

ASHURST WILL BE THEIR HOME. Arrival of the Advance Guard of Hundreds of Colonists.

COME FROM THE EAST. An Army of Argonauts That Will Found a Co-operative Commonwealth.

PLEASED WITH CALIFORNIA. The Visitors Are Enthusiastic Over the Prospect of Soon Owning Homes in This State.

CHICO, CAL., Feb. 24.—Red Bluff, the Antelope Valley and surrounding country were today visited by the advance guard of hundreds of Easterners who intend to take up homes at the Ashurst colony.

All are greatly pleased with what they have seen of California, and upon their return to the East they will doubtless lose no time in the preparations for the journey, which will end in their becoming permanent residents of this State.

The tourists passed through Chico last night in a special car attached to the Oregon express. There were twenty-two in the party, including men, women and children.

They were an intelligent-looking set of men. One while here visited the Weather Bureau and asked for data concerning the climate. The party returned to town from the ride in time to take the 1:30 o'clock train for Kirkwood, being escorted by Messrs. Ashurst and Wilson.

These people form a committee which is to view the colony and have the land laid out for settlement. The colony is to be conducted on the co-operative plan, with stores, blacksmith-shop, etc. Included in the committee are:

W. Hasson of Tacoma, F. H. Baldwin of Massachusetts, Theodore N. Case of Chicago, L. D. Foster, wife and daughter and J. S. Fife, wife and child of Chicago, H. E. Coffin of New York, P. S. Foster of Chicago, Mrs. Ruth Prosser of Chicago, E. J. Holden of Chicago, F. B. Wakeman of New York, William Elythe of Chicago, L. Henry and wife of Chicago, C. E. Layler of Chicago, Theodore Perry of Chicago and Charles A. Willis of New York.

The Ashurst colony land is of a red, sandy loam, similar to foothill land; in fact much of it is on rolling ground. It is more suitable for citrus fruits than any other, barring all chances of heavy frosts. There are thousands of acres in the tract, and the prices range from \$30 to \$75 per acre. Some of it may bring even higher prices than that.

Before leaving for the East some of the party will visit Chico, when they will show over this part of the valley. The committee represents thousands of dollars, and the location in this valley of the colony it represents means much to Northern California.

Found Starving in His Cabin. CHICO, CAL., Feb. 24.—Olaf Erickson was found in a starving condition in a cabin near Big Bend to-day. The man had been taken sick, and being unable to leave his bed, had become so weak from lack of proper nourishment that he was delirious. The sufferer has relatives in Oakland who are in comfortable circumstances. The chances for his recovery are doubtful.

Mexican War Veterans Celebrate. CHICO, CAL., Feb. 24.—The old Mexican War veterans of Chico yesterday observed the anniversary of the famous battle of Buena Vista by a sumptuous banquet at the Hallan House. There were only four of the survivors present, but with their wives and a few friends the party numbered an even dozen, and the celebration was an enjoyable one.

SENTENCED AT TACOMA. Ex-City Treasurer McCauley to Pass Four Years in State Prison. His Attorneys at Once Serve Notice of an Appeal to the Supreme Court.

TACOMA, WASH., Feb. 24.—J. W. McCauley, the ex-city treasurer, convicted of making profit on public funds by drawing interest on deposits in the defunct Columbia National bank, was to-day sentenced to four years in the penitentiary. Ex-City Treasurer George W. Boggs, who preceded him, has already been sentenced to six years for a like offense. McCauley this afternoon furnished bail in the sum of \$10,000 and left the cell which he had been incarcerated since his conviction. He has taken an appeal to the Supreme Court. In the meantime he is the proprietor of a first-class room, under the tutelage of a Chinese prisoner.

When court opened this morning the attorneys for McCauley did not attempt to argue the motions which they had prepared in arre of judgment and for a new trial in his case, but contented themselves with merely presenting motions in a formal manner and having them overruled, so that the record for the purposes of appeal might be preserved in legal shape. This done, McCauley was asked to stand up, and the court ordered him committed

to the State penitentiary, to remain there four years. The notice of appeal was then given and the court fixed the bail.

FRESNO CREDITORS MOURN. David Arnst Disappears, Leaving Many Unpaid Bills and His Wife and Children Destitute.

FRESNO, CAL., Feb. 24.—David Arnst, who for the past five months has been conducting a bar and bowling alley on I street in this city, has left for parts unknown, leaving a score or more business men to bewail the uncertainty of the credit system. Several local cigar-dealers are among those who placed reliance in Arnst's honesty. A San Francisco liquor firm got "nipped" to the extent of \$1000 and a well-known brewery \$300. The saddest feature of Arnst's escapade is the fact that he has apparently deserted his wife, whom he left with two small children and without a cent of money.

MILPITAS MOURNS. The Body of the Late Robert Welch Consigned to the Grave.

MILPITAS, CAL., Feb. 24.—The body of Robert Welch, who died on Saturday last of pneumonia, was interred in Santa Clara Cemetery to-day at noon. The deceased was an old and wealthy resident of this place, having settled here in the early fifties. He was a native of Canada, aged 64.

CLALLAM COUNTY'S PERIL. Ozzette Indians Will Attempt to Avenge the Killing of a Brave.

Dig Up the Hatchet Because the Law Did Not Punish the Red-skin's Slayer.

PORT TOWNSEND, WASH., Feb. 24.—The report reached here this morning that there is much uneasiness in the west end of Clallam County over the threats of the Ozzette Indians there to avenge the death of Phillip Brown, one of their number, who was killed some months ago by a white man, Henry Anderson. Anderson was discharged from custody at Port Angeles on Wednesday last, and the scores of redskins, including several powerful chiefs, who attended the trial, declare that they will avenge Brown's death with the blood of whites.

Some months ago Anderson killed an Ozzette Indian, who, after claiming certain scalps owned by the white man, attempted to visit him. Anderson was too quick for the redskin and killed him. The County Judge at Port Angeles disclaimed jurisdiction and referred the case to the United States court, which in turn disclaimed the right to try him. Anderson believed the matter settled and recently shipped on a sealing-schooner, which by stress of weather was forced into Neah Bay, the home of the dead Indian. Here he was arrested again and conducted under guard to Port Angeles.

The Indians, in the meantime, had been stirred to a high pitch by a renegade white man and at the instance of the latter raised \$800 to pay for prosecuting Anderson. The case just ended was remarkable from the fact that five nations were represented, and testimony taken in as many tongues. It resulted in an acquittal. The Indians, incensed at the killing, were made doubly so by the money thrown away, and left their reservations vowing vengeance on every white man who fell in their hands.

In bygone days the Indians of the coast agencies were notorious for their cruelty to shipwrecked crews and all others so unfortunate as to get in their clutches. Many of the old leaders in past massacres are still living and need only this to fan the spark of old-time hatred into a flame. The settlers are preparing to make a vigorous resistance against any depredations.

FETED AT SAN JOSE. Officers of the Cruiser Cristoforo Colombo Tendered a Reception by the Italian Colony.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Feb. 24.—Commander Cav. Alessandro Bertolino and other officers of the Italian cruiser Cristoforo Colombo, accompanied by Consul Grimaldi of San Francisco, arrived in this city this afternoon and are being royally entertained by the Italian Benevolent Society, the Queen Margherita Society and the San Jose Hussars. The party was met at the depot by a large delegation and escorted to the Hotel Vendome, where an elaborate banquet was served at 5 o'clock. A reception followed. Prince Luigi of Savoy, in whose honor the affair was planned, sent word that he regretted that he could not attend, because of an accident.

A ball was given in honor of the distinguished visitors at the Italian Benevolent Society's hall. To-morrow morning the visitors will be taken to Monterey and in the evening will return to San Francisco.

Young Smith Discharged. SAN JOSE, CAL., Feb. 24.—Milton V. Smith, the young man who was arrested on a charge of insanity about ten days ago while dressed as an Indian scout and endeavoring to organize a Wild West show, was examined before Judge Lorigan this morning as to his sanity. He appeared rational enough, and said that ten days in jail had convinced him that it was impossible to organize a show in San Jose, and if dismissed he would go to work. He was discharged.

Santa Clara Politics. SAN JOSE, CAL., Feb. 24.—A lively interest is being manifested by the citizens of Santa Clara in the town election to be held on the first Monday in April. The Good Government Club made its nominations about a week ago, and at a caucus recently held the following were nominated: Town Trustees—J. B. O'Brien, John Roll, D. O. Druffel, School Trustees—Dr. S. Oberdener, Z. O. Field. Town Treasurer—L. W. Starr. Clerk—O. R. Saunders. Marshal—John A. Lovell. Superintendent of Schools—A. L. Kellogg.

Her Admirers Are Legion. SAN JOSE, CAL., Feb. 24.—Mary Whisker, a domestic, has been arrested on a charge of insanity. The girl, who is 21 years of age, was seized at nearly all the men she meets are in love with her.

Fire at Grass Valley. GRASS VALLEY, CAL., Feb. 24.—The residence of Charles Hughes was destroyed last night. A lamp exploded while it was being carried from one room to another. Hughes was severely injured. The loss is \$1500; insurance, \$500.

DEADLY ASSAULT. AT SACRAMENTO. Rounder Brock McGraw Cuts the Throat of a Stranger.

HE GIVES NO WARNING. Had Been Hooted by Small Boys and Attacked the First Man He Met.

HIS VICTIM MAY RECOVER. McGraw Is at Large and the Police Are Searching the City to Find Him.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., Feb. 24.—A brutal and wholly unwarranted assault was made this evening upon John Doherty, a stranger in Sacramento, at the Southern Pacific freight depot. Doherty was attacked without warning by Brock McGraw, who slashed the stranger's throat with a knife, inflicting a wound that may prove fatal. McGraw claimed that Doherty had been hooting at him, though as a matter of fact Doherty had not uttered a word during the time he was at the depot.

Doherty was sitting on the edge of the platform when a man who he never saw before walked across the street and strode up to him. The newcomer accused Doherty of having "snyed" him, and without warning slashed him across the throat with a long knife. The weapon barely missed the jugular vein. It was ascertained later that his assailant was McGraw, who is an opium fiend and hanger-on of disreputable places. The police are searching for him.

Doherty received a terrible gash, but the doctors say he has a chance for recovery. He says he has been here but a few days, and is a workman.

It seems some boys in the street near where Doherty sat had been quite noisy, and McGraw, who was seated in a lodging-house parlor with a female companion, supposed they were all jeering at him, so he left his room, went down to the street and made the murderous assault on Doherty.

CHALLENGED BY STANFORD. Basketball Champions Throw Down the Gauntlet to Berkeley. Athletic Co-eds Are Now Seeking New Fields to Conquer Across the Bay.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, CAL., Feb. 24.—Basketball team of the Stanford University has issued a formal challenge to the Berkeley co-eds to play a match game. Until the answer is received and it is definitely known whether the game will take place the time and location of the contest will rest in doubt. The athletic spirit is quite as strong among the young women of the university as among the men, though there is generally less said about it.

In the women's gymnasium there are fully as large a proportion of the co-eds taking regular class instruction as there are men in the boys' gymnasium. In tennis the women always have plenty of entries to make things interesting, and now in basketball their reputation threatens that of the heroes of the "gridiron."

Miss McGraw is a product of her team, and in a modest way hopes that a game may be satisfactorily arranged with the fair opponents across the bay. This is but following out the policy of the Stanford Women's Athletic Association, as outlined in THE CALL some time ago: i. e. that intercollegiate games be arranged not only in basketball but also in tennis.

Grange, the baseball coach, arrived to-day and will begin work with the players at once. He will, as much as possible, give the men instructions individually, and especially the infielders and battery. There is every prospect that a large number of men will turn out now for daily field practice.

Joaquin Miller, the poet of the Sierras, is to deliver a lecture to-morrow evening to the students in the chapel on "A Hint From Nature." The chapel will doubtless be crowded to hear the famous bard. On Friday evening next Dr. Jordan will lecture before the Longfellow Society at Berkeley on "The Poetry of William the Norman and ourselves."

SANTA BARBARA ATHLETES. High School Youths Who Are Crowding Pacific Coast Records. SANTA BARBARA, CAL., Feb. 24.—Professor Edward B. Clapp, professor of Greek in the State University, who is paying an official visit to the Santa Barbara High School, declares that the school is now equal in rank to the best in the State with the one exception of Greek, which is not included in its course.

Professor Clapp represents the Berkeley faculty in athletics and whose opinion in all matters pertaining to physical progress and training is regarded with respect, has been looking over the records recently made by Santa Barbara High School boys in various contests, and expresses the greatest surprise at the results, declaring that they are unparalleled among boys of their age. He is especially impressed by the record made by Ansel Birch, the 100-yard sprinter, and Coleman Broughton, who holds the local record for the 200-yard and 400-yard dashes and the running broad jump, declaring that these two boys can get the Pacific Coast record and hold it. Regarding Birten, he asserts that if without training he can make the record he holds of 10 1/2 seconds on the 100-yard dash, with proper training he can beat the world's record.

SAD DEATH AT VALLEJO. Life of a Child Crushed Out by a Granite Monument Which Topped on It. VALLEJO, CAL., Feb. 24.—Crape hangs before the door at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. Russell on Florida street. Their four and a half year old boy was found at 5 o'clock this afternoon in Doyle Brothers' marble-yard pinned beneath a granite monument that had fallen on and crushed out his life.

The child had been missed by his mother since noon, and a careful search had been made, but without avail, until Thomas Coffee, a stonecutter, noticed that the monument, which was a small one, had toppled over. When he went to raise

it he found the little body lying beneath, cold in death. It was taken at once to the County home, and County Coroner Physician Hogan and Coroner Trull were summoned. They found that death had resulted from suffocation. Although the granite was heavy there appeared no bruises upon the body.

ENJOINED AT MODESTO. Irrigation Tax Collectors Cannot Sell the Property of Delinquents Pending a Decision on the Wright Act.

MODESTO, CAL., Feb. 24.—The taxpayers of the Modesto and Turlock irrigation districts have been in a very unsatisfactory state of mind for some time past. Because of the case pending before the United States Supreme Court involving the legality of the Wright law the property-holders did not pay any taxes due. The case was submitted, but no decision has been rendered. Large landholders did not want their land sold for delinquency, nor did they want to pay taxes.

Today was the date set for the sale of the property of delinquent taxpayers in both districts. Collectors gave notice that they had a right to postpone the date of the sale from day to day for three weeks, but could not delay until a decision was handed down by the Supreme Court. To-day injunctions were granted by Judge Budd of Stockton, sitting in the Stanislaus court, restraining indefinitely the collectors of both districts from selling property during the time for a decision from the higher court.

CARSON WITNESS PERSECUTED. Joseph Langevin, Who Testified Against Heney, Again Arrested. CARSON, NEV., Feb. 24.—Joseph Langevin, who was the principal witness in the trial of James Heney, convicted of robbing the bank, was today again placed under arrest, this time on a charge of using obscene language on the streets. He was hauled out in a short time. Langevin has been arrested for insanity and for other alleged causes.

During the trial of Heney Langevin swore that he had been paid money to leave the country and not testify against the suspect. He accepted the money, but instead of leaving Carson went upon the stand as a witness in the case. Since testifying, Langevin has been persecuted by some one, evidently with the intention of driving him from the State.

DUST-STORM ON THE SEA. Peculiar Phenomenon Encountered by the Steel Ship Scottish Dales.

Sails of the Vessel Covered by a Powdered Substance Which Fell in Clouds. TACOMA, WASH., Feb. 24.—The Scottish Dales is one of the finest ships that has put into this harbor this season. Unlike many of the later steel clippers, it is free from the inhospitable cold iron decks and has instead fine wooden floors throughout.

Its houses are ample and airy, its long bridges and all its woodwork are richly carved and well taken care of. The ship is under the command of Captain Thomas McCarthy of the Scottish Dales being delayed by continuing storms. When off the River Platte, in the Argentine Republic, the Scottish Dales had a most peculiar experience. The masts and spars were covered with a fine white dust which came in clouds. It was of a very light nature and over the deck in large quantities. When rubbed between the fingers it would gradually evaporate and disappear. It is believed that the dust was from some volcano then in eruption in the Andes.

NORTHERN PACIFIC MULLER. Receiver Burleigh's Friends Believe That He Cannot Be Ousted. SEATTLE, WASH., Feb. 24.—Federal Judge Hanford, pursuant to the recent decision of four Supreme Court Justices, to-day set March 1 as the date upon which his Honor and Circuit Judge Gilbert will meet in this city to confirm or reject the appointment of the receivers named by Wisconsin. The order in part reads: "The Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, having heretofore by its attorneys, Messrs. Gardner & Sanders, made application to Hon. Judge Gilbert at San Francisco to remove Andrew F. Burleigh and to confirm the appointment of Messrs. Rigelow and McHenry as receivers of the Northern Pacific Railway Company, and appointment heretofore made by the United States Circuit Court of Wisconsin, it is ordered that the 3d of March, at 10 o'clock, is hereby designated for hearing any application by party or parties to this court for the appointment of any other or additional receivers."

The friends of Receiver Burleigh, who is now in New York, assert that Judges Gilbert and Hanford will not remove him, and that in this case even the Supreme Court Justices cannot depose him or force local Justices to remove him from the receivership under their jurisdiction, extending over the States of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana.

WOODLAND ROBBERS CAUGHT. Attempt of Two Men to Loot a Postoffice Ends Disastrously. WOODLAND, WASH., Feb. 24.—An unsuccessful attempt was made this morning to rob the postoffice at this place. The postoffice is in a general store kept by John Carpenter. Just after midnight a son of the proprietor, who slept upstairs in the building, was returning from an entertainment held in a neighboring school-house when he heard some one moving about in the store. Without alarming the robbers, he awakened Captain Chamberlain, formerly captain of the police force in South Tacoma, and A. B. Scott, who lived near by, and they accompanied him to the front door of the store, which Mr. Carpenter unlocked.

Chamberlain drew his revolver and advancing toward two men engaged in ransacking the store, he commanded them to hold up their hands. They complied and submitted to arrest. Scott's wagon was secured and the robbers were driven to Olympia and placed in jail. They refused to reveal their names.

Waterhouse Acquitted at Rockford. ROCKFORD, WASH., Feb. 24.—At the preliminary trial to-day David Waterhouse, who was charged with killing Henry Phillips, because Phillips had, he declared, injured his daughter, was acquitted. The verdict brought forth a cheering and a large crowd which had assembled, and Waterhouse was congratulated on all sides. It would appear from the testimony that the two boys can get the Pacific Coast record and hold it. Regarding Birten, he asserts that if without training he can make the record he holds of 10 1/2 seconds on the 100-yard dash, with proper training he can beat the world's record.

GRASS VALLEY ACCIDENT. GRASS VALLEY, CAL., Feb. 24.—John Grant was shockingly injured by a premature explosion while blasting logs on his ranch this afternoon. His chin was blown off, he lost one eye and his chest and arms were badly cut. His ranch is situated four miles from Grass Valley.

THE CHAMPION PUGILIST. Jackson Is Entitled to That Honor Under Queensberry Rules.

CORBETT AND THE ENGLISH. Tom Sharkey and the Trained Sea Lion Who Will Wrestle and Catch Fish.

The National Athletic Club has announced that its next entertainment will be held at the Auditorium on the evening of March 12. The principal event on the programme is an eight-round boxing contest between Alexander Greggains, the boxing instructor of the San Francisco Athletic Club, and Tom Sharkey, the heavy-weight pugilist, who has defeated Billy Smith and "Big" Miller in contests that were spirited and of comparatively short duration.

Greggains will train in the vicinity of the Six-mile House, and Sharkey has selected training quarters at the Seal Rock, where he can catch the warships passing in and out of the Golden Gate during his leisure hours.

It is said that Sharkey will emulate the famous New Zealand fighter by having as his opponent a sea lion, who is now being trained to wrestle Greggains. Jones, Billy Jordan is of the opinion that the sea lion will prove a much more agreeable opponent than Fitzsimmons' land pugilist, which is liable to resent an insult at any moment, and that it would mean the defeat of the great pugilist in less time than it takes to count ten seconds.

Greggains admits that he and Sharkey should prove most interesting because of the different styles of boxing they will show on this occasion. Greggains is very quick and shifty and will certainly puzzle Sharkey in many ways. It is claimed that the fireman cannot hit hard and that he relies altogether on his ability to land frequently, and by a systematic course of jabbing, wear his opponent out.

Greggains admits that the manner of fighting when he first engaged in contests to a finish, but now that he has grown heavy and strong it can be safely said that he will stand his ground and return compliments for complimentary boxing. The pugilist has an idea that when the lion will thoroughly understand the art of wrestling he can be trained to retrieve fish from the water, and that the sea lion proves successful Sharkey will embark on the fish business and supply his numerous friends with fresh salmon and sturgeon during the winter season.

But the contest between Greggains and Sharkey should prove most interesting because of the different styles of boxing they will show on this occasion. Greggains is very quick and shifty and will certainly puzzle Sharkey in many ways. It is claimed that the fireman cannot hit hard and that he relies altogether on his ability to land frequently, and by a systematic course of jabbing, wear his opponent out.

According to late dispatches the London Sporting Club, the members of which Corbett insulted when he was rusticated in England, has positively refused to offer him any inducements to fight under its auspices.

It was thought that the next great battle between the giants of the ring—Corbett and Fitzsimmons—would be held in London's great boxing club, but the English men still retain a grievance against the ex-champion, and, in all probability, it will be many moons before "Boo" and "Jim" will settle their little dispute regarding the alleged championship question, as Corbett is averse to meeting Fitzsimmons anywhere outside of a club where he can be sure of having proper protection.

Corbett has refused to fight under the auspices of the London club, and now the National Club would confer a great favor on the fraternity who love to witness a clever boxing contest if it would refrain from the preliminary exhibitions of fistuifists between war recruits.

According to Queensberry rules, which make no reference to black or white, Sullivan lost the championship when he refused to meet Jackson after the latter had posted a forfeit and challenged the then American champion in accordance with the rules which govern the present and only fair style of boxing. Corbett and Jackson met some time after Sullivan's refusal to fight the heavy-weight champion of Australia, and the contest, which was decided before the old California Club, ended in a draw. Jackson now held the championship of Australia, and of America also, according to the rules of Queensberry.

The colored pugilist left this country for London soon afterward and won the championship of England by defeating Slavin. It will therefore be seen that if championships are to be decided and determined in accordance with Queensberry rules Peter Jackson is to-day the champion of the world.

Corbett subsequently whipped Sullivan, and then claimed the championship of the world, which is a very empty claim, all things considered. Jackson, however, to prove to the sporting people of the world that he was prepared to decide that mooted question between him and Corbett, challenged the latter to a return match, and Corbett got out of a second contract by stating that he would not fight him before the Gentlemen's Club of London, which he dubbed a very one-sided body, and that no American could get fair play under its ruling. It was for this and other complimentary remarks that the London club has refused to recognize Corbett in any form or manner. Jackson is in reality the champion of the world to-day under Queensberry's ruling.

KICKED BY AN OSTRICH. Francis Romera's Adventure With One of the Park's Big Birds. Francis Romera, a young man who lives on Green street, had an encounter with the big cock ostrich at Golden Gate Park yesterday that will probably teach him caution when dealing with birds larger than chickens or turkeys.

Romera had gone to the park with his sweetheart and her father, and the young lady demanded that the ostrich paddock should be visited that she might get a closer view of the great birds.

Among them is a giant of the species whose temper is not of the best, and Romera singled him out to show his fair one that after all the birds were not so dangerous as the story books represent them to be. He began caressing the big producer of hat plumes, patting him on the back, and finally putting his arm about the creature's neck.

At first the ostrich did not seem to mind the human touch, but finally became impatient, when Romera prevented his walking away, and began stamping his big feet,

a sure sign of anger among the ostrich family as well as among human beings. Then some one shouted at Romera to look out or he might get hurt. Almost before the words were spoken the ostrich made a vicious kick at his tormentor. Romera seemed to take this demonstration as a good joke, and playfully slapped the bird on the side of his head.

In an instant he was sprawling in a bush, the second kick having landed on his right thigh with sufficient force to have broken it had the blow landed fairly. As it was, his trousers and underclothing on the right side were torn from his body and the flesh lacerated until it looked like raw beefsteak. As Romera scrambled to the ground he found the bird standing over a second attack, but the screams of his fiancée had drawn the attention of Officer Clarke of the mounted park police, who rode up at a gallop and forced the ostrich to look out of the bush and into the park in a manner that betokened that he would prefer to take another kick at Romera.

MURDER AT SPOKANE. Domenico Perri Assassinated and His Money Carried Away. SPOKANE, WASH., Feb. 24.—The body of Domenico Perri, an old Italian who has been missing from his home for several days, was found to-day by the police in Hangman Creek. The position in which it was found indicated Perri had been murdered in the city and carried to a point some distance above where he was found, and his body had floated down the stream until it lodged in some bushes, where it was discovered.

Perri had \$20 in his pockets on Saturday night, when he was in a dancehall and was intoxicated. There he displayed the money and the fact was reported to the police later that night. A search was then made for him, and as he did not come home, foul play was expected.

There is no question but that he was murdered, and the killing was certainly a very brutal one. His head was crushed by repeated blows. The body was taken to an undertaking establishment, and \$10 was found hidden away in an inner pocket, but everything else of value except his watch was missing.

FALL OF A SPOKANE MAN. Superintendent of Construction Wiley's Plunge From the Top of a Dam. SPOKANE, WASH., Feb. 24.—Andrew Wiley, superintendent of construction of the new dam being built across the Spokane River by the Northwest Milling and Power Company, slipped on a plank this morning, falling to the rocks some thirty feet below, and from there rolled into the swift current of the main channel of the river. His companions working below saw the accident and at the risk of their own lives

caught his body before it was swept down by the big whirlpool. It was found that a hipbone was broken and Wiley is injured internally, whether fatally or not cannot be determined yet.

Wiley fell off the Monroe-street bridge in this city while building a trestle over a river, a distance of over 100 feet. Here he was rescued with only a broken leg.

MILL VALLEY FIREBUG. A Third Conflagration Believed to Have Been of Incendiary Origin Causes Great Excitement. MILL VALLEY, CAL., Feb. 24.—A dwelling and an outbuilding owned by Antonio Ferrari were burned to the ground yesterday morning, under suspicious circumstances. The outbuilding is situated twenty-five feet distant from the dwelling, and though both structures were completely burned, the brush between them was not in any way damaged.

This is the third fire in Mill Valley that has occurred at an unusually early hour, and it is the general impression that an incendiary is at work. A woman living in the vicinity of the blaze said that she was awakened by the glare in her room, and looking out of her window noticed that both structures were ablaze at the same time, while she could notice no flames or fire between the two buildings.

The home of Harry Meyer's near Eastland Station, in Mill Valley, and Miller Bros' stable, not 100 yards from Meyer's house, were both burned under suspicious circumstances and at about the same time—early in the morning.

The people here are under suspicious circumstances. A thorough investigation will be made to ascertain who is engaged in the nefarious work of setting fire to houses.

Bakersfield Agency. BAKERSFIELD, CAL., Feb. 24.—Tomaso Valenzuela and Francisco Quintero quarreled over a woman last night. Valenzuela drew a pistol, but Quintero was quicker than he and fired three times with a 38-caliber gun. One bullet went through Valenzuela's left lung and another through the back of his neck and left shoulder, while the third pierced his hand. While the shooting was going on the woman tried to stab Quintero, but was not successful.

Valenzuela has a slight chance for recovery, but the wound is very dangerous. Quintero is only 19 years old and a native of Ecuador. He is now in jail.

Rev. W. H. Boal Dead. NEW YORK, N. Y., Feb. 24.—Rev. William H. Boal, one of the founders of the Prohibition Park on Staten Island, died at his home to-day. He was 60 years of age.

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