KIDDER OFFERS RESIGNATION TO GOVERNOR GAGE

Debris Commissioner Dissatisfied With Executive's Action.

DISPUTE OVER EXPENDITURES

Miners' Committee Urges the California Delegation to Secure an Additional Appropriation.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 27.—Angered at the course of Governor Gage, with reference to the plans for the mining debris impounding dams on the Yuba River, Debris Commissioner John F. Kidder late this afternoon tendered his resignation to the State executive. The Governor told him that he would not consider it unless he presented it in writing, and Mr. Kidder requested Daniel Kevane, secretary of the State Board of Examiners, to draught the resignation in proper form, so that he might sign it and thus sever his connection with the office. The incident was the culminating feature of the conference of the State Board of Examiners this afternoon with the Governor and the Debris Commissioner, held in the office of the executive. There were also in attendance the members of the Debris Commission of the California Miners' Association, of which ex-Congressman A. Caminetti is chairman.

The plans as originally prepared contemplated the expenditure of $500,000 for the impounding dams, of which the State was pledged to pay one-half and the Federal Government one-half. It was soon found, however, that the work would cost some $800,000, and a hitch has arisen as to the State raising its additional pro rata of $150,000.

The miners are very desirous that a start should be made in the matter, and have urged the State Board of Examiners to approve the plans at the $800,000 figures, so that the necessary land may be purchased and the work got under way.

The State Board of Examiners' legal province takes in only the appropriation already made. Under the law it cannot approve plans entailing the expenditure of a greater sum, and Governor Gage is of the opinion that the Board of Examiners cannot sanction any plans which would pledge the State to more than has already been appropriated.

Upon the votes of Governor Gage and Secretary of State Curry the plans and specifications forwarded to the State Board of Examiners and approved by the California Debris Commissioner, John F. Kidder, were approved by the Board of Examiners; provided, however, that such approval does not involve the expenditure on the part of the State of a sum in excess of $250,000, the amount already appropriated for the purpose, and provided, further, that in the purchase of any site or sites contemplated under the act creating the office and defining the mission of the Debris Commissioner, the approval of the State Board of Examiners must first be secured and that all contracts let for the carrying out of the purposes of the act must first be approved by the State Board of Examiners and that no warrant shall be drawn in excess of the amount appropriated by the act.

Attorney General Ford declined to vote on the resolution on the ground that he was not satisfied as to the legality of the action. There was no open evidence of strained relations between the Governor and the Attorney General, but that the one was not in perfect accord with the other was apparent by the studied politeness which prevailed.

Governor Gage at one time in the proceedings said that when the Debris Commissioner had prepared something for the board to act upon it would be time enough to consider it. Commissioner Kidder evidently did not like the implied criticism of his action and at the close of the meeting he asked that the Governor accept his resignation. This the Governor refused to do unless it was presented in writing. Mr. Kidder then requested Secretary Kevane to write his resignation out so that he might attach his signature, but before this could be done the meeting adjourned. Governor Gage, in conversation afterward, said that he did not mean to give the Debris Commissioner offense.

The miners' committee to-night met and sent a telegram on to Washington stating the action taken at to-day's conference and urging the California delegation to secure an additional appropriation of $150,000, assuring the delegation that the committee would bend every effort to have the California Legislature appropriate a similar sum, and thus allow the impounding dams on the Yuba River to be built according to the approved plans.

SANDSTORM BLOCKS SOUTHERN PACIFIC TRACKS

All Trains Are Stalled, but No Damage Is Reported to Private Property.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 27.—A terrific sandstorm visited San Gorgonio Pass yesterday, which completely tied up the Southern Pacific system. In intensity the storm is said to have exceeded anything of the kind which has taken place in the vicinity for years. Great clouds of sand were blown up from the desert as far west as Cucamonga, and many telegraph poles went down before the force of the storm.

Rifts of sand drifted across the railroad track in many places, and all train service was demoralized. With the setting of the sun came an abatement of the fury of the wind. Work trains were hastily sent out from San Bernardino to remove the obstruction from the track, but so many hundred cubic yards of sand had fallen on the rails that little headway was made.

At an early hour this morning all the through passenger and freight trains were hung up along the road. The overland, which left here at 2 o'clock yesterday, was stalled at Colton. No serious damage is reported to private property, and it is believed that little was sustained. The Southern Pacific expects to have the line cleared in the morning and all trains moving on schedule time.

DUNHAM AGAIN FOUND.

Amateur Detective in Mississippi Has Murderer Under Surveillance.

SAN JOSE, Dec. 27.—Another Dunham suspect has been located. This time the man who thinks he has a string on the $10,000 reward offered for the murderer is Andrew Jackson, an amateur detective of Mount Olive, Miss. In a letter received by Sheriff Langford to-day he says he is satisfied he has James C. Dunham spotted and wants photographs and information about the reward.

He says he can prove by a second cousin of the suspect that he has spoken of knowing a Hattie Dunham, which was the name of the wife of the muchly sought sextuple murderer.

The officials here take no stock in Jackson's claim that he has Dunham under surveillance. The usual crop of Dunham suspects is on the increase, but after mailing a circular with picture of the murderer they are never heard from again.

Interests the Coast.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Postoffice established: Oregon—North Bend, Coos County, Louis J. Simpson, Postmaster.

Pensions issued to-day: California—Original—Richard Bryan Treat, San Francisco, $8.

Oregon—Original—Sanford H. Houser, Portland, $8. Original widow—Leah A. Kramer, Monmouth, $8.

Washington—Increase — Edward Noel Jacques, New Whatcom, $81.

Rice Granted a Stay.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 27.—Edward Rice, who brutally murdered old Matt Maley at Wallace, Idaho, will live to see another century. He was sentenced to be hanged December 31 next, but a stay of execution has been granted because of an appeal to the Supreme Court.

HUGH BUCHANAN IS FOUND GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER

Man Who Feigned Insanity for Many Years Must Pay Penalty of Crime.

HUGH BUCHANAN, THE SLAYER OF W. H. MILES, WHO HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF MANSLAUGHTER. BUCHANAN ADMITS TO HAVING FEIGNED INSANITY AND WAS CONFINED AT NAPA.

MARYSVILLE, Dec. 27.—The jury in the case of Hugh Buchanan, who has been on trial during the past week for the murder of Billy Miles, brought in a verdict of manslaughter after having been out all night. Buchanan will be sentenced Saturday.

The case was of particular interest owing to the presence of a large array of expert testimony, most of which was to the effect that the prisoner was insane at the time of the commission of the crime. Dr. Dozier of the Napa State Hospital, who has had the prisoner in charge for the past three years, however, testified that he believed him sane.

Buchanan is a son of ex-Congressman Buchanan of Georgia.

The crime for which Buchanan was convicted was committed in 1894 in this city. He arrived here shortly before and soon developed a wayward character, spending his remittances in carousals. While on one of his sprees he became engaged in a barroom quarrel, which resulted in the stabbing and death of William H. Miles. Buchanan claimed after his arrest that he knew nothing of the affair and that there was no premeditation about it. He was bound over at a preliminary hearing, but before trial a special jury found that he was suffering from petit mal or "masked epilepsy" and he was committed to Napa, from which, after a hard fight, he was released some months ago by the Supreme Court and was brought here for trial for the killing of Miles.

THREE CHILDREN LOSE LIVES IN A FIRE

Home of the Laverys at Olympia Destroyed and Remains of Little Ones Found in the Ruins.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

TACOMA, Dec. 27.—A tragedy occurred yesterday morning east of Olympia, resulting in the death of three children. The Lavery family, consisting of the father, mother, a daughter aged four years, a son aged two years and an infant six months old, occupied the dwelling house. The father and mother went to take a cow to a neighbor's house, leaving the children alone. A hired man was at work cutting wood about 200 yards from the house. During the absence of the parents he discovered the house to be on fire. Before he could reach the scene an explosion occurred, supposedly of some dynamite that had been stored in the upper part of the building.

By the time he arrived and opened the door the whole interior of the house was in flames, and it was impossible to rescue the little ones. The building was entirely consumed, the walls falling outward. The bodies of the two oldest children were found where the bedroom stood. They had run out of the front room, where the fire probably started. The infant was evidently in the crib or cradle in the front room.

The parents were frantic with grief when they arrived. Their absence had been but a few minutes, yet long enough to find their house in ashes. The mother had to be removed by force. She and her husband later returned to the scene and spent many hours gazing at the ruins of their home and the remains of their children.

To-day at Olympia services were held over the remains of Hazel, Dewey and Robert, the three dead children. The bodies were so badly destroyed that only a few bones could be found to place in the casket.

The fire left Mr. and Mrs. Lavery in a destitute condition and a subscription paper is to-day being liberally signed by State officials and other citizens.

No inquest was considered necessary, although the origin of the fire will probably always remain a mystery.

Fruit-Growers Meet.

SAN JOSE, Dec. 27.—The joint meeting of the directors of the California Cured Fruit Association and the Packers' Company to-day, caused by the dissatisfaction of certain prune growers with the policy of the big prune combine, adjourned till next Wednesday without taking any action looking to a solution of the present conditions of the prune market. While some plan was undoubtedly broached at the meeting looking to a relief of the stagnation, those present refused to say what it was, but it is plain something will be done. All the directors of the Cured Fruit Association with the exception of Kearney of Fresno were present, and the packers were well represented. President Bond stated the association was daily in receipt of letters from prune men all over the State urging a continuance of the present policy.

Mrs. Meloling Gets Divorce.

SAN RAFAEL, Dec. 27.—A divorce was granted to-day by Superior Judge Angellotti to Claudie Meloling from her husband, Albert Webb Meloling, and the custody of their little child was awarded to the husband. The couple are very young, and their marriage was hasty and somewhat romantic. They have been living for some time at Larkspur. The divorce was granted on statutory grounds, failure to provide being the cause of complaint. There was no contest, the husband allowing the case to go by default and contenting himself with the custody of the child.

Engaged by Rhodes.

SAN JOSE, Dec. 27.—W. F. H. Pickstone, a well-known horticulturist of Santa Clara County, has been engaged by Cecil Rhodes, the South African diamond king, to supervise a number of orchards that the latter is setting out in Africa. For some years Rhodes has had a hobby of introducing the culture of California fruits into Africa and now has a number of promising orchards. Pickstone, who has been foreman for A. Block for years, will supervise the work of caring for and planting the orchards and instruct the natives in the art of horticulture. Pickstone started for South Africa to-day.

The Challenge Is Out.

Wednesday, January the 2d, the great challenge will take place in this city.

ARCADE HOTEL AT DIXON DESTROYED

Firemen and Volunteers Save Furniture From the Burning Building and Check Spread of Flames.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

DIXON, Dec. 27.—One of the most disastrous fires in the history of Dixon broke out in the Arcade Hotel on A street at about 10:30 this morning. The wind was blowing a gale from the north and that any of the southern portion of the town remains seems miraculous. A defective flue is presumably responsible for the conflagration, and after the fire broke through the roof a few moments after smoke was first seen issuing from the building it was evident that the building could not be saved, and the volunteer fire department devoted its attention to saving surrounding property.

The Fashion stables, Arcade livery stable and Odd Fellows' Hall, all adjacent to the destroyed building, were saved after most desperate fighting on the part of the fire companies and others who volunteered. While the hose companies which compose the fire department were busy fighting the flames willing hands were removing as much of the furniture as possible from the burning building and about three-fourths of the contents were saved.

The hotel was erected in 1872, and was one of the town's oldest landmarks. It escaped the fire which swept the business portion of Dixon in 1883, although it was badly scorched, and has since had several narrow escapes from destruction by fire. The building was insured in two companies for $5500, which only partially covers the loss. The property represented an outlay of nearly $25,000.

Dixon, possessing only limited hotel accommodations, will feel the loss of the hostelry keenly. It is not known whether or not Mrs. Kumle, the proprietress, will reconstruct the building.

OIL DISCOVERED ON A SANTA CLARA RANCH

Surface Indications Are Very Good and Real Estate Values Are Soaring Upward.

SAN JOSE, Dec. 27.—Oil has been discovered seeping from the ground on the Schmerber ranch, at the junction of Lick and Alum Rock avenues, a few miles east of this city, and it is believed its development will lead to the finding of rich oil deposits in Santa Clara County. Considerable excitement has been created in the neighborhood. Experts are going over the ground in the interests of local capitalists, and they report the surface indications favorable for a large body of oil in that vicinity.

For some years it has been known that oil existed in Alum Rock Park, which is close to the find now made, but city ownership has prevented developments there. Leases for land in the vicinity of the Schmerber ranch are being made, and it is said the work of boring will soon commence. Real estate values are raising in that locality.

For years oil wells have been operated in Moody's Gulch, above Los Gatos, and it is now predicted Santa Clara County will surpass the southern part of the State in the production of oil.

Goldsborough Without a Crew.

TACOMA, Dec. 27.—Wolff & Zwicker, ship builders at Portland, have not yet sent any one here to replace Chief Engineer Bodmer of the new torpedo-boat destroyer Goldsborough, who resigned last week. The Goldsborough lies at the dock in charge of a watchman, machinist and fireman, her crew having been discharged. She is temporarily laid up pending the arrival from Portland of a new eccentric rod to replace one broken at her last builders' test.

May Rebury Parker.

WILLOWS, Dec. 27.—Among the effects of the late George Parker, who died Christmas day shortly after an encounter with Deputy Sheriff Potts, has been found an emblem of the Mason order on a photograph. Investigation will be made, and if it can be ascertained that the deceased was a Mason the local order will probably exhume the body and rebury it. Parker was buried by the county yesterday.

Five Years for Coxe.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 27.—In Judge Smith's department of the Superior Court John H. Coxe, a real estate agent, was this morning sentenced to five years in San Quentin for the embezzlement of funds intrusted to him by Percy Richardson, a client. An appeal will be taken.

KILLS HIS WIFE THEN TURNS GUN ON HIMSELF

John W. Tinsley Ends His Marital Woes at Los Angeles.

STORMY LIFE OF THE COUPLE

Husband Was Accused of Having Deceived the Woman and She Was Suing Him for the Return of Money.

Special Dispatch to The Call

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 27.—John W. Tinsley shot and killed his wife, Anna P. Tinsley, at the corner of Eighth and Olive streets this morning and then fired a bullet into his own head, dying instantly. The bullet that killed his wife entered the left eye and penetrated the brain. She was alive when picked up, but died on the way to the Receiving Hospital.

The couple were married at Van Buren, Ark., in January. Tinsley represented himself as possessed of property in Helena, Mont., to the value of $75,000. His wife had $400 cash and a house and lot in Jackson, Tenn., valued at $2500. This latter her husband induced her to sacrifice for $1800, and five days after the marriage they came to Los Angeles on a honeymoon trip, the expenses of which were defrayed by Mrs. Tinsley. From here they went to Mineral Wells, Tex., and August 28 reached Excelsior Springs, Mo.

There Tinsley induced his wife to transfer to him the $700 that remained of her money, and told her he must go to Helena to settle up his affairs. After his departure she found that he had also taken a diamond ring and stud valued at $400.

She received a telegram from him later dated Los Angeles, in which he acknowledged that he had deceived her in regard to his wealth and that she would see him no more.

She followed him here, but in the meantime he had departed for Moriett, Mo.

Two weeks later he returned to Los Angeles, and an arrangement was made whereby he gave her a draft on an Arkansas bank for $325, and promised to make other reparation. She sent the draft for collection and it was returned, with the statement that the money to Tinsley's credit had been withdrawn by telegraph.

On the 21st of this month Mrs. Tinsley filed suit against her husband in the Superior Court to recover the $1100 fraudulently obtained from her, and bitterness over this suit and the troubles leading up to it evidently caused the double tragedy this morning.

It is now alleged that Tinsley had another wife in Townsend, Mont.

Letters found in Tinsley's pockets after his death, addressed to the public and dated Christmas morning and this morning, indicate clearly that the crime was premeditated. In the course of the first he says:

"If I meet Mrs. Anna P. Tinsley to-day I will take her life and then mine. If we cannot live together then we will die together. Mrs. Tinsley has said a great deal publicly through the press, in fact, too much. I have nothing to say about our difficulties. The Lord must be the judge."

In the letter dated to-day he says:

"I expect to meet Mrs. T. at the Methodist Episcopal South to-morrow, and then I will do the work. I hope no one will say I am crazy, for my mind is as clear as it ever was. I am only a little forgetful. I am sound on religion. I have no fear of hell or hopes of heaven. I would like to be buried by the side of Anna P. Tinsley."

The style of the letters as a whole is illiterate and the spelling bad.

MRS. WALDEN HAS NOT LEFT MARIN COUNTY

Mystery of the Disappearance of the Accountant Is Still as Deep as Ever.

SAN RAFAEL, Dec. 27.—The disappearance of C. J. Walden continues to be the chief topic of conversation at San Quentin prison. Another day has passed and no word has come from the missing man or any clew that will point to why or where he went. To-day several experts were examining his books, but this proceeding is hardly watched, as it is taken for granted that the books are straight. Mrs. Walden, wife of the missing accountant, visited the prison to-day. She protested to be unable to throw any light upon the mystery. The notoriety given her husband's continued absence is very distasteful to her. Her presence here refutes the story that she also had disappeared. As time passes the affair is thrown into deeper mystery. Time usually brings forth some reason or clew. In Walden's case conjectures fall to the ground. He remains a mystery. Seemingly contented, sober, industrious, enjoying a good salary, almost a life position, with a wife and home, Walden disappeared as though the earth had swallowed him.

The only circumstance that points to contemplated flight is the different statements that he is alleged to have made to people regarding where he was going during his vacation. If true they show that his absence is not the result of accident or foul play. The snowed-in-the-mountains theory first advanced by his friends has been abandoned as each day has made it less probable. The great publicity given his disappearance must have reached him by this time if alive and in this country.

SUFFER THREE DAYS FROM HUNGER AND THIRST

Hardships Encountered by Crew of Theresa Maria in Philippine Waters.

SEATTLE, Dec. 27.—Particulars of the rescue by the United States transport Garonne of thirteen shipwrecked seamen of the ill fated schooner Theresa Maria in Philippine waters about the middle of November were received in this city today. While en route from Vigau with twelve sick men from the Third Cavalry and Thirty-third Infantry and fifty-six insurgent prisoners the Garonne sighted wreckage with men clinging to it on her starboard bow. Captain Conradi brought his ship around and dispatched lifeboats for those clinging to the wreckage. All were rescued and taken aboard the Garonne.

The Theresa Maria was bound from Santa Cruz for Manila with rice and sugar. On November 5 she encountered a squall, which swamped her. The members of the crew were three days and nights without food or anything to drink. Meanwhile several vessels passed them, all, unfortunately, failing to observe the Maria's distress.

Highwayman Arrested.

SAN JOSE, Dec. 27.—Peter Adorgo and Pete Mendosa have been arrested and will have to face a charge of highway robbery. As Perley Nace, a well-known young man of Santa Clara, was on his way home from a festal gathering on Christmas night two men held him up on Washington street. Nace was knocked down and brutally beaten and then relieved of $2 60 he had in his pockets. The matter was reported to Deputy Sheriff Tormey and he fastened the crime on Adorgo and Mendosa. After their arrest to-day Mendosa confessed the crime. Both have borne hard reputations. A charge of highway robbery has been placed against them.

Cripps' Suit Transferred.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 27.—A suit for $5000 damages and for $3000 alleged loss of rents was transferred to the United States Circuit Court here this morning from the Superior Court of Fresno County. The suit is entitled H. T. Cripps et al. vs. Aetna Petroleum Company, and alleges that the defendant forcibly entered upon lands belonging to plaintiffs October 8, 1900, erected derricks and commenced boring for oil. The answer is a general denial.

WISCONSIN RECTOR FOR A LOS ANGELES CHURCH

The Rev. J. J. Wilkins Will Enter the New Field in February.

PRESENT RECTOR OF CHRIST CHURCH, LA CROSSE, WIS., WHO WILL BECOME DEAN OF THE PROCATHEDRAL OF ST. PAUL'S AT LOS ANGELES.

LA CROSSE, Wis., Dec. 27.—The vestry of St. Paul's Pro-Cathedral at Los Angeles, Cal., has received before this the written acceptance by the Rev. Dr. J. J. Wilkins, present rector of Christ Church, of the vicarage of that church.

Dr. Wilkins came to La Crosse from Des Moines, Iowa, in 1895. During his rectorship here the Episcopal church has prospered more than it ever had before. A handsome church edifice, the finest in this section of the State, was erected largely through his efforts. A total amount of $63,000 has been raised and expended during his administration, and the number of communicants has been increased 98 per cent.

Dr. Wilkins was born in New York. He was raised and educated in Missouri, and his first rectorship was in Sedalia, Mo. He received a degree of doctor of divinity from the Griswold Theological Seminary in 1893. He entered the ministry in 1884 and was made a priest in 1886. After serving five years as rector at Sedalia, he was called to Des Moines, Iowa, and also remained there five years. While at Des Moines he raised a debt of $14,000 on the church and increased the number of communicants 100 per cent.

MICHIGAN OFFICIALS WANT GREEN HELD

Request Sacramento's Chief of Police to Obtain Written Statement From Self-Confessed Murderer.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 27.—Chief of Police Sullivan to-night received a telegram from the Sheriff of Clare County, Michigan, requesting him to hold H. Green, the man who walked into the police station Christmas night and declared himself guilty of the murder of "Bill" Feeney, a logging foreman, near Farwell, in Clare County, Michigan, about twenty-five years ago. Green has since refused to talk. When asked for a further statement to-day he said, sullenly:

"I have said enough; in fact I have said too much already."

Efforts to get him to reduce his statement to writing, or to authenticate it under oath, have thus far failed. Chief Sullivan asserts his belief that Green is the murderer who has been so long wanted in Michigan, and that his original story, which was told coherently and voluntarily, was correct in all important particulars. The Chief will hold him until he has received full advices from the Michigan end. The telegram from the Michigan Sheriff follows:

HARRISON, Mich., Dec. 27, 1900.

J. E. Sullivan, Chief of Police—Owen Feeney was murdered, his throat having been cut. The body was found in a lake three miles west of Farwell, Clare County. He was missing January 7, 1877, and the body was found in the following September. Please get the confession of H. Green in writing, sworn to before some magistrate, and wire me at once. Andree and McCame were arrested and discharged for this crime. Hold Green until further advice.

JOHN R. BROWN, Sheriff.

The circumstances of the murder as described in the Sheriff's telegram agree almost exactly with those narrated by Green in his confession.

CLARE, Mich., Dec. 27.—The man to whose murder H. Green confessed in Sacramento was Owen Feeney, instead of Bill Feeney, as Green states. Feeney was in Clare on a spree January 8, 1877, and displayed considerable money. He boarded a train that night for the lumber camp where he was employed and was never seen again alive. Search was begun and a hole was discovered in the ice on a small lake near the lumber camp, but the body could not be found. The following September Feeney's body was found in this lake with the throat cut and the skull fractured. His money was missing. This tallies with Green's confession to the Sacramento police, as he told them that he and his brother knocked Feeney in the head and cut his throat. Green is unknown in Clare.

LEGISLATORS-ELECT VISIT SAN DIEGO

Are Handsomely Entertained by a Committee From the Chamber of Commerce.

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 27.—In accordance with an invitation issued by the Chamber of Commerce of this city, a party of eight legislators-elect arrived on last evening's train and for the day have been the guests of the chamber.

The motive which prompted the latter body to issue the invitation aside from that of hospitality was to have these prospective lawmakers visit the State Normal School, so that they might judge of the needs of that institution and the appropriation which will be necessary to cover them.

The party was entertained at dinner at the Hotel Brewster last night by a representation from the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce. This morning the entire party went out to the normal school, returning thence at a little after 10:30. They embarked aboard the Government launch General de Russey on the invitation of Lieutenant John P. Hains of the local post. After taking a circle around the head of the bay they visited the quarantine station and Ballast Point. They spent some time at the naval reserve boat Pinta, which is tied up at the steamship wharf, and on which the naval militia would like to have some money spent in order that she may be put in commission.

Members of the party who were seen expressed themselves as highly pleased with the entertainment received, and were of the impression that the demands of San Diego for the completion of the buildings of the normal school were indeed moderate. The visitors were: C. W. Pendleton, Frank James, Fred M. Smith of Los Angeles, C. W. Merritt of Santa Barbara, D. W. Hassen of Buena Park, A. S. Kelice of Riverside, C. M. Simpson of Pasadena and C. J. H. Bennick of Ontario. Senator Caldwell of Riverside joined the party this afternoon.

Pretty Double Wedding.

SANTA ROSA, Dec. 27.—A very pretty double wedding took place at the home of Whiting Kimble, at Sebastopol, yesterday afternoon. Both daughter and son of Mr. Kimble took unto themselves a life partner. Miss Delia Kimble became the bride of Robert Harman of Sebastopol, and Thomas Kimble received the hand of Miss Sibyl Clark of Santa Rosa.

WITHDRAW CLAIM TO TANZER ESTATE

Attorneys for Mrs. Hutchings, the Alleged Daughter, Spring a Sensation at the Hearing at Santa Rosa.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SANTA ROSA, Dec. 27.—The hearing of the case of Virginia D. Hutchings, who claims she is a daughter of the late Albert Tanzer, was opened to-day. Tanzer was an erratic German and left an estate valued at $40,000.

At about 3 o'clock this afternoon a sensation was sprung when Attorney Hutton announced that he and his associate counsel, Judge Van Fleet, had concluded to withdraw their client's petition for letters of administration. The attorneys in the defense opposed the withdrawal, at least without the costs being paid by the alleged daughter of the old man. Judge Van Fleet stated that his client did not wish to assert her rights at this time, but would do so at the time the distribution question came up. Judge Burnett made no ruling as to the costs, but granted the motion to withdraw. The Judge then granted the petition of Public Administrator Pierce of this county to administer upon the Albert Tanzer estate and no further contest is expected in this case on the part of Mrs. Hutchings.

A large number of depositions have been taken and not one shows the least claim of Mrs. Hutchings in the estate. Some show that while she claims the deceased was in San Francisco at a certain time he was in a machine shop in Burlington, Iowa. Other depositions were presented from Father Crowley of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., where it was alleged by Mrs. Hutchings that she was baptized and that that church had since been burned, which showed that the edifice had never been destroyed nor was there any record of such baptism at that church.

LONE HIGHWAYMAN HOLDS UP A STAGE

Secures a Small Amount of Coin and Some Gold Dust in Arizona.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 27.—A lone highwayman held up the Hot Springs stage near Hot Springs Junction last evening, securing about $50 from the private express box, and it is rumored that an important consignment of gold dust from a mine near Hot Springs formed a part of the booty.

The bandit conducted operations quietly and disappeared on a horse. The stage driver hurried on to Hot Springs Junction, where a posse was organized and is now on the trail of the robber.

Fined for Shooting Robins.

SANTA CRUZ, Dec. 27.—Z. Colemara today pleaded guilty in the Justice Court to having killed two robins and paid a fine of $40.

NEWS BREVITIES.

BERLIN, Dec. 27.—The Prussian Diet has been summoned to meet January 8.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 27.—The Czar and Czarina will return to Tarskaoe-Selo, near here, about February 2.

BROOKVILLE, Pa., Dec. 27.—Fire to-day destroyed the residence of Mrs. Harriger, and the mother and two daughters, aged 5 and 7, perished.

FLINT, Mich., Dec. 27.—In a runaway accident to-day Dr. George W. Howland was killed and G. H. Quigley, a prominent business man, fatally injured.

MONTROSE, Pa., Dec. 27.—Michael Maloney, a farmer of Lenox Township, is dead at his home at the age of 107 years. Mr. Maloney was a native of Ireland.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 27.—The Holy Synod has ordered that all the churches in its jurisdiction convention take up collections to help build an orthodox Russian church in New York City.

SALT LAKE, Dec. 27.—S. V. Derrah has been appointed general freight agent of the Rio Grande Western Railroad. Mr. Derrah is now assistant general freight agent of the Missouri Pacific at St. Louis.

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 27.—A strong international syndicate has been formed for the development of the mineral resources of Damaraland. The bulk of the capital, which is British, will be held jointly in London, Paris, Berlin and New York.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Secretary Hay has recovered from his recent indisposition and was again at his desk in the State Department. This being diplomatic day he had many callers, the Chinese Minister being the first. Neither the Secretary nor the Minister had any late advices from Peking.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Announcement was made to-day of the acquisition by the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad Company of the Pecos Valley and Northeastern, which runs from Amarillo, Texas, where it connects with the Santa Fe system, to Pecos City, a distance of 372 miles.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The President has ordered that the military reservation at Nome, Alaska, be made a public reservation under the control of the War Department and that the military reservation previously set aside near the east side of the mouth of the Nome River be known as the Fort Davis Military Reservation.

TUGERI TRIBE RAIDS BRITISH POSSESSIONS

Police Pursue Them, Capture Five Junks and Kill Many Men.

THE SAD FATE OF A PROSPECTOR

P. Killane Is Killed and Eaten by a Party of Blacks Who Were Packing for Him in Queensland.

Special Dispatch to The Call

VICTORIA, Dec. 27.—The steamer Miowera brings advices of a raid on British possessions by the Tugeri tribe from Dutch New Guinea. A squad of police met the pirates from Tugeri at the mouth of the Morehead River. A fight on the water ensued, in which the police captured or sunk five junks. No prisoners were taken, but it is estimated that more than thirty were shot or drowned.

There were no casualties among the Government forces. Afterward the Tugeris made another raid on the Morehead River villages, killing fifteen persons.

The Tugeri tribe for years has given a great deal of trouble. Six months ago they concluded terms of peace with the British, a most elaborate ceremony being carried out on the occasion of the vice regal visit to the islands of the straits.

From Queensland the news was received that a prospector named P. Killane had been killed and eaten by the blacks whom he engaged to pack for him. He was missed, and after some search his remains were found by the police. They were much scattered and it was believed the blacks had killed and eaten him. From the evidence which afterward came to light this was proven. He had evidently made camp when he was killed, having probably made finds in the vicinity where he was killed.

Gold is reported having been found in Samoa, near Apia, and a company has been formed there to develop the mines.

Chief Mataafa is becoming restless, and on December 6 sent an invitation to chiefs of the native government in Somoa inviting them to meet him at Muliniu. The object of the gathering was not known.

Governor Tilley and Judge Gurra after a tour of the islands left Pago Pago for New Zealand.

The Miowera has news that the ship Ledore, waiting for a cargo of coal at Newcastle, on December 1st was caught in a storm and the wind catching her port quarter she went over. Fortunately there was but fourteen feet of water where she was anchored, and her masts prevented her turning turtle. The crew, though thirteen in number, had a sensational escape from death, many being just hauled out of the water rising in the vessel in time. The vessel will be a loss, it being impossible to raise her.

FALLS DEAD AT FEET OF WOMAN HE LOVED

John E. Harrison Ends His Life in the Postoffice at San Ardo.

SALINAS, Dec. 27.—News was received this morning of the suicide at San Ardo of John E. Harrison, a man about 28 years of age, formerly a driller for the Tomboy Oil Company, but latterly employed by the Southern Pacific Company. His universal good humor caused him to be known as "Happy Jack." he had wealthy relatives at Watsonville and also in Sacramento County.

According to reports Harrison was in love with Miss Dudley, the postmistress at San Ardo, but his love was unrequited, which caused him to be very despondent. This morning at 8 o'clock he went to the postoffice and in the presence of Miss Dudley placed a revolver behind his right ear and fired. He fell dead at her feet.

Miss Dudley was prostrated by the shock. She is a most estimable young lady and no blame is placed upon her by the people who are conversant with the facts which led up to the suicide. An inquest was held this afternoon and the jury returned a verdict of suicide while temporarily insane.

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