

FATAL FLOODS IN COLORADO.

Ten Persons Killed by an Awful Cloudburst at Golden.

THE TOWN SUBMERGED.

Campers in Morrison Canyon Supposed to Have Been Swept Away.

RAILROAD LINES DESTROYED.

Reports of Further Casualties Still Coming in From Different Points.

DENVER, Colo., July 24.—A cloudburst struck the town of Golden, twelve miles north of this city, shortly after 6 o'clock to-night, and deluged the place. The bridge across Clear Creek at Fourth street was carried away. There were eight or ten people on it at the time, and it is believed all were lost.

A number of houses have been completely swept away, and the water at a late hour to-night is still several feet deep in the dwellings bordering on the creek. The town is in total darkness, and it is with the greatest difficulty that the fire department, assisted by scores of citizens, was enabled to search submerged districts.

At 10:30 p. m. it is impossible to say what the loss will be in either property or life. A man just arrived here reports at least ten lives lost. So far the only bodies recovered are those of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, an aged couple, who lived in Clark's Addition, in Tucker Gulch, which is yet entirely under water.

Two men who were seen struggling in the water were carried down stream, where they succeeded in catching limbs of trees and dragging themselves to the shore. The only bridge left standing between the two parts of the town is the avenue bridge, and that is in such dangerous condition that it cannot be used. The town is full of scenes of wretchedness and misery, and hours will be necessary to tell the full extent of the horror.

Reports were received at the Union depot to-night of extensive floods on the Rio Grande, between Pueblo and Trinidad, and the Gulf, between Pueblo and Colorado Springs. Cloudbursts caused the damage. At Franceville Junction, below Colorado Springs, 600 feet of the Gulf tracks and the telephone wires are completely washed away. Trains, much behind time are being run on the Santa Fe.

The cloudburst sent a great flood of water down Morrison Canyon, eighteen miles west of Denver, late this afternoon and it is believed many people lost their lives. Morrison reports twenty-five people drowned near that town. Campers and summer tourists from Denver and other points, in tents and cottages, are located along the canyon for several miles. Old residents and ranchers rushed down to the camps when they realized the extent of the storm, but they were too late. Names cannot be learned to-night.

As far as known three lives have been lost. The dead are: Mrs. J. F. Edwards and Mr. and Mrs. A. Johnson. The dead at Morrison: Mrs. A. S. Proctor and four children. Mrs. Moses Miller and three children. Mrs. J. F. Casey and five children. Mrs. Harris and four children.

Others are believed to be drowned, and the total list will aggregate fully twenty-five persons. The foregoing list are Denver families. When the Ford-street bridge went out the water spread all over Ford street and the surrounding bottoms, four to seven feet deep. Mrs. D. H. Turner and family were rescued by firemen and carried through three feet of water. Her three children were also saved. Farther down the river many families were rescued with ropes and planks by the firemen.

An unknown man was swept away half a mile below the bridge, and he was seen in a place just before the torrent passed over the spot. A large number of men were living in cabins above and below the town engaged in placer mining, and it is feared that the sudden rise swept some of them away. Golden lies at the end of a canyon where it debouches into the plains. The streets are steep and slope to the creek sides. The water caught by the tall, steep mountains came into the streets and took everything of a movable character with it.

been raining almost continually for the past three days in this section, and as a result this city is flooded. The entire East End is inundated, and hundreds of houses are under water. All railroad traffic is stopped, and people are being moved from their homes in boats. Several camping parties were rescued from trees tops to-day, but so far as learned no lives were lost.

CLARKSBURG, W. Va., July 24.—Eighteen hours of steady rain was followed by a cloudburst this afternoon and in a few minutes the river rose ten feet. Cherry Camp and other small towns near Clarksburg were submerged, and it is feared the worst is to come, as the river is rising foot an hour. In Taylor County, the loss to farmers will be immense.

Railroad property throughout Ohio, West Virginia and Indiana has been damaged to such an extent that several roads have been compelled to suspend traffic.

SEATTLE DOCTOR'S OFFENSE. Mrs. Dawson's Physician Accused of Violating Professional Ethics in the Late Divorce Suit.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 24.—An unusual case and one creating much discussion among professional men, especially physicians, has grown out of the celebrated Dawson divorce case. Dr. F. S. Coe, one of the leading physicians of this city and State, has been cited to appear before the King County Medical Society and prove that he did not, during the trial of the divorce suit, flagrantly violate professional ethics in giving certain testimony on behalf of the plaintiff, Dr. L. E. Dawson.

Dr. Coe stated in detail another conversation, extremely delicate in its nature, with Mrs. Dawson, concerning certain weaknesses to which the fair patient confessed.

PORTLAND VESSEL LOST. Fire Destroys the Steamship Messenger in Dock at St. Helens.

The Captain, His Wife and the Crew Narrowly Escape Death in the Flames.

ST. HELENS, Or., July 24.—The steamer Messenger, owned by the Shaver Transportation Company, and running temporarily in the place of the Young America between Portland and St. Helens, was burned to the water's edge this morning about 1 o'clock. Captain and Mrs. Church, with the crew, had a hairbreadth escape from burning with the steamer. The fire resulted from the explosion of a kerosene lamp in the cabin.

All hands except the watchman were in bed and asleep, he being on the freight deck, so far from the fire that the flames had full control by the time they were noticed. The watchman's first duty was to rouse the sleeping inmates of the cabin. By the time they had been got on to the wharf the Messenger was a mass of flames. The boat lay at Muckle Bros' wharf, and had it not been for the splendid service rendered by the St. Helens fire department the large mill owned by this firm, together with its lumber-yard, would have been destroyed.

The Messenger was a stern-wheel steamer, 100 feet long, 16 feet beam and 3 feet draft. Her cargo tonnage was 125.45 tons net. She was built in Portland in 1891 and was valued at about \$200,000. The escape of Mrs. Church from the burning vessel, with her baby in her arms, was a thrilling in the extreme. The mother had exhausted the last minute of time in wrapping her little one snugly from the cold night air. As she reached the steamer's rail had not ready hands been there to draw her from the pursuing tongues of fire Mrs. Church and her child would have been victims of the flames.

FIRE AT LA GRANDE. The Huntington Block and Its Contents Destroyed.

LA GRANDE, Or., July 20.—Fire broke out in the Huntington block at an early hour yesterday morning and soon destroyed the building, which was divided into three compartments used as stores, together with its contents. The fire at first was confined principally between the ceiling and roof of the building—a one-story structure—so that great difficulty was experienced in getting water upon the flames. Almost immediately after breaking out of the fire the stores in the building became filled with smoke, making it impossible to save any of the goods which they contained. The origin of the fire is not known.

The principal losses are: A. C. Huntington \$4000, insurance \$3000; G. H. Curry \$3500, insurance \$2000; D. F. Pierce \$1500, insurance \$1000; G. H. Richley \$2000, insurance \$1000.

DAMAGE AROUND VANCOUVER. Forest Fires Still Burning in Sections of the Province.

VANCOUVER, B. C., July 24.—The forest fires which for ten days have been raging around the cities of British Columbia are burning yet. The atmosphere is so heavy with smoke that at night it is difficult to breathe. The damage in the aggregate is large. Besides houses, barns and fences burned along the line of the Great Northern to the south, along the Nanaimo and Esquimalt Railway and at Alberni mining camps on Vancouver Island, great damage was done along the Fraser River, where floods recently devastated large sections. On Sumas Mountain many settlers have been forced to flee for their lives and at a distance see their houses and barns consumed by the flames. Magnificent forests have been destroyed in various parts of the province.

Confagration at Winters. WOODLAND, CAL., July 24.—A large stable belonging to F. J. Barney of Winters was totally destroyed by fire last evening. The stable was one of the finest and most complete in Yolo County and was valued at \$6000.

Fire on a Napa Ranch. NAPA, CAL., July 24.—The barn and contents on the stock farm of Adolph Sprockels was burned early this morning. The fire is supposed to have been started by a tramp while smoking.

A Horse Stolen at Fresno. FRESNO, CAL., July 24.—Burglars entered the barn of D. H. Cubb, on N street, last night and stole a valuable mare and carriage. They had first entered an inclosed porch in the rear of Mr. Cubb's house and taken about \$100 worth of groceries and tableware. The horse and buggy are valued at \$150. Mr. Cubb and family were situated at the house at the time. There is no clue to the thieves. During the past week a large number of rough characters have arrived in town and the annual influx of laborers who come during the season.

A CLEVER ARTICLE ON GREEN AND GOLD IN BARRY'S STAR TO-DAY.

SANTA CLARA'S COLORED CLUB.

The Afro-American League Prominent in County Politics.

WORKING FOR M'KINLEY.

Adopts Resolutions Indorsing the Republican Platform and Ticket.

WIELDS STRONG INFLUENCE.

Leaders in the Organization Are Pioneers of the Golden West.

SAN JOSE, CAL., July 24.—A political organization that will figure prominently in Santa Clara County politics this fall is the Afro-American League of this city.



OFFICERS OF THE SAN JOSE AFRO-AMERICAN LEAGUE. This Organization, Which Wields a Strong Influence Among the 300 Colored Voters of Santa Clara County, Has Passed Strong Resolutions Indorsing the Platform and Nominees of the Republican National Convention.

The league has passed strong resolutions indorsing the platform and nominees of the Republican National Convention, and will aid in rolling up a large majority for McKinley and protection in this county. Its membership includes the most prominent colored citizens of this city, and it wields a strong influence among the 300 colored voters in Santa Clara County.

The league was organized two years ago by T. B. Morton of San Francisco, president of the executive board of the State Afro-American League. It has a membership of about fifty. Meetings are held the first and third Thursdays of each month. The objects of the league are to advance the interests of the colored people of the county and to improve and better their condition socially, religiously and politically. Its growth is steady, and the organization is in a prosperous condition.

At present the league members are conducting a canvass among the Afro-American population of the county to ascertain the number of colored voters and to see that they are properly registered. Efforts are also being made to materially increase the league membership. In the canvass and in matters socially the members are greatly assisted by their wives and daughters, under the leadership of Mrs. Jacob Overton.

The president of the league, Jacob E. Overton, is a Kentuckian and one of the best-known colored men in Central California. He crossed the plains to California in 1850. He has resided in this valley for twenty-five years and for many years has been engaged in the catering business. He is prominent in colored lodge and society circles of this city. He is a delegate to the Afro-American Congress, which meets in Los Angeles on August 11.

William Whiting, the vice-president, is a native of Virginia. He came to California at the close of the Civil War, which he had served with the Second Virginia Regiment. He took part in the battles of Gettysburg, Cold Harbor, Appomattox Court House and Petersburg. He has been a resident of San Jose for over twenty-five years, and has been very successful in business. He will represent the league's interests at the Los Angeles congress.

of North Carolina, but has been a resident of this city for a number of years. The best-known colored man in this city is William H. Davis, who has resided in this valley for upward of thirty years. He is a native of Virginia and 76 years of age. For fifteen years he occupied the position of collector at the First National Bank, but resigned his position on account of his age a few years ago in favor of an adopted son, A. D. French.

NATIONAL PARTY NOMINEES. Broad-Gauge Prohibitionists Place a Ticket in the Field.

SAN JOSE, CAL., July 24.—The State Convention of the National party (Broad-Gauge Prohibitionists) yesterday elected the following members of the State Central Committee: W. H. Bone, Mrs. H. S. Tainton and C. M. Chester, Alameda County; Jasper Johnson, Amador; John Bidwell, Butte; H. Z. Mitchell, Calaveras; William Shafer, Contra Costa; J. G. Rutherford, El Dorado; J. M. Glass and Emma P. Border, Los Angeles; W. T. Stewart, Monterey; R. B. Winer and Mrs. L. H. Miller, Orange; George D. K. Hogg, Placer; C. H. Dunn, Sacramento; A. Gilver, San Luis Obispo; Rose M. French, San Francisco; R. I. Knapp, San Mateo; C. M. Gidney, Santa Barbara; C. A. Tupper, F. R. Shafer, W. Kelly and T. H. Lawson, Santa Clara; S. H. Shafer, Stanislaus; C. F. Withrow, Sierra; F. W. Hooper, Siskiyou; Mrs. Jennie Chamberlain, Solano; Garrison Turner, Stanislaus; M. Wilcox, Tehama. The State Central Committee was empowered to fill all vacancies. The following were nominated as electors: At large, John Bidwell and Henry French; First District, F. W. Hooper of Siskiyou; Second, R. F. Burns of Placer; Third, W. H. Bone of Alameda; Fourth, Lewis Hanson of San Francisco; Fifth, William Kelly of Santa Clara; Sixth, Jessie Yarnell of Los Angeles; Seventh, Garrison Turner of Modesto.

For Congress the following were nominated:



SEATTLE MAY WITHDRAW. Likely to Be Stated for Secretary of the Navy.

SEATTLE, WASH., July 24.—Free-silver Republicans of this city are much elated to-night over the nomination by their party at St. Louis of Bryan and Sewall, but the selection of Watson as the People's party Vice-Presidential candidate was not received with great favor by local Populists. The Populist sentiment appears to have been for a straight-out nomination or indorsement of both Bryan and Sewall. Hon. John Wiley, a bolting Republican and leader of the free-silver forces of this State, upon the announcement of Watson's nomination said: "Sewall will no doubt withdraw from the ticket by resignation and in the event of Bryan's action which result there is scarcely a question, he would make an admirable Secretary of the Navy. Such an arrangement may be already contemplated. I think it is."

Los Angeles Ratification. LOS ANGELES, CAL., July 24.—Elaborate preparations are now about completed for a Bryan and Sewall ratification meeting here to-morrow evening. Several committees have been hard at work for many days and it is expected that the "entertainment" will be out in large numbers. The plan contemplates a night street parade and torchlight procession, composed of citizens, "Knights of Silver" and large gangs from all the towns and villages around Los Angeles, with illuminations of red fire, first of cannons and speaking after 9 o'clock at Hazard's Pavilion by Senator Stephen M. White and other prominent Democrats and silver men. General Johnstone Jones will be the marshal and R. P. Del Valle will preside at the meeting. The procession will be composed of several divisions and clubs, and will pass through the principal streets of the city.

Arrested at Stockton. STOCKTON, CAL., July 24.—A. T. Cox was arrested here to-night by Deputy Sheriff Black and Chief of Police Kingsbury. He is wanted in San Francisco for fraud for drawing two pensions, and a United States Marshal will arrive to-morrow to take him back to San Francisco.

FOUR DROWNED IN WASHOUGAL RIVER.

Death Claims a Pleasure Party From Vancouver Barracks.

THEIR BOAT CAPSIZED.

Two Young Women and Their Soldier Escorts Caught in an Eddy.

ASSISTANCE COMES TOO LATE.

Bodies of the Victims Plainly Seen Through the Clear Waters of the Stream.

VANCOUVER, WASH., July 24.—By the overturning of a rowboat in an eddy below a milldam in the Washougal River, not far from Vancouver, yesterday forenoon, four persons were drowned. They were: Henry L. Edson, corporal of the Fourteenth Infantry; Charles Morris, private, of the Fourteenth Infantry; Laura Guard, 18 years old, of Vancouver; Emma Young, 19 years old, of Vancouver. At a late hour last night the bodies of the victims were recovered and taken to Vancouver in the hospital ambulance and an escort wagon from the barracks.

A company of young people went across the Washougal to pick blackberries yesterday morning. They were using an old boat which had been used by several boating parties. The blackberrying party started at 10 o'clock to return to the camp, which had been established on the other shore. Miss Guard, Miss Young and the two young men got into the boat. The craft dipped water and the young ladies became frightened. Their fright only added to their danger and lightly counseling them to "keep cool" the young men pushed off for the other side.

The river is only forty feet wide at that point, but it is about sixteen feet deep and the water swirls around in an eddy with considerable force. The eddy caught the rocking boat and upset it, precipitating the occupants into the water. Miss Guard and young Morris clung to the boat's side and the other two went down almost instantly.

Mrs. Lipscomb, in charge of the camping party, was a witness to the accident. She ran to the river bank just in time to see Morris and Miss Guard clinging to the boat. They were calling for help. Edson and his companion had gone down. Mrs. Lipscomb was helpless and could only scream for help, which did not come in time to save the lives of any of the four. It was nearly an hour before the other campers got back and learned of the disaster. The water was so clear that the bodies of the four could be seen at the bottom of the creek.

The news was brought to the city by Private Irwin of the Fourteenth Infantry, who arrived at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. It was a sad outing party that returned to Vancouver. The unfortunate young men and women were well known, and their untimely end, due to carelessness, it is thought, casts a gloom over the city. Miss Laura Guard's mother is a widow who lives at Vancouver, and Miss Young is the daughter of a farmer near the barracks. Edson enlisted in the Fourteenth Infantry at Seattle four years ago. His brother, Colonel E. P. Edson, is a prominent lawyer of Seattle. Morris is a prominent whose parents live at Fort Sherman. He is a member of the infantry band.

fighting over a game of cards, and Scollard attempted to separate them. One of the men then attacked Scollard, who drew a revolver and fatally shot Roland.

JOINT DEBATE AT TULARE. Gold and Silver Forces Clash on a Live-Tire Platform.

TULARE, CAL., July 24.—The forces of gold and silver were pitted against each other to-night at Library Hall, by A. J. Pillsbury of Tulare, and J. W. Martin of Woodville engaging in a joint debate. Pillsbury argued for the continuance of the present gold standard, while J. W. Martin advocated the free and unlimited coinage of silver. The audience was large and gave both speakers generous applause. An admission fee of 10 cents was charged, the proceeds to be given to the Equal Suffrage Club of Tulare.

Mrs. W. W. Whittington presided and introduced the speakers. A quartet consisting of Messrs. Oxford and Corbett, Mrs. C. W. Tozer and Miss Pearl Thompson opened the entertainment with appropriate songs composed by Mrs. A. D. B. Palmer. The silver song was rendered, Mrs. Tozer leading. It begins with the lines: Sixteen to one is the battle cry—Martin will tell you why.

This was given a hearty encore and the quartet responded with the gold song, beginning: So vote for gold sound money—The shining yellow gold, Passing in any country where things are bought It has a standard value; it never, never flops; 'Tis good for old-line Democrats, Republicans and Jews.

In their harangues the debaters went over the ground which forms the basis of financial argument from end to end of this broad land. The "crime of '73" and Lombard streets were "swatted" by Martin, but his attacks were not met and repelled by his adversary. Pillsbury twitted Martin because the latter avoided mention of Thomas Jefferson's name. He declared that for a Democratic orator to ignore the father of his party was unusual. Martin retorted with a flood of quotations from the patron saint of Democracy and was applauded by the crowd.

Pillsbury is one of the editors and proprietors of the Tulare Register and has made his influence felt throughout the San Joaquin Valley. The Register is a staunch Republican paper and is the only second-money paper in the San Joaquin Valley. Pillsbury has just been appointed secretary of the bureau of literature of the Republican State Central Committee. His duties will commence at once with headquarters at San Francisco.

Mourning at Penns Grove. SANTA ROSA, CAL., July 24.—Almer Clark, a Sonoma County pioneer, died at his home in Penns Grove yesterday, aged 76 years. Mr. Clark was a native of Pennsylvania and came to Sonoma County in 1853. He was the father of Mrs. C. S. Farquhar, Mrs. L. E. Cannon and George C. Clark. The funeral will be held Saturday from his late residence.

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