

MILL VALLEY'S AWFUL DANGER. A Voracious Donkey's Diet Upon Dynamite Causes a Furor.

FEAR A CATASTROPHE.

The Beast Is Swathed in Cotton to Prevent a Threatened Explosion.

OBLIVIOUS OF HIS DANGER.

Crowds Flee in Terror When the Living Bomb Attempts to Roll—The End Is Not Yet.

MILL VALLEY, CAL., Feb. 17.—It is not often that a common long-eared donkey manages to create excitement, but one belonging to Charles Dowd ate three sticks of dynamite on Friday and Mill Valley has been in a state of terror ever since.

Mr. Dowd wished to get rid of an unsightly stump in the rear of his home, as it encumbered the recreation grounds of his donkeys and interfered with their playful gambols. He bored holes in the stump and left three sticks of dynamite on it while he went to procure the necessary fuse.

Benjamin Harrison, a donkey of rare intelligence and of a not inquiring turn of mind, carefully noted the preliminary operations. Although it was known that he had just masticated the remains of a discarded boot and chewed up three tomato cans, his voracity was not appeased, and he swallowed the dynamite. Mr. Dowd appeared in time to see the last stick disappear down Benjamin's throat.

Consternation seized upon Mr. Dowd. In a few minutes a crowd assembled, and it was feared the donkey might blow up. Never was an animal treated with such care and attention. The donkey seemed to enjoy the deference and awe with which he was viewed, until copious volumes of cold water were poured down his throat to "put his inside out," as a late importation from the old country remarked. Another man caused dismay and confusion by stating that nitro-glycerine was exploded by concussion and not by heat.

Mr. Dowd, who is about to admonish Benjamin with the butt end of a club for his indiscretion, was disarmed by a blow upon the carcass of the animal meant the dismemberment of the donkey and the destruction of the surrounding precinct. Careful hands moved Ben around and he was wrapped in huge wads of the softest cotton until his ears alone were visible about the pile. At one time he showed a disposition to roll and the crowd sought safety in flight, expecting every moment to see the animal explode and tear up the earth.

Heavy doses of Epsom salts alternated with castor oil have been given the animal, and it is hoped Mill Valley has been spared a destructive explosion.

Nearly two days have passed since Benjamin Harrison partook of the unwholesome and elevating diet, and the looked for explosion has not come. Fear has not subsided, however, and the donkey is threatened with asphyxiation because of the wagon-load of material with which his stall has been lined to prevent the disastrous consequences that would follow if he decided to rub himself against a rafter. To-morrow, if he still lives, he will be led to a distant pasture, where he can meditate in solitude until the danger is past.

MILL VALLEY'S NEW CHURCH.

Work to be Commenced on the Building in a Few Days.

MILL VALLEY, CAL., Feb. 16.—At a meeting of the building committee of the Congregational Church at this place it was decided to commence work on the new church building in a short time, and bids will be asked for labor and material.

The committee is composed of Rev. John Rea, Alonzo Coffin and G. D. Avery. The money necessary to build the church has been subscribed by Mill Valley people, and the Tamalpais Land and Water Company has donated an excellent lot in a fine location. Rev. Mr. Rea, the pastor of the church, says it is the intention to build a most artistic edifice.

PEACE MEASURES URGED.

The London Times Advocates the Creation of a British Commission.

Its Prospective Duties Similar to Those of the Body Appointed by Mr. Cleveland.

LONDON, ENG., Feb. 16.—The Times in its issue of to-morrow will deprecate the intention of the opposition to raise a debate in the House of Commons on the relations between Great Britain and the United States. In the course of its article it will plead for a moderate delay and that no attempt be made to hurry a settlement, and instances the advantages that will accrue from following its advice.

President Cleveland, it will add, first called upon Congress to appoint a committee to determine the true divisional line between British Guiana and Venezuela. Ambassador Bayard now says the commission's only function is to collect facts or the information of the President. The former pretensions received unanimous rejection in this country. It was in response to the latter view of the duties of the commission that Lord Salisbury promised to furnish the British documents to the commission.

The Times believes it would be an advantage if the British case were examined by a strong independent commission, to be appointed by the British Government, the report of which would be available for the instruction of Parliament and public opinion as early as the report of the American commission. In the mean time, if Venezuela should be willing to negotiate direct, Great Britain would welcome her advances.

Clements R. Markham, president of the

Royal Geographical Society, sends another letter to the Times, which will be published to-morrow, amplifying his previous communication to that paper. He says that when he mentioned the map of the French geographer, Danville, published in 1748, giving the whole basin of the Essequibo River to Holland, he was not aware of an important fact. He quotes from Lugrin's manuscript history of Guiana and from the New York Herald of January 20, saying that the map was based on authentic documents furnished to him by the court of Spain. Mr. Markham regards this as decisive.

CAPTURED IN MEXICO.

Long Search for a German Criminal Ends in His Arrest.

ST. LOUIS, MO., Feb. 16.—A special from Cotzacoacoas, Mex., says: Herman Biemann, a German, has been arrested on a plantation ninety miles south of here on the charge of robbing a business house of Hamburg, Germany, of the sum of \$50,000. Application has been made for his extradition and he will be taken to Germany as soon as it is granted. Biemann came to Mexico five years ago and claimed to be an Austrian. He was possessed of much wealth and purchased a tract of land upon which he planted coffee trees. He was traced to this country by an English detective.

VICTORIA IS GRATEFUL.

Thanks Her Subjects for Sympathy Extended to Her.

LONDON, ENG., Feb. 15.—A message from the Queen to the nation was issued this evening. In it her Majesty expresses her thanks for the sympathy extended to her on the occasion of the death of her son-in-law, Prince Henry of Battenberg, and says: "This new sorrow is overwhelming. I lose a dear, loved and helpful son, whose presence was like a bright sunbeam in my home, and my daughter loses a noble and devoted husband, to whom she was united by the closest affection."

Sir Charles Tupper's Illness.

OTTAWA, ONT., Feb. 16.—Sir Charles Tupper, who was reported in these dispatches as being seriously ill at the home of his son in New Edinburgh, is suffering from throat trouble and an affection of the eyes. The statement sent out by a Western news agency that Sir Charles was not indisposed, but was simply resting after the strain of his recent campaign, is declared by members of his family to have no foundation in fact.

FREE SONS OF ISRAEL.

Fiftieth Anniversary of the Order's Birth Will Be Fittingly Celebrated.

Lodges Asked to Make Special Provision for the Demonstration in New York.

NEW YORK, N. Y., Feb. 16.—The annual meeting of the executive committee of the Grand Lodge of the United States Independent Order Free Sons of Israel was held at the headquarters of the fraternity, 79 Lexington avenue. Among those present were Grand Master Harburger; S. Hoffmeier, first deputy grand master; M. S. Meyerhoff of Philadelphia, second deputy grand master; Adolph Pike of Chicago, third deputy grand master; I. H. Goldsmith, grand secretary; David Keller, grand treasurer; William A. Gans and Philip Stein, judge of the Superior Court of Chicago; Grand Master Julius Harburger said in his annual report: "In this, the forty-eighth year of our existence, our order can be congratulated upon its standing in the United States. We have a reserve fund of \$200,000, and we have paid to widows and orphans for benefits, endowments, donations and other charities nearly \$5,000,000.

"Within two years our order will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the birth of the institution. It should be fittingly and noteworthy an event auspicious in the annals of American history. Our lodge must make suitable provisions for this gala event, which should take place in New York city. It will be too late for the national convention of our order to legislate upon. Through our executive committee, initial steps should be taken for this year, and should be completed by the close of the nineteenth century."

VENGEANCE OF A WOMAN.

Murder and Suicide Follow a Quarrel With Her Lover.

ST. LOUIS, MO., Feb. 16.—Robert Rohlfing, aged 19, and John Rohlfing, aged 21, printers, worked for H. G. Sherman at 314 Olive street and sleep in a back room of the office. Robert went to the room at 10 o'clock to-night and stumbled over the corpse of his brother. Getting a light he went into the printing office and there found the body of Barbara Castle, with a revolver in her hand. Both had been dead several hours.

Rohlfing was shot below the heart by the revolver in the office, and he struggled to the stairway, where he died. After shooting Rohlfing, Barbara fired a shot through her brain and must have died instantly, as the pistol was grasped in her rigid hand.

Two years ago Rohlfing began courting Barbara, who was the daughter of a penitentiary convict just released. Recently the two quarreled.

WILL BATTLE WITH BALLOTS.

New Party Born at a Meeting of Omaha Laboring Men.

OMAHA, NEB., Feb. 16.—A new party was born last night at the meeting of laboring men at Labor Temple. No name was given to it, but 150 men signed the resolutions, which declare that the three larger parties are for the rich alone, and that the laboring people should form a party and unite themselves. A call was made for a meeting at Omaha in May for the purpose of adopting a platform and nominating a ticket for the National election.

WRECKED BY A COV.

Disaster to a Train on Which Fannie Davenport Was Riding.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., Feb. 16.—The first section of passenger train No. 3 on the L. and N., loaded with excursionists to New Orleans, among them Fanny Davenport and her party, struck a cow at Jackson's Lake, ten miles from here, to-night and was wrecked.

Fireman Frank Everett was instantly killed and Engineer Bud Brown was fatally injured. No other deaths or injuries are reported. Physicians have been sent to the wreck. Several other Mardi Gras trains are laid up behind the wrecked train.

Stabbed in the Arm. Anton Cordinez was seriously stabbed last night by Joe Vidago, a peanut peddler. The two had a quarrel on Kearny street near Jackson and N. Cordinez was stabbed in the left arm severing the main artery. The wounded man almost died to death before he reached the Receiving Hospital.

JESSE POTTER MUST RESIGN.

The Executor of the Charles Lux Estate in an Awkward Fix.

THAT PERJURY CHARGE.

The German Heirs Object to His Appointing His Own Successor.

WEIGHTY POINTS TO CONSIDER.

Messrs. Campbell and Delmas Supposed to Be Masters of the Situation.

REDWOOD CITY, CAL., Feb. 16.—Jesse Sheldon Potter's condition at the present time, so far as his executorship of the Charles Lux estate is concerned, is a very peculiar one. It is almost certain that his resignation as executor has been tendered to Judge Buck, but that no official action has been taken for the reason that the resignation must first be accepted by the German heirs of the Charles Lux estate through J. H. Campbell, their counsel, with whom D. M. Delmas is associated in the suit against Potter.

The probable resignation of Jesse Potter was outlined several weeks ago in an article published in THE CALL, when it became known in a quiet way that Potter had committed perjury in testifying to the John Brown \$800 draft and it is reported that several days ago Attorney E. S. Pillsbury sent in Potter's conditional resignation to Judge Buck, the condition being that Potter's attorneys should name his successor.

It is said that upon receipt of this suggestion Judge Buck made a break for the telegraph office and notified Mr. Pillsbury and afterward his local representative, Mr. George C. Ross of Redwood City, that he was not running a brokerage office and that the matter as represented would not be considered.

On Thursday last, when Messrs. Campbell and Delmas appeared in court to make a motion to open the depositions relating to the Sadie Young incident, out of which the perjury charge against Jesse Potter grew, Attorney E. S. Pillsbury was conspicuous on account of his absence. In his place Attorney Garret W. McEnerney conducted Potter's case, and claimed that the perjury charge was not an issue in the Potter removal suit, and that even the truth of that allegation could not affect his client.

D. M. Delmas, on behalf of the German heirs, contended otherwise, and insisted upon opening the depositions, but Judge Buck refused to grant the request of counsel for the time being, and took the matter under advisement, but said that in his final decision he should hold that Jesse Potter had committed perjury.

On the following day—Friday—Messrs. Delmas and Campbell made a new play by filing notice of a motion to reopen the Potter trial on February 20. All the damaging depositions relating to the Sadie Young incident were filed at the same time, and thus made a part of the record.

On Friday, also, there was a great motion in Redwood City. A couple of the Lux heirs were in town, and an effort was being made to reach their attorney, J. H. Campbell, by telephone, in which, however, they were not successful. James D. Byrnes of San Mateo, who is said to be looked upon with favor by the German heirs as Jesse Potter's successor, was also in town all day in consultation with his own attorney. It was reported that Potter's unconditional resignation as executor had just been received, and that it only needed Attorney Campbell's acceptance, when Mr. Byrnes would be appointed in Jesse Potter's place and immediately qualify on his bond.

But just here a hitch occurred. There is such a thing as parceling out the plums of a big fat estate in too much of a hurry. It is necessary to know where you start, so that the conditions upon which a new executor will serve must be satisfactory to the people who appoint him. He must be hedged around with certain restrictions. Therefore it would not do to accept Potter's resignation until all these matters were nicely arranged. And there the whole proposition rests.

If the reopening of the Potter removal suit next Thursday should be insisted upon by Messrs. Delmas and Campbell, one theory is that the testimony introduced might be placed in better shape upon the records and have a bearing on the various Miller & Lux suits now being waged, including the accounting suit against Henry Miller, the settlement of the Charles Lux estate and the complicated condition of the Miranda W. Lux litigation.

Messrs. Campbell and Delmas are just now supposed to be absolute masters of the situation. It is possible that Potter's resignation may be accepted and officially announced on Monday, and again it may be held in abeyance. The watchword is, when Potter's resignation does come, look out for the appointment of James D. Byrnes on his bond.

THRASHED BY A JUDGE.

His Honor Tries the Case in Which He Is Defendant.

PULLMAN, WASH., Feb. 16.—A peculiar case has been on the docket in Justice G. P. Gammon's court. Last Thursday morning Irvin Griffith swore out a warrant for the arrest of S. A. Robinson and George Milam, charged with assault with intent to commit robbery. The case came up for trial the same day, and for three days the trial continued and was closed last evening by Prosecuting Attorney Matthews moving that Gammon was unfit to sit on the case, for his connection therewith was so immediate that it would be impossible for him to give the prisoners a fair hearing, the evidence having pointed to his association with the defendants in the crime.

Tuesday morning Griffith came into town and got drunk. After supper he went into the billiard hall and amused the boys by calling out "Gammon, Gammon," which irritated his Honor so that he slapped Griffith's face. Griffith and Gammon had trouble a few weeks previous. Not satisfied with slapping the drunken man, Gammon persuaded Robinson and Milam to take Griffith out behind the McConnell-Chambers building and hold him while he chastised him. When Griffith reappeared his face and head were all bloody and bruised. He at once recognized Robinson and Milam as two of his assailants.

Justice Gammon confessed before Attorney Matthews that he was guilty of assault upon Griffith, and at once tried to compromise the matter.

THE KILBANNAN.

Six Powerful Tugs Fail to Move Her More Than Eight Feet.

PORT TOWNSEND, WASH., Feb. 16.—With six powerful tugs pulling, all her extra weight in spars and ballast removed and exceptionally favorable weather, the British ship Kilbannan, which went ashore in a squall ten days ago at Point Wilson lighthouse is only eight feet nearer deep water. The attempt to float her was made at daylight this morning, but had to be stopped when the big tug Tvee grounded and had to be pulled into deep water by the others.

It is understood that another attempt will be made to-morrow morning, and as that is the highest tide of the month, if the Kilbannan is not floated she will remain on the shingle beach until the big tides of April and May. Beyond the strain on the vessel and a few small holes which had been punctured in her bottom the vessel is still uninjured, and will remain so unless severe weather comes.

MARE ISLAND AND VALLEJO.

Wholesale Discharge of Mechanics at the Navy-Yard.

MANY MORE TO FOLLOW.

No Probability of Their Re-Employment Before the Beginning of July.

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Will Go Into Commission at Once.

The Junkmen Surprised—Miscellaneous Notes.

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The outlook is not cheering for them to again resume work until after the fiscal year, beginning July next, the bulk of the money having become exhausted and the completion of the Monadnock being given out as the cause. To enable the monitor to be completed by Saturday night, the men have been working both day and night. Her crew being here, she will go into commission the 20th instant, and will be ready for actual service shortly after.

NEWS FROM SAN JOSE.

Activity in Lumber and Building Circles Reported at Alviso.

Willows Rancher Runs Against a Footpad—Pioneer Dead—Insane From Sickness.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Feb. 16.—Considerable activity is being experienced in lumber circles at Alviso, and during the past week six schooners were in port discharging their cargoes. It has been discovered that at high water there is sufficient water in the channel to allow a tug to tow an outside schooner side by side, and in the past week three vessels were towed in. The schooners and their cargoes were: Charles Hanson, 230,000 feet of lumber; C. T. Hill, 204,000; Adelia Griffin, 28,000; Plowboy, 20,000. The schooner Katie unloaded 120 tons of coal and the schooner Gordon Fleece loaded forty tons of hay.

Rancher Held Up.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Feb. 16.—J. C. Tressler, a rancher residing in the Willows, was held up on Moorpark avenue last evening and relieved of \$25 at the point of a pistol by a lone night wayman. The highwayman wore a black mask. Officers at once went to the scene, but could find no trace of the robber.

Insanity Caused by Illness.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Feb. 16.—Clarence Sole of Palo Alto was brought to the County Jail to-day to await an examination as to his sanity. Sole is about 30 years old and was arrested on a similar charge about a year ago, but subsequently released. His insanity is the result of a severe illness.

A Pioneer Dies at Watsonville.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Feb. 16.—George W. Peacock, a pioneer resident of Warm Springs, Alameda County, and who conducted a hotel at that place a great many years, died at Watsonville yesterday morning. He was a native of New York and 76 years of age. He came to California in 1832.

FISHING AT SANTA CRUZ.

No Diminution of the Salmon Catch in the Smooth Waters of the Bay.

Commissioners Emeric and Murdoch Hook Sixteen Beauties—Many Visitors in Town.

SANTA CRUZ, CAL., Feb. 16.—H. A. Emeric and W. C. Murdoch, Fish Commissioners, who came down from San Francisco last evening to tempt the salmon of the waters, spent to-day on the bay, and came in at 5 o'clock with sixteen fine salmon as were ever hooked. The fish averaged smaller in size to-day than yesterday. The Commissioners took the biggest one that was taken to-day. It weighed nineteen pounds. Their catch of sixteen aggregated about 150 pounds. The day's fishing aggregated for the twenty boats about 250 fish. The largest catch, numbering twenty-two, was taken by the boat of Perez, a local fisherman.

The day was beautiful, and the bay was as smooth as a floor. Nearly every boat contained visitors from other cities and towns, who are agreed that there is an enormous run of salmon and that the reports have not been exaggerated. But the fisherment say the immense size of the fish taken yesterday plainly indicated that to-day's catch would diminish.

The fact is that these big fish have driven the smaller salmon to have followed them. The presence of those California whalers during the week also made inroads on the sardines and there may be a diminution in the run for a day or two, yet they may come in again to-morrow.

But everybody who was out to-day called it good fishing. Two hundred and fifty fish for twenty boats they thought a very lively day's sport.

It is the general opinion that there is going to be better fishing at Santa Cruz in May or June than there is now. Many of the fish have been examined very critically and the indications are plain enough that they will not leave before October.

The presence of the Commissioners said they had enjoyed the sport greatly to-day and were satisfied that Santa Cruz had all the fish that had been claimed, though the stories seemed large on paper. They have shipped their fish to the Fish Commissioners, 79 Flood building.

Pacific Grove Wants a High School.

PACIFIC GROVE, CAL., Feb. 16.—At the adjourned high school meeting last night the committee appointed to investigate the proposition of a joint high school for Monterey, Pacific Grove and Red Monte districts was unfavorable. A resolution was introduced and carried unanimously that, owing to it having been found inexpedient to establish the joint school, it was to be the best interests of Pacific Grove that a separate school should be organized. A petition to the Board of Trustees for the purpose of calling an election was drawn and a committee appointed to circulate it.

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The homework bound men from the Baltimore left for New York on the 13th by the Sunset route. This route was selected by the chief of the bureau of navigation, Admiral Ramsay, on account of the climatic conditions.

No matter which route was selected the Government would be obliged to pay for their transportation, as in the transportation of men over the Southern Pacific and Union Pacific roads the act of Congress does not specify that the naval branch of the service shall be so carried and their transportation credited against the account of the roads. It only refers to "troops," meaning the army. Before the order was issued to send the men by the Sunset route Admiral Ramsay procured a ruling on this point—or at least so it is given out here by competent authority.

At 1 o'clock Monday the flag of the Baltimore will be lowered and the white cruiser will go out of commission. All of her stores have been taken ashore and the crew, such as desire to remain on the coast, have been paid off. A number of her officers will leave immediately for the East on leave of absence for three months, which means a season of rest, recreation and home enjoyments, which to a seafaring man in foreign waters is always looked forward to with a sense of delight.

Even those who are stationed at Mare Island, with all its pleasant features, look forward to the time for their return to Washington and Eastern points to again indulge in a season of gaiety. To them this station is looked upon as being what is termed a "foreign station," as it is so far located from the seat of Government. Those, however, who have been on the "slope" for years desire to remain, as they find many charms not to be found elsewhere.

The hills were much hazy and grain at times are raised now look green and are freshening to the eye after the rains, and the outlook is good for a bountiful yield. This helps to weather the stock-holders owned by the Government and helps to pay for the cultivation of the farming lands, embracing many hundreds of acres.

On the 15th and 16th sealed bids for condemned property were opened at the paymaster's office in the presence of scores of men of almost all nationalities who gathered to see what they won among the hundred or more bidders from all sections of the Union. The prices varied as much if not more than the nationalities. An article that one thought by his bid to be not worth more than two bits ranged to \$20 or \$30. The prices exceeded by far that of two years ago, the cash deposits being not more than \$20,000. It will be a month before the old junk is removed from the yard and the accounts closed.

The old stores turned in and to be condemned from the Baltimore will of themselves form the nucleus for another sale next year.

The Swatara has been hauled under the crane to have her boilers and engines hoisted out to get her in readiness for disposal in the same fashion under sealed bids.

The machine-shop of the yards and docks is gradually becoming more complete by the addition of machinery from the department of equipment. This is as it should be, as work is continually under way in the department, and it has never been provided with the necessary amount of machinery owing to lack of funds at the bureau's disposal for purchase of the same.

Considerable strife is manifested for the purchase of the ferry franchise from Vallejo to Mare Island. Over \$10,000 will likely be given the city for the privilege of operating the system for the next twenty years.

It looks as though an appropriation will be made for improvement of the water front and to build a seawall from the old Monadnock wharf to South Vallejo on what is known as the "Pheps line." If this work is accomplished it will be a saving to the Government in the matter of dredging expenses, which is no small sum, and keep the channel clear at all times.

Much astonishment was expressed, though it was in everybody's mouth, that the matter of the rejection of a lot of pork barrels, while the contents were found to be good, should reach the public ear through the medium of the press. Still, in a nice, quiet little nook under the shade of a great big hill, the work of packing goes steadily on and a better lot of barrels are being used.

The inspection board has considerable work to do in seeing that the Government is not imposed upon by unscrupulous dealers, though, to their credit and honor, the great majority of California dealers furnish their goods up to the standard.

Requisitions for supplies for the next fiscal year will soon be made out and transmitted to Washington for approval, then

printed and ready for distribution to dealers.

INS AND OUTS AT WAR.

First Baptist Church, Members at Dayton, Wash., in Conflict.

DAYTON, WASH., Feb. 16.—The trouble which has been brewing between the two factions of the First Baptist Church here culminated this morning when five of the "outs" forced the door and ejected four of the "ins" who were holding possession for the time being. Bowdell, one of the ejectors, received a scalp wound, and Madison Booth, one of the fortified party, was kicked while being dragged out.

One arrest has been made and more trouble is imminent. The ejectors are the members who held possession until Tuesday last, when the old faction who built the church secured peaceable possession and have held it since. The new faction to-day removed the seats and the courts will settle the matter. The trouble arose from the minor matter of the appropriation of the proceeds of a dime social.

SOCIAL EVENTS.

Two Weddings and a Dramatic Entertainment in One Week.

HEALDSBURG, CAL., Feb. 16.—In a social way Healdsburg has been very lively the past week. On Tuesday the marriage of A. Rapun and Miss Annie Gellerman was solemnized, while the following day John M. Keyes and Miss Dora Lubberk were made man and wife.

The first dramatic entertainment by the Healdsburg Club was given Friday night to a packed house, and on this occasion the pretty new theater owned by Mr. Fox was opened. Among the parties of the past week those given at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. John Daly and Mr. and Mrs. M. Raabe were largely attended and enjoyable affairs.

BOY DROWNED AT TRUCKEE.

Leslie Drew Breaks Through the Ice While Skating and Perishes.

The First Misfortune to Mar the Pleasures of the Winter Carnival.

TRUCKEE, CAL., Feb. 16.—One carload of tourists visited the carnival to-day. The majority went to Tahoe in sleighs while the others occupied their time skating and tobogganing.

Donner Lake was entirely frozen over this morning and it was soon known that the lake afforded good skating. Skating on Marzens pond was also reported good. Accordingly devotees of this sport slung their skates over their shoulders and were soon wending their way toward the pond and lake.

About 2 o'clock a messenger came to town with the news that several skaters had broken through the ice and were drowned. The town went wild with excitement and wagons loaded with men were soon hurrying toward the lake. A short time later a man came in and from him it was learned that Fred Cook, Orrin Barton, Fred Drew, Leslie Drew and two others had fallen through the ice.

After some difficulty all had succeeded in reaching a place of safety with the exception of Leslie Drew, who was still in the water struggling with the ice. Men attempted to rescue him, but owing to the thinness of the ice could not reach the unfortunate lad. Poles were thrown to him, but he was too weak to grasp them and soon sank out of sight. A boat was procured and dragged over the ice to the broken spot, but nothing could be seen of young Drew. The lake was dragged with hooks until dark without success and will be resumed to-morrow.

Leslie Drew was a boy of 15 years and attended public school here. His mother, who is visiting relatives in Carson City, is heartbroken over the unfortunate affair.

Still No Trace of Mrs. Cody.

TACOMA, WASH., Feb. 16.—A. B. Cody and a party of searchers to-day explored about thirty miles of the beach in the vicinity of Tacoma in a steam launch without finding any sign of his missing wife or her garments. The search was simply made to satisfy relatives, for few believe Mrs. Cody has committed suicide or is drowned.

Another one of the almost innumerable telegrams locating the missing woman was received to-day. This time she was sick at the Columbia Hotel, Shoshone, Idaho. After telegraphing back and forth some time she was proven to be another woman.

NEW TO-DAY.