

MYSTIC SHRINERS AT SACRAMENTO

Tribes Gather From Several Cities to Greet New Members.

Thirty-Six Thirsting Pilgrims Tread With Bare Feet the Blazing Sands.

After the Journey They Fast in the Shades of a Hospitable Temple.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., Feb. 13.—With clashing cymbals and the blare of trumpets, each man bearing a curved scimitar and adorned with the gorgeous red fez, a caravan of 300 Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Islam Temple, arrived at the oasis of Sacramento this evening from the far-away desert of San Francisco. They were met on their entrance by the brethren of the local tribe, who escorted them to the cool shades of the Golden Eagle hostelry, where a bounteous feast of camel's flesh, goat's milk and dates awaited the weary toilers over the desert sands.

Nor were these the only tribesmen who had hurried to this oasis for the sole purpose of escorting the neophytes on their pilgrimage to Mecca. Carson, Reno, Truckee and numerous other localities contributed their quota, until the streets were lined with the wearers of the fez, and the cry of the tribes could be heard on every hand.

Later in the evening the brethren gathered at the Temple and lent a helping hand to thirty-six toiling and thirsting pilgrims, who—earnest seeking for the true light—were ready and willing to explain the rite by treading with bare feet the blazing sands and climbing on bending knees the lofty pyramids; while in the far distance the silent Sphinx smiled at their agony and fear.

Nor were the neophytes made to suffer for their sins, as did ancient pagans; for it was provided that modern electric appliances, threshing machines, instruments of torture, bucking camels, fighting elephants and other bric-a-brac were on hand with which to administer to their desires; and the pass-word was "Gawmoo-queeyamah," which being interpreted, meaneth, "Remember the day of standing." At the end of the journey, the weary pilgrims gathered at the shrine, the wine bags and bread skins were brought forth, and with milk, honey, dates and salt the brethren forgot their trials and dangers in the feast.

The San Francisco shriners who attended were: W. W. Martin, J. J. Meigs, W. T. Hamilton, R. O. Baldwin, T. Olinstead, C. C. Field, T. H. Day, C. C. Patton, W. P. Dabcoe, C. S. Bennett, J. A. Carter, J. Bell, George A. Clark, T. Beetscher, O. J. Hunter, J. H. Culver, P. Burnham, A. V. Lancaster, M. G. Strong, H. W. Furman, R. P. Woodland, M. E. Brown, H. J. Harris, H. R. Robbins, S. J. Handy, Thomas Morrison, C. H. Cassasa, Charles Elias, T. Omesa, J. D. K. Town-end, R. P. Savers, Henry Kingdon, Thomas Kirkpatrick, J. H. Gray, S. Lent, A. M. Baldwin, J. McAllister, R. B. Moore, G. E. de Gollis, F. A. B. M. Brown, E. W. Comb, R. W. Payne, John Harpat, J. C. Bull, W. S. Moss, G. K. Node, W. E. Laiz, J. J. McSaterly, C. W. Bennett, R. P. Woodland, M. E. Brown, T. P. Connelly, J. J. Smith, William Bridges, C. H. Murray, W. C. Welch, C. W. Manner, M. Johnson, E. Hurlbut, A. Doud, Dr. Decker, G. Edmondson, J. E. Boyce, W. N. Braut, C. A. Warren, A. Deguise, J. Martin, Martin Jones, E. L. Price, J. W. Westphal, H. Westphal, W. C. Campbell, A. R. West, G. L. Jones, Louis Glass, G. E. Dow, E. W. Crulin, R. J. Voornet, Robert Ash, L. A. Spitzer, J. Gilson, T. V. Harris.

ELOPE FROM LOS ANGELES.

Hon. Thomas D. Mott's Son Weds Miss Marguerite Hupp at Santa Ana.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Feb. 13.—"Ah me!" For aught that I could ever read, could ever hear by talking, I say, the course of true love never did run smooth. So says the Bard of Avon, and to-day one more experience swells the ever increasing list of illustrations that prove the veracity of his claim.

Stephen Mott is the son of Hon. Thomas D. Mott, formerly clerk of Los Angeles and later a member of the State Legislature. Mr. Mott wooed and won Miss Marguerite Hupp, a beautiful and exceedingly vivacious young lady, well known here and in San Francisco. The young man failed to meet with the approval of the young man's parents, so to-day Mr. Mott procured a marriage license, went to Santa Ana and was united to the object of his choice by a Justice of the Peace.

The marriage register gives the age of the young man as 21 and that of the bride as 18, though persons who ought to know assert that they are both under age. When interviewed late this afternoon, Mrs. T. D. Mott, the mother of the young man, stated in regard to the marriage, "I had no objection to her son's marriage. She had obtained her first information in regard to the ceremony from the newspaper reports. Mr. Mott is well known as a politician and property-owner, was very angry when he learned that the marriage had not and never would have the stamp of his approval."

Land-Boomers ousted of Fraud.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Feb. 13.—United States Circuit Judge Wellborn this afternoon issued an injunction restraining J. W. Wilson, editor of a monthly paper in Chicago, and his associate H. P. Sweet, directors of the Cuban League of America, Company, from issuing Creek Irrigation bonds fraudulently; restraining the directors of the district from wrongfully appropriating the money of the company, from sending a wrongful issue of bonds out of the State. It is claimed Wilson and others are accused of having disposed of United States land to settlers.

Strike of Paraffin Oil.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Feb. 13.—Information received from Placero Canon, seven miles above Newhall, give details of a valuable strike of paraffin oil by two prospectors. The men were sinking a shaft for gold, but were driven out by a supposed flow of water. They returned and found the fluid to be oil.

Los Angeles Cuban Sympathizers.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Feb. 13.—Mayor Ordor, in response to a request from the president of the Cuban League of America, was engaged this afternoon in preparing a list of twenty prominent citizens who will be asked to organize in this city a branch of the league.

Sacramento's Distinguished Guests.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., Feb. 13.—

Madame Wilfred Laurier, wife of the Premier of Canada, accompanied by Dr. Ubaldo Laurier and M. Henri Laurier, brothers of the Premier, and their wives, arrived in Sacramento yesterday from the Canadian Government's private car Cumberland. After visiting all the points of interest throughout the city and watching the negotiations in connection with their departure, they left this evening for Salt Lake City.

SAN JOSE'S NORMAL SCHOOL.

Class of Forty Students to Be Graduated in June—Need of a State Appropriation.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Feb. 13.—The semi-annual session of the Board of Trustees of the State Normal School was held here this afternoon. The report of Principal A. H. Randall showed that the year opened with 716 students, of which 413 were students, 155 were admitted on examination and otherwise and 149 were in the training department.

A class of twenty-one was graduated on November 6, 1896, and the graduation exercises of a class of fifty-five were held on January 29. The diplomas for this class were presented to the graduates at the commencement exercises on the 29th and arrangements were made so that a class of forty who will be graduated on June 24 next will be presented with their diplomas upon the day that the exercises of graduation are held.

Miss Rebecca F. English, one of the teachers in the training department, was granted a leave of absence for a year and Miss Caroline L. Fiedler was elected to the temporary vacancy.

A motion was passed directing the chairman to appoint a committee of three to draft rules and regulations for the board, a report to be presented at the annual meeting of the board in June next. The necessity for the improvement and cultivation of the grounds of the school was discussed, but as there was little or no money in the fund no action was taken, pending the passage of the \$3000 appropriation bill that is now being considered in the Legislature. Fears were expressed that the \$3000 desired for repaving the grounds might be stricken out. Principal Randall was advised, in case it was deemed necessary, to appear before the Legislature and urge the necessity of the appropriation. The board then adjourned until the regular annual meeting in June.

SAN JOSE BURLGLAR CAUGHT.

Is Only 18 Years Old, but a Veteran in Crime.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Feb. 13.—William Downing, who was arrested early this morning by Chief Kidwar for entering a room in the Tyhurst lodging-house at 37 East Santa Clara street, was arraigned before Justice Gass this morning on a charge of burglary. When captured Downing had a suit of clothes, a revolver, a diamond pin and a pair of opera-glasses in his possession. These he had taken from the room of L. A. Tyhurst. His examination was set for February 17. In default of \$1000 bail he was committed to the custody of the Sheriff.

Downing is Only 18 Years Old, but is Thoroughly Incurable.

He was committed to the Whittier Reformatory about five years ago from Santa Barbara, but escaped after serving four years. His father at present is running a merry-go-round in East San Jose.

Scheller for a Judgeship.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Feb. 13.—The Democratic County Central Committee this evening adopted resolutions favoring the appointment of Victor A. Scheller as Superior Judge, should the bill now before the Legislature to create a third department of the Superior Court in this county pass.

Smelling Horseshoe Arrested.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Feb. 13.—Rafael F. rries, who is wanted in Merced County on a charge of grand larceny, was arrested at the home of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Sanchez, at 69 Montgomery street, by Detective Anderson and Officer Haley, this morning. Ferris stole three horses and two mules from a rancher at Snelling. He disposed of the stock along the route. The accused will be taken to Merced to-morrow by Constable Latour.

Sudden Death at Gilroy.

GILROY, CAL., Feb. 13.—E. T. Archer, an old resident of Gilroy, dropped dead yesterday morning near this place from heart disease. The deceased was a native of Missouri, aged 71 years. He had been a resident of Gilroy for the past twenty years and was engaged in the poultry business. At the time of his death he was engaged in a dispute with some eyes over the latter's horses grazing on the street and it is believed that his anger and the excitement were the primary cause of his death.

PORTLAND MAN'S WINDFALL.

Heir to Estates in Scotland, Valued at \$100,000.

PORTLAND, OR., Feb. 12.—John Duthie, head contractor of Government torpedo boats at Wolf & Zwickers, has just received word that he is heir to the estates in Scotland worth \$100,000. The property descended from relatives of the family of his mother near Dundee, whose name was Mason. A notice in the law firm has been advertising in a number of American newspapers for heirs of Isabella Marion Duthie, and John Duthie, the oldest surviving son, was traced from Bristol, E. I., to Portland. The fortune is entirely a surprise to Duthie. Duthie is one of the first boat constructors in the country, having built the first fishing torpedo-boat in this country and also having built the Vigilant and Defender.

DEATH AT SANTA CRUZ.

Passing of L. B. Austin, one of California's First Settlers.

SANTA CRUZ, CAL., Feb. 13.—L. B. Austin, who was the sergeant-at-arms of California's first State Legislature, died at his home in this city to-day, aged 78. Mr. Austin was born in Addison County, Vermont. He crossed the plains in 1849 and resided in Nevada country until 1868, afterward removing to Hollister and Monterey. For the past twenty years he had lived in Santa Cruz. Several years ago Mr. Austin retired from active business, because of poor health. The body will be interred at Hollister, where a brother, G. W. Austin, resides.

Prisoner Escapes at Burlingame.

REDWOOD CITY, CAL., Feb. 13.—Constable De-Irello of South San Francisco was escorting two culprits from that place to the County Jail at Redwood City yesterday. As the train neared Burlingame one of the men asked permission to go into the lavatory of the car. His request was granted, and as the car pulled out from the station the prisoner slipped out the window and made his escape over the fields. To pursue him meant to lose the one in the Constable's possession, so the train was allowed to be unmolested. He has not been recaptured.

Beautifying Los Gatos Streets.

LOS GATOS, CAL., Feb. 13.—The local improvement society has been the beneficiary of the town by planting trees and shrubbery along the principal streets. Palms will be set out in front of the schools and all the churches. J. J. Sullivan, a public-spirited citizen, will plant fifty palm trees on University avenue and the society will set out twenty on Taylor street and sixty on Santa Clara street. The palms will also decorate the plaza on Glen Ridge. Other streets will also be improved.

CLOTHING ARTICLES WILL BE SACRIFICED

Summerfield and Roman Consolidate Their Business Interests.

The Stock of Two Big Stores Crowded Under the Roof of One Establishment.

One of the most important events in the clothing world that has taken place for some time past is the consolidation of the business interests of H. Summerfield and J. H. Roman under the firm name of Summerfield & Roman at the corner of Fifth and Market streets. This move means the inauguration of a monstrous stock of two tremendous stores under the roof of one establishment, which commences to-morrow.

Mr. Summerfield, who for the past decade has been located in the Baldwin Hotel block, has removed the stock of that establishment to the large and handsome store of his present partner, H. Roman, which amounts to the crowding of the stock of two of the biggest clothing and furnishing goods houses in the State into one.

Had the emergencies which promoted the consolidation of these two merchants been foreseen it is needless to state that no such extensive and varied a line of clothing articles would have found its way into any one establishment.

In order, therefore, to facilitate the disposal of the stock that overcrowds the

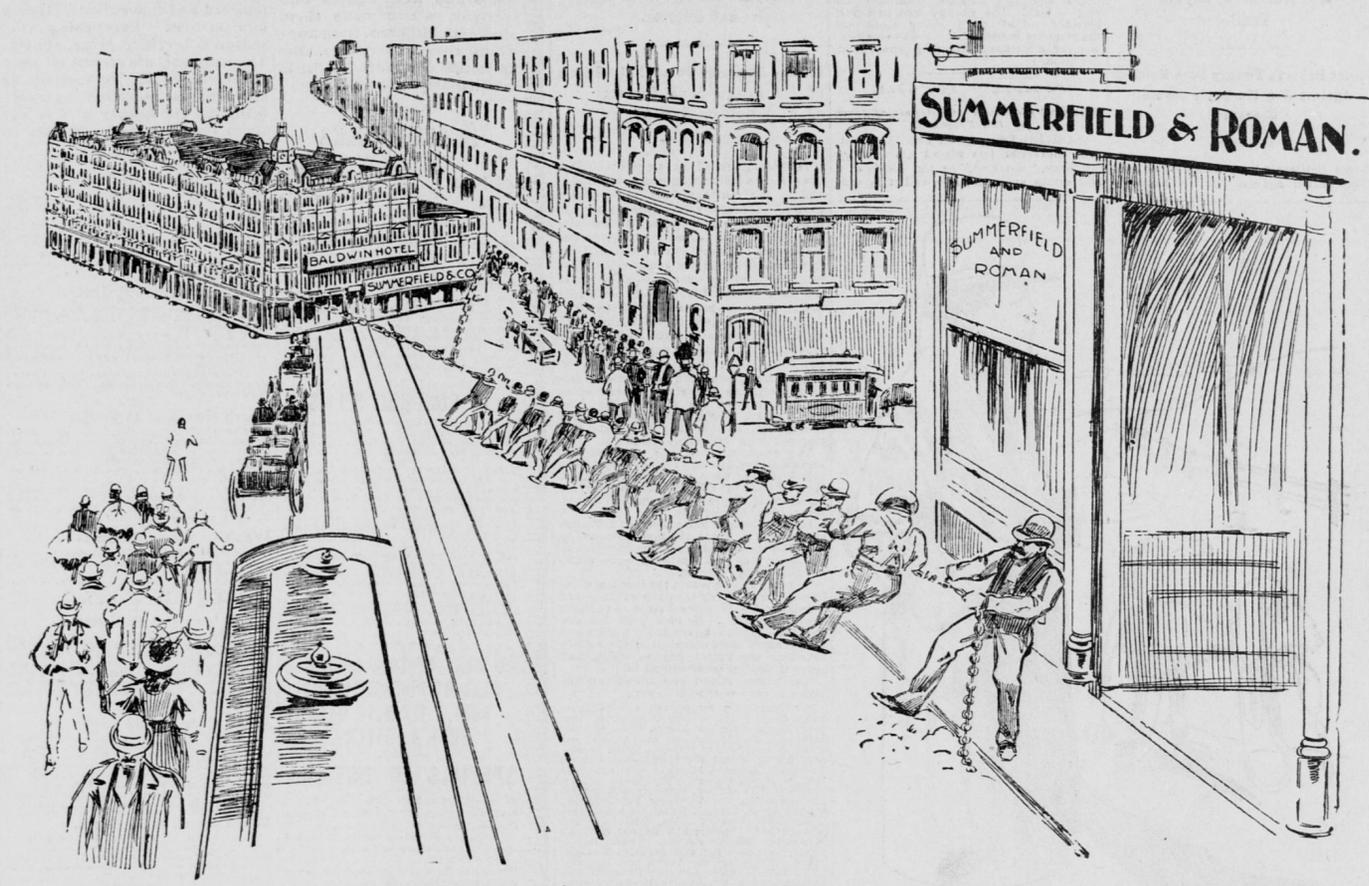
store at Fifth and Market streets, commencing to-morrow, there will be held there a perfect revelation sale in the line of clothing and furnishing goods as regards prices which have been slashed, it would appear, regardless of the real value of the articles, which are high class and of the finest quality throughout.

Summerfield & Roman propose to be known in future as the leading clothiers not alone of this City, but of the Pacific Coast, and in consequence will offer to the public such rare inducements in their line, both in price and quality of articles, as to warrant this belief.

In consequence of the big sale that

starts to-morrow, it will not be surprising to see long lines of people awaiting admission to the big store at the corner of Fifth and Market streets, each clamoring for admission and each more eager than the other to take advantage of an opportunity that seldom presents itself for the purchase of some article in wearing apparel at less than wholesale prices.

Bullets made of precious stones are rarities in warfare. But during the fighting on the Kashmir frontier, when the British troops defeated the rebellious Hunzas, the natives used bullets of garnets encased in lead. The British preserved many as curiosities.



READY TO BUILD TOWARD HANFORD

Grading on the Valley Road Extension Begins To-Morrow.

Rights of Way Procured Along the Route Selected by the Surveyors.

Three Property-Owners Oppose the Advance of the Line Over the Redley Survey.

The Valley road people have refused to entertain his proposition. They have no other course to pursue but appeal to the courts.

Mr. Kendall was formerly a banker in Sacramento, and is quite wealthy. His attempt at what is considered a "hold-up" of the railroad is not viewed favorably by the people along the line who could not so well afford to be liberal toward the competing road.

The Smilie Brothers appear still more unreasonable. They were the contractors for the additions to Fresno County's Courthouse, and the Fresnoites feel that they could well afford to fight way between the railroad, which means so much to them and to the people of the county, from whom they secured no small amount of money. The contracting firm owns a large tract of land and the survey of the Valley road goes through it for the distance of about a mile. The area of land the strip embraces is in the neighborhood of thirteen acres. For this \$5000 in cash, improvements along the right of way, which will cost about \$7000, and a half-interest in a townsite in the vicinity are asked.

It appears that Robert Smilie has acted somewhat strangely in the matter. When the occurrence of right of way between this city and Redley was first taken up, he said that he and his brother would donate the strip of land to the new road. He even went so far as to hire other property-owners along the line to do the same, and took particular occasion to announce his own liberality. But when the time came for making the deed, and after the company had secured deeds for nearly all of the right of way, Mr. Smilie changed his mind and wanted excellent pay for his land.

UNDER AN IDAHO AVALANCHE.

Commissioner Butler of Elmore County Hurled to His Death.

BOISE, IDAHO, Feb. 13.—Mountain snowslides have claimed another victim on the road between Rocky Bar and Atlanta. George E. Butler, a Commissioner of Elmore County, was on his way home from a meeting of the board. He left Rocky Bar on snowshoes and has not been seen since. His trail was followed to the edge of the great avalanche and there all trace was lost. It is supposed he was overtaken by the slide and swept down to death.

William Tate, a mail carrier, made the trip in the opposite direction the same day. When at a point near where the slide occurred, he heard the thunder of the avalanche and narrowly escaped being carried away. When it was safe to move on he crossed the track of the slide and was alarmed to find a fresh snowslide trail. He hurried on to Rocky Bar and gave the alarm, meeting some men on the road who informed him that Butler had made the trail he had seen. At last accounts the body had not been recovered.

The Consul at San Diego.

SAN DIEGO, CAL., Feb. 13.—H. M. S. Conus, Captain Dyke, arrived to-day ten days from Acapulco and bound for Esquimaux. It will probably remain until after the water carnival. The United States battleship Oregon left Acapulco on February 1 and is supposed to be slowly steaming up the coast.

Seattle Embellishers' Fight.

SEATTLE, WASH., Feb. 13.—Eugene Fischer, for many years collector for the Seattle Brewing and Malt Company, is missing with a shortage in his accounts. His delinquency is said to be in the neighborhood of \$5000. He is German, about thirty-seven years of age, and has a wife and two children in this city.

Linda Vista Colonists.

SAN DIEGO, CAL., Feb. 13.—Representatives of a syndicate of Chicago and St. Louis capitalists have purchased six hundred acres of land in Linda Vista, adjoining this city, for \$50,000. They have subdivided the tract and will colonize it immediately.

CUTTER GOLDEN GATE LAUNCHED

Seattle Takes a Holiday and Hundreds Witness the Descent.

Stand in the Chilling Wind for Hours Waiting for the Word to Be Given.

The New Vessel Designed for Revenue Duty in San Francisco Harbor.

SEATTLE, WASH., Feb. 13.—Four thousand people witnessed the launching of the steel Government boarding boat Golden Gate at the Moran Ship-building Yards to-day. The people made it a holiday and turned out in great force, every point of vantage and some that were not points of vantage being occupied. When the appointed hour drew near, standing-room was not to be had within the yards nor along the slip leading to the deep water. The morning was cold and raw and the crowd shivered and stood with chattering teeth, but few were willing to forego the pleasure of seeing the launch to seek relief by some glowing radiator.

The minute for the launching had been announced as 8:15 o'clock. Neither the Morans nor any one else on earth could control the tide. They took the tide books as a guide, but alas! the books were wrong and the crowd was kept waiting until noon. At one minute past 12 o'clock the Golden Gate, like a duck on the wing, took her course down toward her native bay. Two minutes later the great crowd was in motion toward the exit, and immediately thereafter the yards were their accustomed appearance, as if nothing unusual had happened.

Judging from the vast concourse of people, the launching of the Golden Gate was one of the most important events of latter-day history of Seattle. Long before the time set people were wending their way out to the tide flats, where the ship-building yards are located, and were presenting their invitation cards at the office of the Morans and being passed through the doors. A crush was expected, but not so great a one as the reality proved to be. It was not long before the improvised seats and grand stand were overflowing. A reception committee had been selected to receive the more distinguished ones, but two or three such committees would have utterly failed in an attempt to properly receive the guests.

Every preparation had been made to have the Golden Gate take the water on time to the minute. The ways, which were substantially laid, had been copiously smeared with grease and beeswax; an immense hawser had been fastened about the steamer from stem to stern and with one end coiled at the water's edge so that it would play out gradually as the vessel moved out into deep water. A few prows were left, as if holding the craft upon a lever, while the small rope holding up the two heavy weights like pendulums was in its place, and the never-to-be omitted bottle of wine, bedecked in the colors of the American flag, hung over the bows. The minute arrived, but the Golden Gate did not move out. The tide was not right. The great crowd, augmenting very fast at this time, soon became aware of

WOOD A WIDOW FOR HER WEALTH

One of the Smith Family Practices Fraud in Los Angeles.

Swindles a Gray-Haired Woman Who Accepted His Proposal of Marriage.

Her Home Mortgaged to Meet the Young Man's Request for a Small Loan.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Feb. 13.—The susceptibility of the occasional widow, especially if she be advanced in years, to the wiles of the male adventurer has been strikingly exemplified here in the case of Mrs. Harriet B. Stanley and a scoundrel by the name of Smith. In the story related by this white-haired dame of 60 can be legally substantiated she has been the victim of one of the "smoothest" swindles that has yet been investigated by the authorities.

ARRAIGNED AT BAKERSFIELD.

Preliminary Examination of Ed Willow, the Slayer of the Notorious Percy Douglas.

BAKERSFIELD, CAL., Feb. 13.—The examination of Ed Willow on the charge of murdering Percy Douglas here on the evening of January 29 took place to-day before Justice Fox. About a dozen witnesses were examined. Several testified that they had heard Douglas threaten Douglas injury to Willow, and that he "would fix him" when the occasion arrived. Some of these threats were heard a few hours before the killing. The case closed with Willow's statement, and the court postponed its decision until next Wednesday afternoon.

"I had not been in Annie Hicks' room, in the Athletic building, long," said Willow, "until Annie screamed and said, 'There comes Percy.' I went to the door and said, 'Don't come in here.' Percy jumped back and started to draw his revolver. He got it about half out, I think, and then I fired. I then went to the kitchen and told Annie to light the lamp. At this time my dog came up with Douglas' hat. I looked into the hall and saw Douglas lying there. I hallooed out for some one to go for a doctor. After this I took Miss Hicks down to the Palm Garden."

"I had been told by several that Douglas was after me. I thought the shotgun a few days before the killing—about the time Douglas drew a pistol on Officer O'Neal. I bought it to protect myself. Last April Jake F. Lutz told me Percy had threatened me, and that created much uneasiness in my mind. 'You don't suppose that Percy Douglas wanted to shoot you?' asked the prosecution. 'Certainly did.' 'If you were innocent why did you refuse to make a statement to the reporters immediately after the shooting when asked?' questioned John Douglas, brother of the deceased. 'I was advised not to by my attorney.'"

Will Be Planted to Canaigre.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Feb. 13.—Twenty-two thousand acres of land, formerly belonging to the Semi-Tropic Land and Water Company, were to-day transferred by the San Francisco Savings Union to a company of English capitalists. The price was over \$200,000. Two thousand acres lie in the Rialto irrigation district. One tract of 2000 acres will be cleared at once for planting canaigre.