodburn had sent it for Heney. I said I did not believe that Woodburn was the man who sent me the money. I said \$100 was not enough, and he went away and later came back and paid me \$400. He wanted me to leave that night. I told him that I did not want to go with him then, but if he would come back in twenty minutes he would find me gone. I gave him \$400 to my wife, and told her I was going away for a while, but would come back and go upstairs and stay and no one was to know it. I concealed myself for two weeks upstairs.

"In August, 1893, I hired my team to Heney to go to Reno. He left my house at 10 o'clock at night, and my son, who went away to Canada, drove the team. He came back in the morning. In October Heney had a talk with me about the team, and said if the boy told what he did it might be misconstrued, and he wanted the boy sent away to Canada. He said he took two sacks of ammunition from beyond the town, and said the boy might make a mistake. He wanted him sent away. He paid me \$400, and I went out to Lovelock and sent my son away. He told me never to say what I had done, as it might send him to prison."

Mrs. Langevin testified that she heard a conversation between Brule and her husband in which Brule said that he had brought money for Langevin to induce him to leave the country. Later she saw Brule give her husband \$400. After he got the money he did not immediately conceal himself. He went out after Brule did and then came back later and concealed himself in the upper part of the house for two weeks. He never left the house for her knowledge during that time. William Langevin, the son, also saw Brule at the house.

Brule denied all the statements of the witnesses, and Tremor Coffin, the attorney charged with furnishing the corrupt money, admitted he had given Coffin money, but it was for the purpose of finding the witness that he might testify for the defense. A number of witnesses testified to Brule's good and Langevin's bad character. The case will be argued in the morning.

RAILS REACH STOCKTON.

Thirty Carloads of Material for the Corral Hollow Road Arrive.

Locomotives for the Railway Will Soon Begin Their Westward Journey.

STOCKTON, CAL., Dec. 27.—Seventeen new cars from the Peoria Car Works arrived in the Southern Pacific yards last night, and along the side, in white letters, appeared the words, "Alameda and San Joaquin Railway."

The cars did not come empty, for on them were 150 tons of steel rails consigned to the Corral Hollow Company. More arrived this evening and there are now about thirty cars here. The rails came by the Santa Fe route to Southern California and thence by the Southern Pacific.

Thirty more cars have already left the shops, and are now being loaded with rails at Chicago, and will arrive here inside of thirty days. The locomotives, built by Baldwin works, are now complete, and will begin their journey westward soon.

The cars here were taken over to the Corral Hollow tracks to-day and the rails sent to the front by the construction train.

Charged by His Mother.

STOCKTON, CAL., Dec. 27.—William Bannen, a young man of Alameda, was arrested in this city yesterday and will be taken to his home on a charge of embezzlement. He was formerly in the employ of an Alameda grocer named Joost, but a few weeks ago left town, taking, it is said, some of his employer's money. A singular feature of the case is the fact that the warrant for Bannen's arrest was sworn out, not by Joost, but by Bannen's mother.

LANDSLIDE NEAR EVERETT.

Traffic on the Great Northern Road at a Standstill.

SEATTLE, WASH., Dec. 27.—There is not much prospect of an abatement of the storm which has prevailed, with more or less fury, on land and water in the Northwest for several days. Continued rains resulted in a great slide on the Great Northern road, thirteen miles this side of Everett, to-day. A big slide of a mountain rolled down, covering the track to a depth of about five feet for nearly seventy-five yards. This, together with unusually heavy snows in the Cascades, has paral-

lyzed the telegraphic service of the road and delayed mails, to-day's overland train being already six hours late when the landing occurred. A strong wind, with occasional hail, has been sweeping over the sound to-day, occasioning more or less trouble to shipping, both in and out of port.

SEABECK READY FOR WAR.

An Old Cannon Mounted in Preparation for Siege.

SEATTLE, WASH., Dec. 27.—A-ent the Venezuelan trouble, the town of Seabeck, near the head of Hood's canal, this State, is preparing for a siege, and has given substantial evidence of her patriotism by mounting on an eminence an old cannon with the name "George III" cast into its rusty breech. The war piece is a relic of the Hudson Bay Company, and of the time when Great Britain owned the territory and her flag was floating over Seabeck soil.

LAWYERS IN TROUBLE.

Disbarment Proceedings Likely to Be Brought at Spokane.

SPOKANE, WASH., Dec. 27.—At a meeting of the Spokane Bar Association last evening a committee of three was appointed to investigate the charges made by the bench that a number of Spokane lawyers were very corrupt in their practice, and that in a number of instances they have tried to bribe the juries, in some cases being successful.

Judge Bench read a stinging rebuke from the bench several days ago, and while no names were mentioned it was plain to which lawyers he referred. Corruption in court matters has long been a subject of general rumor, and the Bar Association intended to put an end to it and will disbar offending members.

THE WALLACE SHOOTING.

Lawyer Jones' Bullet Did Not Hit the Man for Whom it Was Intended.

A Son of the Dr. Hughes Who Was Wounded Was the Offending Person.

SPOKANE, WASH., Dec. 27.—The latest report from Wallace says that Dr. Curtis Hughes, who was shot yesterday afternoon at that place by lawyer Walter Jones, is still alive, and hopes are entertained for his recovery.

It seems that the Dr. Hughes shot was not the one that Jones intended to hit, the lawyer having fired at Dr. Edward Hughes, a son of the wounded man