

GLORY OF FATHER ZEUS RIVALLED.

G. G. Matthews, the Wichita Rainmaker, Produces Downpours.

WATERS HOT PRAIRIES.

Kansas People Marvel at the Wonderful Result of the Experiments.

USE OF MYSTERIOUS GASES.

Clouds Compelled to Form and Easily Turned Into a Great Storm Center.

WICHITA, KANS., July 23.—In ancient times, when Father Zeus sat on Mount Olympus with beak and nod sent the gods about their business, he little dreamed that in a later age his glory would be rivaled and his power surpassed by a mortal man, but this very miracle has come to pass. George G. Matthews, "the Wichita Rainmaker," has only to uncoil his mysterious chemicals and send the resultant gases skyward and straightway history repeats itself, for at his call not only does the rumbling chariot of Zeus again clatter across the heavens, but Zeus slings his firebolts and Neptune breaks up the fountains of the great deep, and the gods of the four winds dash great Niagara of rain on the fevered prairies, till even the buffaloes raise a guttural protest.

If Matthews is not a bona fide success as a rain engineer, it is certain that the lucky star under which he was born is still suspended in space directly above him, for, whether directly resulting from his experiments or coming by mere chance, the rains do come every time he goes after them. Last year many people scoffed at his pretensions, but the unvarying regularity with which rains have followed his rainmaking tests has gained hundreds of converts to his theory.

Alexander McAdie, writing in the Popular Science Monthly of September, 1895, said: "Rainmakers of our time bang and thrash the air, hoping to cause rain by concussion. They may well be compared to impatient children hammering on reservoir walls in a vain endeavor to make the water flow. Rain-control is a scientific possibility. Successful rain engineers will come in time, we venture to predict, from the ranks of those who study and clearly understand the physical processes of cloud formation. Cloudland, for a realm so near us and so closely associated with our welfare, has been sadly neglected by man's genius."

Mr. Matthews is not a traveling mountebank, but one of the solid business men of Wichita, being a member of the hardware firm of Bissanz & Matthews, and the fact that he has spent hundreds of dollars of his own money in carrying on the experiments is evidence that he is working in good faith. He is a thorough student of meteorology and a keen observer of meteorological conditions.

The process of banging and thrashing the air," referred to by Mr. McAdie as the one employed by "rainmakers," is regarded by Matthews as entirely ineffectual. His plan is quite different. The mysterious gas is released from four large jars filled with chemicals, and passing up through four funnels into a central pipe, escapes into the air. It is warm, almost colorless, and ascends very rapidly.

When it reaches a height of from 5000 to 8000 feet, the height to which it ascends depending on the condition of the atmosphere and point of operation, it turns cold instantly and descends with a rush, creating a vacuum, into which the moisture contained in the air rushes, forming clouds, and they in turn form the storm center. When the usual amount of material is used, Mr. Matthews states that it is possible to affect an area 125 miles in diameter. A still larger territory may be affected if the proportions are increased. The size of the storm, he says, depends upon the velocity and direction of the wind, together with the temperature.

Matthews does not claim the ability to produce rains at any and all times, but he does claim that nature can be materially assisted and rain be made to fall many times when it would not otherwise.

"It is necessary in order to bring rain," said he, "that there be two sets of clouds, the cold or ice cloud and the vapor cloud. The 'ice clouds' are the clouds noticeable while the experiments are in progress, long-lined and white and forming in the upper strata of the air."

The "ice clouds" cool the atmosphere below them, forming cumulus clouds, and when the latter condense rain falls. Much has been written in condemnation of Matthews by religious cranks, who regard his experiments as insults flung in the face of the most high. A favorite text used by these people is that found in the Book of Malachi, 3:8-9: "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me," they quote, but Matthews only pours more chemicals into his big earthen jars, and the croakers are compelled to run for shelter before the drenching chemical rain overtakes them.

CAIFORNIA FRUIT IN LONDON.

Four Thousand Boxes of Pears and Plums Arrive in Fine Condition.

LONDON, Eng., July 23.—The California fruit consignment, consisting of 4000 boxes of pears and plums, which were shipped on board the American line steamer St. Louis, arrived in excellent condition. The sale of the fruit will take place at Covent Garden market to-morrow. The fruit was consigned to Messrs. Isaac & Son, who expect that purchasers will be readily found at good prices. Very little French fruit has arrived in this market as yet, and as that is the only fruit that the California product has to compete with sharply it is believed that the prices will be far above those of last year if the California fruit arrives in as good condition as this consignment.

YARDE-BULLER DIVORCE SUIT.

Opening of the Celebrated Case in a High Court of Justice.

LONDON, Eng., July 23.—The trial of the action for divorce brought by Hon. Walter Yarde-Buller against his wife, formerly Miss Kirkham, daughter of General R. W. Kirkham of San Francisco, began in the Probate, Divorce and Ad-

miralty division of the High Court of Justice to-day. The plaintiff alleges cruelty and adultery, naming Valentine Gadesden of San Francisco as co-respondent. The defendant denies the allegation and makes counter charges.

Mr. Yarde-Buller sets forth that he was married to Miss Kirkham in 1886. Shortly after their marriage he found that his wife was addicted to drink, and after their return to England she repeatedly threatened to stab him to death and frequently struck him. The adultery charged by the plaintiff alleges, was committed at his home in Devonshire while Gadesden was his guest.

The plaintiff on the witness-stand denied that his domestic troubles were due to his own drinking habits or that he had ever struck his wife as she accused him of having done.

SANDRINGHAM EN FETE.

The Newly Wedded Prince and Princess Welcomed to Their Home.

LONDON, Eng., July 23.—The village of Sandringham, the country seat of the Prince of Wales, was the scene to-day in honor of the marriage of the Princess Maud of Wales and Prince Charles of Denmark. The newly married pair received a veritable country welcome when they arrived last evening, and to-day they are waited on by deputations of the villagers, who presented them with addresses of congratulation and numerous wedding offerings.

Subsequently the Princess Maud and her husband drove through Sandringham and inspected the triumphal arches and decorations. The Princess wore her "going away gown," which was something unique in the modiste's line. It was of pale blue-grey cashmere lined with pale blue and pink silk. The bodice had a deep folded belt of black satin falling in a little bow at the left side, with pointed revers of black satin edged with grasswaua eupure. The vest and collar were of black and white lace and fine silk, flowered with pink roses. The head dress was a burnt straw toque with puckered brim, into which were tucked clusters of fresh-cut shaded pink roses, the trimming being finished with a full pink and white osprey at the back.

LI HUNG CHANG COMING.

The Distinguished Chinese Statesman to Be Magnificently Entertained.

To Be Met at New York by Old-Time Ministers and Diplomatic Acquaintances.

NEW YORK, N. Y., July 23.—The present indications are that when Li Hung Chang arrives in this country a few weeks hence the Ambassador will be entertained magnificently, not alone by the National State authorities, but by a committee of distinguished citizens who, because of past residence in the Orient or because of their estimate of the Chinese statesman, are desirous of paying him the profoundest respect.

The importance of this purely civic compliment will be fully appreciated by Li Hung Chang, because he is acquainted with every member of the committee as it is thus far composed.

The committee consists of John E. Ward, Minister to China in 1858-1860; Mr. Seward, who was Minister from 1875 until 1880; John Russell Young, who was Minister from 1882 to 1888; John L. Caldwell, who was Assistant Secretary of State with Mr. Fish, and who visited China thereafter, receiving personal attentions from the Viceroy, Edward L. Burlingame, the son of the Hon. John Burlingame, who was Minister to China from 1860 to 1868 and thereafter the Minister of China to various Western powers. Colonel Fred Grant, who was in China with his father, will be asked to take part in the work of this committee, and several other members of the old mercantile community in China, if upon inquiry of the Viceroy it is found that he can remain long enough in New York to take part at a dinner to be given in his honor.

The probabilities are that the Viceroy will remain in this city but one or two days. His official character as the Ambassador of China will be his most prominent feature, and his almost immediate departure for Washington when he lands. That he will observe this principle of diplomatic courtesy there can be little doubt, for the Chinese officials are most punctilious. After visiting Washington he may revisit New York, however, and spend a little more time in responding to the desire of that part of the population which will seek to do so. The Prince also stated that it is said he will make a stop in his neighborhood, only in Chicago. He will be entertained in San Francisco before he departs for home.

PRINCE YTURBIDE'S PROTEST.

Objects to Being Expelled From Washington's Metropolitan Club Without a Jury Trial.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 23.—Judge Hagner yesterday decided that the issues of fact raised in the case of Prince Augustine Yturbide of Mexico, who several days ago prayed for a writ of mandamus to compel the board of governors of the Metropolitan Club to revoke their suspension of him from the club, shall be tried in the Circuit Court before a jury.

Prince Yturbide claims he was expelled from the club without being given an opportunity to answer the charges that he was guilty of conduct unbecoming a gentleman and a club member, he being alleged that he was the author of defamatory stories respecting a daughter of one of the club members. The club claims that he was given an opportunity to answer the charges and that he declined to do so. The Prince also stated that he went to court to-day that he can prove by a dozen or more witnesses that he is innocent.

The Judge, in disposing of the matter, held that Prince Yturbide is entitled to a trial on the issues of fact before a jury, and gave each side until rule day in September to make up those issues, explaining that they cannot be tried before October, for there will be no jury trials until then. During the proceedings in court, the Prince was conspicuous for his nervous movements, and he read his own answer to the brief of the counsel for the Metropolitan Club. He was dressed in a steel-gray coat and trousers. He was minus a vest, and wore a black tie, neatly tucked under the edges of a white collar that topped a linen shirt. Two rather massive pearl studs held the front of his shirt together. He wore tan shoes.

Prince Yturbide is tall. He has black hair, inclined to be curly, and wears a sandy beard that spreads a trifle at the lower end.

RAILROAD TICKETS STOLEN.

Arrest of a Peddler Who Offered Them to a Scalper.

DUBUQUE, IOWA, July 23.—About 11 o'clock this morning a young fellow called "Doc" was sent to the office and wanted to know if he would buy some railroad tickets. Samples of tickets were shown in a paper box containing about 1500, of which 500 were blank while the remainder were to all points. Mr. Brins said he would see about it, and in the meantime gave Passenger Agent Earling of the Milwaukee an inkling, telling him that the tickets belonged to the Milwaukee road. The peddler was arrested and the tickets were stolen from the Milwaukee office at Wyoming, Jones County, and are valued at \$12,000.

GOOD RACES AT BUTTE.

Red S, an Oregon Horse, Equals a World's Record.

BUTTE, MONT., July 23.—Manager Tipin of the West Side Association track announced a new and novel rule that will go into effect to-morrow. Heretofore all women were admitted to the track free, but by the new rule all bloomer and knickerbocker girls will have to pay the regular admission fee of \$1. Bloomer girls have been very numerous, and many were not altogether modest in their behavior.

The races to-day were good. The track and State records for a three-eighths dash were broken by Red S, the Oregon horse, who made the distance in 34, equalling the world's record.

The 2:20 pacing was won by Lady Walsley in two straight heats, but Sophia pushed her time. Best time, 2:16 1/2. Biddy Mc won the 2:35 trot from the favorite, Richard, with ease, in two straight heats. Best time, 2:18 1/2.

Six furlongs, selling, Skalkaho won, La France second, Silk the third, 1:16 1/2. Five furlongs, Bill Howard won, Quicksilver second, Grover third, Time, 1:03 1/2. One mile, selling, Santos won, Miss Pollard second, Allahabad third, Time, 1:44. Three furlongs, Red S won, Pinar second, Roxy third, Time, 34.

ON EASTERN DIAMONDS.

Standing of the Clubs and Scores of the Games in the National League Yesterday.

Table with columns: Clubs, Won, Lost, Per Cent. Rows include Cincinnati, Cleveland, Baltimore, Chicago, Pittsburgh, Boston, Philadelphia, Brooklyn, Washington, New York, St. Louis, Louisville.

RECORDS BROKEN AT SACRAMENTO.

Fast Time Made at the Indoor Tournament of Wheelmen.

DOW LOWERS A MARK.

The Olympic Club Cyclist Rides a Half-Mile Heat in 1:04 Flat.

TANDEM CHAMPIONSHIP WON.

Accidents Are Plentiful, and Several of the Contestants Are Injured.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., July 23.—In the opening night's racing of the indoor bicycle tournament world's records and bicycles were at a discount; accidents were plenty, and there was considerable growling among the professionals, who, after witnessing the first fall, went on a strike, but were promptly brought back into line by the firmness of the referee, Walter B. Fawcett, of the Olympic Club Wheelmen.

In the first heat of the half-mile professional R. E. Dow of the Olympic Cyclers broke the world's record by riding 1:04 flat, and in the one-mile tandem George E. Dixon of the Bay City and George M. Hamlin of the San Francisco Road Club broke the half-mile record, riding in 58 1/2-5, and the mile record, going the distance in 2:05 2/5.

In the first race (one mile, scratch, amateur) the electric lights failed for an instant while the riders were on the west bank, and G. H. Crafts of the Aces shot headfirst into the fence. He was knocked senseless, received a very severe scalp wound and was carried from the hall. Although no bones were broken, his riding is at an end for the present.

All of the riders in the final half-mile scratch, professional, came to grief on the last bank, and in the second lap W. A. Terrill, E. C. W., went through the fence out of the track. He was but little injured and he climbed back, procured another wheel and finished the race. This accident was caused by the slipping of a tire.

All the wheels were wrecked and all of the riders more or less injured. A. N. Jones, O. C. W., did not lose his presence of mind for a minute, and as soon as he was straightened out on the path he sprang to his feet, seized his wreck and sprinted nearly a lap before he procured a trailer. The races were the best ever seen in this city, as the men all rode to win. Following is the summary:

First in each heat of the heat races to qualify for final. Scratch, amateur—First heat, P. R. Mott, R. A. C., 2:50; second heat, Ed Chapman, O. C. W., 3:30; third heat, C. F. Bauer, C. W., 4:20; fourth heat, E. R. Languehin, B. C. W., 2:21. Final, Chapman first, Languehin second, Mott third, Time, 2:26.

Half-mile scratch, professional—First heat, R. E. Dow, O. C. W., 1:04; second heat, W. A. Terrill, B. C. W., 1:14 1/2; third heat, A. N. Jones, O. C. W., 1:04 1/2; fourth heat, E. L. Long, B. C. W., 1:05 2/5. Final—Jones first, Dow second, Terrill third, Time, 1:01 1/2.

One-mile exhibition, tandem—G. E. Dixon, B. C. W.; George M. Hamlin, S. F. R. C. Time, 2:10 1/2. Half-mile handicap, amateur, first in each heat and second in fastest three heats to qualify for semi-final—First heat, C. F. Bauer, C. W., 4:40 yards, 1:04 1/2; second heat, E. R. Languehin, B. C. W., 20 yards, 1:04; third heat, E. Chapman, O. C. W., 15 yards, 1:02 1/2; fourth heat, H. T. Jones, C. W., 30 yards, 1:05 2/5; fifth heat, Walter Leitch, C. C. W., 30 yards, 1:02 1/2.

Final—Chapman, O. C. W., first; second heat, E. R. Languehin, B. C. W., and Walter Leitch, 1:04 2/5.

Final—J. H. Hinch, C. C. W., first; E. Chapman, O. C. W., second, Time, 1:07 1/2. One-mile handicap, professional, first in each heat and second in fastest three heats to qualify for semi-final—First heat, C. F. Bauer, C. W., 4:40 yards, 1:23 1/2; second heat, E. R. Languehin, B. C. W., 20 yards, 1:15; third heat, J. H. Hinch, C. C. W., 20 yards, 1:11 1/2; fourth heat, E. R. Languehin, B. C. W., 20 yards, 1:11 1/2. Final—J. H. Hinch, C. C. W., first; C. F. Bauer, O. C. W., second, Time, 1:15.

EASTERN TRACK EVENTS.

Emma Offutt and Mocking Boy Win Big Stakes at Detroit.

DETROIT, Mich., July 23.—The features of the Detroit Driving Club's meet to-day was the rich Merchants' and Manufacturers' guaranteed stake, worth \$11,700, all but \$2000 of which went to the horses finishing first, second and third. Summaries: 2:14 trot, \$2000, Don L. won, Baker second, Silcox third, Best time, 2:12 1/2. 2:30 trot, \$1500, Kathleen won, Exploit second, best time, 2:19 1/2. 2:24 trot, Merchants' and Manufacturers' stake, Emma Offutt won in straight heats, Red Star second, best time, 2:12 1/2. 2:17 trot, \$2000, Franklin won, Lake Erie second, Elmore third, Best time, 2:11 1/2. 2:24 pace, Chamber of Commerce stakes, \$5000, Mocking Boy won, Jack second, Ivanhoe third, Best time, 2:12.

GERMAN SINGERS AT DUBUQUE.

The City Crowded With Societies From Northwestern States.

DUBUQUE, IOWA, July 23.—The Key City of Iowa is crowded to-day with representative German singers from Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois and this State, who will participate in the annual Saengerfest of the Northwestern Saengerbund. Three societies, Teichler, Schallig, and Stein, left here to-day from Minnesota, and will be in Dubuque to-morrow. The societies from Illinois have already resigned.

The event opened this evening with a reception concert in the Saengerfest Hall, the largest structure in the State, having a seating capacity of 4000, and, in addition, a stage large enough to accommodate a chorus of 1200. The city is gayly decorated, and the visitors will be royally entertained, the local society having appropriated \$12,000 for that purpose.

Educators Meet at St. Paul.

ST. PAUL, MINN., July 23.—The meeting to-day of the National Convention of Indian Educational Associations was full of interest. Dr. M. M. Waldron of Hampton (Virginia) discussed "The Relation of the School to the Indian Health Question."

Treasury Gold Reserve.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 23.—The treasury gold reserve, through the action of the New York National banks in depositing \$125,000 in gold in the close of business to-day, was \$101,831,770. The day's withdrawals were \$236,400, taken for hoarding purposes.

Fall of a Goldfield Miner.

PHOENIX, ARIZ., July 23.—News comes from Goldfield, a mining camp thirty miles east of Phoenix, of the killing of A. P. Ralston, a miner. Ralston fell a distance of 150 feet to the bottom of a shaft in the Mammoth mine, and was instantly killed. He formerly resided in Colusa County, Cal.

Suicide at Carson.

CARSON, NEV., July 23.—David Potter, a Civil War veteran and an old resident of this section, committed suicide this after-

noon by shooting himself through the left breast. He used an old musket loaded with a piece of brass, and pulled the trigger with a string tied to his toe. He died three hours later, after suffering much pain.

SANTA CRUZ TURNPIKE.

Elaborate Preparations for the Coming Festival.

SANTA CRUZ, CAL., July 23.—The Turnfest Zeitung, the official German organ of the Santa Cruz Turn Verein, is being circulated in large numbers throughout this county. It contains a complete official programme of the existing and other interesting articles pertaining to the coming turnfest.

The work at the grounds is progressing rapidly and sites for the shooting ranges and restaurants, shooting galleries, dancing plazas, icecream stands, gymnasiums and other buildings to be erected have been chosen. The subscription committee has a large sum subscribed already, and this amount is steadily increasing, so the fete will be more elaborate than was at first expected. Letters of invitation will be sent to all prominent men in this State.

The decoration committee is hard at work and has already chosen designs which are destined to add to the general effect.

BUILDING INTO MADERA.

Valley Road Track-Layers Cross the Fresno River.

MADERA, CAL., July 23.—The track-layers on the Valley Railway reached a point opposite Madera at noon to-day, and the road was completed across the Fresno River shortly after 1 o'clock. The station on the new road will be about a mile and a quarter from town. A large number of citizens went out to watch the work of completing the road across the bridge.

PORTLAND, OR., July 23.—N. W. Singleton, formerly a drummer for Studenbaker Brothers, was shot at this afternoon by Mrs. N. W. Spencer, who claims to be his contract wife. The bullet missed its mark. Mrs. Spencer is now in jail. She claims that Singleton deserted her last January, after sending her to San Francisco. On the 14th of that month she, in a fit of despondency, attempted suicide on Ellis street.

Singleton claims to have first become acquainted with his Nemesis in Seattle about a year ago, when he was a commercial traveler. His relations with her, he says, were not of an intimate character—at least not intimate enough to justify her following him about the country. Singleton alleges that he frequently assisted her with small sums of money, and he feigned ignorance of the cause that led to an attempt upon his life.

Singleton was recently married, and when Mrs. Spencer heard of it she came from Seattle to compel a settlement of some kind with him. Mrs. Spencer, or Singleton, to-night denied that she came from Seattle after learning of Singleton's marriage. She claimed that she has been here three years and was everywhere introduced by Singleton as his wife, which she believed herself to be.

It is doubtful whether Singleton will prosecute his assailant.

GILROY'S QUANT WEDDING.

Fortunes of Two Aged People Linked by a Pastor's Words.

The Bride and Groom Receive the Congratulations of Their Grandchildren.

GILROY, CAL., July 22.—A quant wedding was celebrated in Gilroy to-day—quant in that the principals have children, grandchildren and even great-grandchildren to wish them goodspeed on their happy life voyage toward the setting sun. Mrs. Amanda Anson, the bride, has watched the years roll by until they reached the allotted three score and ten. The groom, C. Shaw, is a San Jose octogenarian. The marriage bans which linked these aged people "until death do part" were pronounced by the Rev. W. D. Carrah.

After the ceremony, and when the relatives and friends had offered their congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Shaw departed for San Jose, where they will spend their honeymoon. They intend to return to Gilroy, here to pass their declining years. Both are possessed of extensive property.

OVERTAKEN IN PORTLAND.

Miss Gertie Devers, a Runaway Salt Lake Girl, Found by Her Father.

Was Following the Cruiser Philadelphia Because of Her Love for a Marine.

PORTLAND, OR., July 23.—The sudden infatuation of Miss Gertie Devers, the handsome 17-year-old daughter of a prominent railroad man of Salt Lake, for one of the marines on the cruiser Philadelphia, now in this port, led the young lady to run away from her friends who she was visiting near Los Angeles and follow the battleship-shelf from San Francisco to Oregon. The young pair met at San Diego, where the Philadelphia was anchored for a short time. The young seaman showed Miss Devers some attentions, and the result was that she became much attached to him. Her friends suspected a ruse to get away, and one day when she disappeared to visit friends in Oakland it was discovered she had come northward.

The young lady's father arrived here last night in response to a telegram informing him of his daughter's whereabouts. Gertrude created a scene at downtown hotel before submitting to her father's command to return home. She declared she would kill herself at the first opportunity. Father and daughter have left for the East.

Phoebic Merchants Defrauded.

PHOENIX, ARIZ., July 23.—A forged defrauded Phoebic merchants to the amount of \$100 on Saturday night. He made small purchases at various stores and paid in checks drawn by the United Verde Copper company of Jerome, Ariz., for larger sums, receiving the difference in change. Two checks for \$36 each, drawn in favor of John Mason, and two for \$18 50 each in favor of James Roberts were passed. The forger was a young man in poor health, of medium size, slender build, with sandy brown hair and mustache, hollow cheeks and sallow complexion.

FALL OF A GOLDFIELD MINER. PHOENIX, ARIZ., July 23.—News comes from Goldfield, a mining camp thirty miles east of Phoenix, of the killing of A. P. Ralston, a miner. Ralston fell a distance of 150 feet to the bottom of a shaft in the Mammoth mine, and was instantly killed. He formerly resided in Colusa County, Cal.

Suicide at Carson.

CARSON, NEV., July 23.—David Potter, a Civil War veteran and an old resident of this section, committed suicide this after-

TRIES TO MURDER A PORTLAND MAN.

Mrs. N. W. Spencer Shoots at Traveling Solicitor Singleton.

HER AIM IS FAULTY.

The Intended Victim Escapes Unharmed and She Is Imprisoned.

ACCUSES HIM OF POLYGAMY.

The Woman Declares She Is the Wife of the Drummer by Contract Marriage.

PORTLAND, OR., July 23.—N. W. Singleton, formerly a drummer for Studenbaker Brothers, was shot at this afternoon by Mrs. N. W. Spencer, who claims to be his contract wife. The bullet missed its mark. Mrs. Spencer is now in jail. She claims that Singleton deserted her last January, after sending her to San Francisco. On the 14th of that month she, in a fit of despondency, attempted suicide on Ellis street.

Singleton claims to have first become acquainted with his Nemesis in Seattle about a year ago, when he was a commercial traveler. His relations with her, he says, were not of an intimate character—at least not intimate enough to justify her following him about the country. Singleton alleges that he frequently assisted her with small sums of money, and he feigned ignorance of the cause that led to an attempt upon his life.

Singleton was recently married, and when Mrs. Spencer heard of it she came from Seattle to compel a settlement of some kind with him. Mrs. Spencer, or Singleton, to-night denied that she came from Seattle after learning of Singleton's marriage. She claimed that she has been here three years and was everywhere introduced by Singleton as his wife, which she believed herself to be.

It is doubtful whether Singleton will prosecute his assailant.

GILROY'S QUANT WEDDING.

Fortunes of Two Aged People Linked by a Pastor's Words.

The Bride and Groom Receive the Congratulations of Their Grandchildren.

GILROY, CAL., July 22.—A quant wedding was celebrated in Gilroy to-day—quant in that the principals have children, grandchildren and even great-grandchildren to wish them goodspeed on their happy life voyage toward the setting sun. Mrs. Amanda Anson, the bride, has watched the years roll by until they reached the allotted three score and ten. The groom, C. Shaw, is a San Jose octogenarian. The marriage bans which linked these aged people "until death do part" were pronounced by the Rev. W. D. Carrah.

After the ceremony, and when the relatives and friends had offered their congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Shaw departed for San Jose, where they will spend their honeymoon. They intend to return to Gilroy, here to pass their declining years. Both are possessed of extensive property.

OVERTAKEN IN PORTLAND.

Miss Gertie Devers, a Runaway Salt Lake Girl, Found by Her Father.

Was Following the Cruiser Philadelphia Because of Her Love for a Marine.

PORTLAND, OR., July 23.—The sudden infatuation of Miss Gertie Devers, the handsome 17-year-old daughter of a prominent railroad man of Salt Lake, for one of the marines on the cruiser Philadelphia, now in this port, led the young lady to run away from her friends who she was visiting near Los Angeles and follow the battleship-shelf from San Francisco to Oregon. The young pair met at San Diego, where the Philadelphia was anchored for a short time. The young seaman showed Miss Devers some attentions, and the result was that she became much attached to him. Her friends suspected a ruse to get away, and one day when she disappeared to visit friends in Oakland it was discovered she had come northward.

The young lady's father arrived here last night in response to a telegram informing him of his daughter's whereabouts. Gertrude created a scene at downtown hotel before submitting to her father's command to return home. She declared she would kill herself at the first opportunity. Father and daughter have left for the East.

Phoebic Merchants Defrauded.

PHOENIX, ARIZ., July 23.—A forged defrauded Phoebic merchants to the amount of \$100 on Saturday night. He made small purchases at various stores and paid in checks drawn by the United Verde Copper company of Jerome, Ariz., for larger sums, receiving the difference in change. Two checks for \$36 each, drawn in favor of John Mason, and two for \$18 50 each in favor of James Roberts were passed. The forger was a young man in poor health, of medium size, slender build, with sandy brown hair and mustache, hollow cheeks and sallow complexion.

FALL OF A GOLDFIELD MINER. PHOENIX, ARIZ., July 23.—News comes from Goldfield, a mining camp thirty miles east of Phoenix, of the killing of A. P. Ralston, a miner. Ralston fell a distance of 150 feet to the bottom of a shaft in the Mammoth mine, and was instantly killed. He formerly resided in Colusa County, Cal.

Suicide at Carson.

CARSON, NEV., July 23.—David Potter, a Civil War veteran and an old resident of this section, committed suicide this after-

noon by shooting himself through the left breast. He used an old musket loaded with a piece of brass, and pulled the trigger with a string tied to his toe. He died three hours later, after suffering much pain.

SANTA CRUZ TURNPIKE.

Elaborate Preparations for the Coming Festival.

SANTA CRUZ, CAL., July 23.—The Turnfest Zeitung, the official German organ of the Santa Cruz Turn Verein, is being