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Watch Important Announcement In Tuesday Morning Papers.

COUNTRY ORDERS RECEIVE PROMPT ATTENTION.

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CONFERENCE BEGINS ACTIVE WORK AT PACIFIC GROVE

Students Organize and Listen to Stirring Addresses by Dr. Clampett, E. T. Colton and Others.

PACIFIC GROVE, Dec. 29.—The body of college men who arrived in this city last night to attend the sixth annual conference of Pacific Coast Students began work this morning with very marked enthusiasm and interest. Although the convention was formally opened last night with an able address by Rev. Dr. Frederick W. Clampett, rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, San Francisco, the body was not thoroughly organized and the working departments were not opened until to-day. The business of the day, therefore, was of great importance, beginning at 8 o'clock with registration of those in attendance and the opening of the missionary institute. The attendance upon this conference is so large that the managers find the cottages usually assigned to the use of the students entirely inadequate for their accommodation, and the delegates are therefore, in college parlance, "spilled over" into several of the boarding-houses near the cottages. The quiet little town has in consequence taken on a breezy life that it rarely wears at this season, and the exuberant spirits of the college men is combining with the crisp, frosty weather of the last few days to wake up the Groveites to an unaccustomed extent. The University of California delegation—fifty strong—is practically in possession of the situation, and from present indications intends to hold the balance of power.

George W. Leavitt of New York, traveling secretary of the Student Volunteer movement in North America, is in charge of the missionary department, and occupied the time of its session this morning with a lecture that was in the nature of an outline of the work to be done in his department during the coming ten days.

The next hour was devoted to a lecture upon the purpose of Bible study in a college man's life, by C. V. Hibbard of Chicago, and after presenting the main point the speaker discussed in a general manner the time, place and other environments to be considered in carrying on a successful Bible study class among college men. Simultaneously with this lecture E. T. Colton of New York, the newly elected international college secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, chairman of the present convention, addressed the delegation chairmen on the work of the college association.

The first of a series of platform addresses that will be a leading feature of the convention was delivered at 10 o'clock this morning. It was a talk to men upon the things that will occur in a man's life to defeat the plan of God, presented in a practical and at the same time scholarly style by the eminent San Francisco divine, Rev. Dr. F. W. Clampett.

The athletic contests that are to be so prominent a feature of this year's convention will begin on Monday, and to-day the recreation period was spent in a sight-seeing jaunt to Old Monterey and Hotel del Monte.

The Life Work Conferences, an institution peculiar to students' conferences, were very successfully opened to-night. The object of these conferences is to aid the undergraduate to choose the profession or career in life for which he is best fitted, and there is no exercise of the entire convention which the students appreciate more than this. To-night the question considered was "Principles, Hindrances and Helps in the Choice of a Life Work," the three parts of the subject being presented respectively by Mr. Leavitt, Mr. Colton and Mr. Hibbard. The points were forcibly and carefully drawn and great interest was manifested by the students.

E. T. COLTON, NEWLY ELECTED INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE SECRETARY OF THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, WHO IS PRESIDING AT THE CONFERENCE AT PACIFIC GROVE.

GRANDPARENTS ARE ACCUSED OF KIDNAPING

Warrant Is Issued for the Arrest of Dr. and Mrs. Wright.

WELL KNOWN IN SAN JOSE

Charged With Illegally Retaining Custody of Little Five-Year-Old Fannie Marie Campbell.

Special Dispatch to The Call

SAN JOSE, Dec. 29.—Fannie Marie Campbell, a little five-year-old girl, has been kidnaped by her grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. John Wright. This is the charge made by W. H. Campbell, the baby's father, and this afternoon he swore to warrants in Justice Wallace's court charging Dr. and Mrs. Wright with kidnaping.

These charges are the culmination of a long legal fight for possession of the child, which commenced at the death of Campbell's wife, three years ago. The marriage of Campbell to Wright's daughter was opposed by her parents. The young couple made their home with the Wrights at their residence on Eighth and Reed streets. Shortly after Mrs. Campbell's death her parents drove Campbell from the house, retaining possession of the child and all its mother's effects.

Campbell demanded his child and possession of certain valuables left by his wife. This was refused. Dr. Wright then rushed into court and applied for letters of guardianship of the child and its estate. The matter was heard in Judge Hyland's court and letters granted to Dr. Wright, the grandfather.

Campbell, through Attorney Fred H. Thomas, appealed to the Supreme Court and on November 18 a remittiture was received reversing Judge Hyland's decision and declaring the father the natural guardian of the child.

Dr. Wright and his wife had left the State and taken the child to Roseburg, Or. Two weeks ago the court ordered the Wrights to return the child here to produce her in court yesterday. They came to San Jose on December 23 and Campbell was allowed to see the child the next day.

The Wrights evidently knew they were going to lose the custody of the child and hurriedly left town Wednesday afternoon. They bought tickets for San Francisco and are now believed to be on their way East.

Yesterday Campbell was granted guardianship of the child by Judge Hyland. The Wrights were not represented in court and investigation showed they had taken the child with them.

The Wrights are quite wealthy and the child is the direct heir to their estate. It is said they have both declared Campbell will never get the custody of his child.

The warrants charging the Wrights with kidnaping have been placed in the hands of Sheriff Langford and he will endeavor to apprehend the couple.

NATURAL GAS FOUND ON A MENDOCINO RANCH

Indications of Oil Are Also Good and a New Industry Will Soon Be Inaugurated.

COVELO, Dec. 29.—News of an extensive natural gas discovery in Long Valley reached here late this evening. Luther Redemeyer, a rancher, has for some time noticed on a marsh on his ranch bubbles floating on the surface and has also noticed a peculiar odor around this particular place. He had never paid particular attention to this until a friend riding with him yesterday advised him to investigate the matter, as the bubbles might be caused by natural gas. After examining the place he found to his surprise that the water was oily and after an examination by an expert oil man found it to be natural gas with extensive indications of petroleum. A large galvanized washtub was placed in an inverted position on the surface of the marsh and a lighted match applied to a hole punctured in the bottom of the tub. A flame at once burst into view, burning until it was extinguished by those present.

This discovery will be a valuable addition to the resources of Mendocino County and a new industry is about to be inaugurated. It was only a few months ago that rich indications of oil were discovered on Colonel Leavitt's ranch near Laytonville.

Mr. Redemeyer has recently returned from San Francisco, where he, in company with "Coal Oil" Johnson, visited the oil fields at Newman and Gilroy. Mr. Redemeyer is about to consummate a deal to bond his property to San Francisco capitalists.

SWELL FUNCTION IS INTERRUPTED BY A DETECTIVE

Sensation at the Vancouver Hockey Club's Ball.

GOSSIPS' TONGUES WAGGING

Bunch of Carnations Disappears From Florist's Shop and a Fair Dancer Is Asked to Make an Explanation.

Special Dispatch to The Call

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 29.—The Ladies' Hockey Club ball, one of the swell society events of the season, came to a standstill last night very abruptly, and now the whole city is ablaze with talk of the sensation caused thereby. It was all over the mysterious disappearance of a handsome bouquet of carnations on which a very high value had been placed.

Three days ago James Pont, manager of the Vancouver Floral Company, received an order for a bouquet of carnations. He ransacked every conservatory within a dozen miles, and after a hard day's work and the expenditure of much coin obtained the required three dozen. They were for the central decorations at a wedding. Usually carnations are as uncommon here on New Year's day as snow in August. Pont placed them in a cooling box and the next night they were stolen. Early last evening he informed the police. Three detectives commenced to search the town for the missing blooms. The theaters were watched and every variety actress in the vaudeville shows was required to prove that her decorative flowers were made of paper before she was allowed to do her turn. Finally, just before midnight, Pont and the detectives took up a position of vantage at the Hockey Club ball at the Hotel Vancouver.

Soon Pont recognized his carnations, or thought he did, floating around the ballroom pinned to the garb of Mrs. Herbert Stoess. He was so certain that he walked forward in the midst of a quadrille, and touching the lady on the shoulder, bade her withdraw. She took no notice, and then one of the detectives sallied across the ballroom floor with the result that the dance was discontinued and the lady was called upon to make an explanation. She declared that the bouquet was sent by a friend in Victoria, and indignantly repudiated the suggestion of stealing.

To-day the whole police and detective force was turned loose on the mystery, but so far no more light has been thrown on it.

HIS MIND WRECKED BY LIFE IN NORTH

Arthur C. Humbert, Son of a Wealthy Merchant, Is Being Taken to New York.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 29.—Arthur C. Humbert, the son of a rich retired New York merchant, was a passenger from Valdes on the steamship Bertha, his mind a wreck from the hard life of the north. Humbert left on the St. Paul last spring for Valdes as the clerk of Captain Abercrombie.

He has traveled extensively and for the past few years has been in South Africa. In none of these places has he been troubled mentally, despite the hardships of the life. The Alaskan trip, however, resulted in his being sent back to this port in charge of a Red Cross nurse, who is with him constantly for fear he may do himself bodily harm. He will go to New York to his parents.

Then Chauncey Stopped.

During the recent campaign Senator Depew spoke in New York State. At one of the towns the enthusiastic Republicans emphasized each good point of his speech with a blast from a cannon. Whenever Depew would hit the Democrats a good square lick between the eyes the cannon would go "bang."

The crowd shouted with joy, and Depew, inspired by the fervor of the audience's enthusiasm, talked and talked. For a moment he happened to pause to get his breath. Across the air from the field where the cannon was stationed came these words:

"Captain, when is this old man going to quit? We've only four cartridges left."

Mr. Depew took the hint. He closed his speech in four minutes.—Washington Post.

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SAID TO HAVE LED A DOUBLE LIFE

Sudden Disappearance of L. D. Savage From Aberdeen Keeps Tongues of Gossips Working Overtime.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SEATTLE, Dec. 29.—The recent sensational disappearance from Aberdeen, Washington, of L. D. Savage, a stenographer of considerable prominence in the Grays Harbor country, has been followed by still more spicy developments. Even the sewing circles have taken up the matter and Savage is the subject of discussion, while fancy work is forgotten.

Aberdeen is divided into two factions, one claiming that Savage is a very bad man; the other maintaining that he is a victim of circumstances. Charges are piling up against the missing stenographer at the rate of two or three every day and the latest makes him out a regular lady killer. His entanglements appear to be numerous and it is claimed that he has a real wife in San Francisco, whom he deserted some time ago. Savage had been supporting another woman in Aberdeen, and when the news leaked out that he had another home in San Francisco the gossips lost all interest in the forgeries charged against him, and commenced figuring that it was his domestic troubles instead of financial matters that caused him to get out of town on short notice.

It appears that his real wife, according to the story which comes from Aberdeen, got track of him and notified him that she longed for his society once more. She felt that he longed to have her with him, and on that account she would leave San Francisco and join him.

Savage was not overjoyed at the prospect of having the wife and the other woman meet in the same house. Without waiting to argue the question he disappeared. Then his cleverness with the pen became known. So far the forgeries charged against him have figured up $160. It was his practice to issue checks and ask people to hold them back. Some of them he managed to redeem. The authorities are making a determined effort to locate him, but so far have not met with success.

INTERESTS THE COAST.

Postal Changes, Pensions and Patents Granted.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Postoffices established: California—Dunbarton, Monterey County, Rosa M. Cook, Postmaster. Washington—Judson, Franklin County, Hattie Dean, Postmaster.

Postmasters commissioned: California—Benjamin M. Watts, Newport; Martin A. Jongenel, Trask.

Postmasters appointed: California—J. A. Wright, Florence, Los Angeles County, vice J. H. Dutcher, resigned.

Oregon—L. L. Foster, Geiser, Baker County, vice W. P. Ulman, resigned; David Morgan, Lookingglass, Douglas County, vice J. T. Goodman, resigned; F. M. Dodson, Walterville, Lane County, vice J. W. Shumate, removed.

Washington—Dougald McPreshon, Cape Horn, Skamania County, vice G. S. Hadley, resigned; R. M. Blake, Dungeness, Clallam County, vice W. L. Church, resigned.

The following postoffices in California will become domestic order offices on January 2: Ballerat, Hobart Mills, Noyo, Point Loma, Ydaloin, Richmond.

The Treasury Department has informed the Collector at San Diego that certain stone imported by E. S. Babcock for Coronado Island is undoubtedly sandstone, and when manufactured or undressed, whether imported in large blocks or small pieces, is dutiable at twelve cents per cubic foot.

Pensions issued to-day: California—Original—Calvin Ashley, Soldiers' Home, Los Angeles, $8; Hastin B. Butcher, Klamathon, $8; Henry M. Ellis, French Camp, $6; Theodore F. Willsey, Napa, $10; Thomas Jerman, Ramona, $6; Frederick I. Barker, Santa Barbara, $12. Increase—Francis O. Wyman, San Francisco, $25.

Oregon—Restoration and reissue—Levi P. Adams, dead, Salem, $12. Increase—Silas R. Osborn, Portland, $10. Original widows—Mary Adams, Salem, $20.

Washington—Original—James Maloy, Ellensburg, $6. Original widows—Margaret V. Maurice, Spokane, $8.

Representative Loud and Professor Daly of San Jose to-day invited President McKinley to visit that city when he goes to the Pacific Coast next May. The President expressed a strong desire to visit San Jose and expects to do so, the date to be determined later.

To Explore Venezuela.

An exploration mission, bound for Venezuela, with the avowed purpose of exploring districts of the great forests of the lower Orinoco, has sailed from Bordeaux-Pauillac. The mission is composed of Dr. Lucien Morisse, its head, and his wife, as well as twelve others, whose special studies of profession eminently fit them to accomplish the end in view. Dr. Morrisse is already known for three successful fulfilling of former missions to the same region, avant-garde of the mission left in September last with a complete outfit for exploration and scientific ends.—Paris Messenger.

FATALLY INJURES HIS PLAYMATE

Ten-Year-Old Boy Shoots Another While Practicing With a Rifle Given Him for Christmas.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

TACOMA, Dec. 29.—John Allen, aged 10, was shot and fatally injured yesterday afternoon by Harry Root, his playmate of the same age. The Root boy received a 22-caliber rifle for a Christmas present and has spent most of his time practicing with it since Tuesday morning. John Allen was very much interested in the new weapon and begged for permission to go out and see his friend use it. The two boys, together with two other lads, were allowed to go out to the outskirts of the town near the reservation and shoot at a mark. After politely permitting all the other boys to take a turn with the new gun, Harry Root finally took it up. He was very proud of both the gun and his own marksmanship. With great nonchalance for a 10-year-old lad he loaded the rifle and prepared to shoot. In turning around toward the mark he pointed the muzzle of the gun squarely toward the Allen boy. While it was still so pointed the hammer caught in his sweater. Instantly there was a report and the Allen boy fell over at his playmates' feet. His terribly frightened comrades realized that he was seriously injured and one of them ran for help while the other two remained by his side. After he had been removed to his home, it was found that the bullet had entered the abdomen and cut the intestines in eight places before it finally lodged in the muscles of the back.

The boy is a son of Hugh Allen, a pioneer and wealthy rancher, who ordered that everything possible should be done to save his life.

Drs. Cox and Howard were brought by train from Everett to assist the local physicians in operating on the boy. He was kept on the operating table all of last evening, but the most careful search failed to locate the ball. Another attempt will be made. The doctors have little hope of his recovery, holding that the chances are very slight considering the frightful manner in which his vitals were cut by the bullet.

THE DAY'S DEAD.

Mrs. Mary G. Bond.

VALLEJO, Dec. 29.—Mrs. Mary G. Bond, one of Vallejo's most highly esteemed residents, died at her home on York street this morning from heart trouble. Mrs. Bond came to Vallejo with her husband in 1862, and enjoyed the acquaintance of a large circle of friends. Deceased was a native of New Hampshire and 62 years of age. She leaves two children, Dr. Fred Bond and Miss Lillian M. Bond. The funeral will be held Monday afternoon from Masonic Hall. The services will be under the auspices of Silver Star Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, of which Mrs. Bond was an active member.

Suicide at Sacramento.

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 29.—About midnight to-night an old man named Miller, whose first name has not yet been learned, shot and killed himself in his room at 328 Tenth street. A man named Henry Roth, who roomed with Miller, says the latter got up and shouted "There he is! There he is!" and when Roth asked him what he meant he replied that he thought he saw a man. The room was dark, and a moment later Roth saw a flash and heard a shot, and found that Miller had shot himself in the temple. He died instantly. Miller is thought to have been an old soldier, as he had spoken of a pension. He rented the room in the house and the family knew little about him.

Grace church, Manhattan, has received the gift of a sun dial whose base is made of two stone pinnacles of the church as it was built fifty years ago and removed in the course of alterations. Another historic feature of the church is a drinking fountain of white stone placed in a recess of the street railing in front of the chantry; and still another is a Roman jar which stands in the rectory garden before Grace church. The jar is of terra cotta and was found while digging for the rectory of the church of St. Paul within the walls of Rome. It was given to Grace church in recognition of the help of Grace parish in building the church of St. Paul.

A very singular and costly accident happened to the sailing ship Springfield, which recently arrived at San Francisco with a cargo of Portland cement from London. After her long voyage around the Horn it was found that the cement had become wet in transit, causing it to run together and solidify in one adamantine mass. The only way to get it out was to quarry it.

The Challenge Explained—Read It.

The Pattosien Company, Sixteenth and Mission streets, explains the challenge, page 13. Read it for your benefit.

VALLEJO DETERMINED TO STOP GAMBLING

Chief of Police Stanford Swears to Warrants Charging Violations of the Anti-Gambling Law.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

VALLEJO, Dec. 29.—Chief of Police Stanford of this city has inaugurated a fight against gambling in this city which bids fair to stop, or at least abate, the evil in this vicinity. The chief's new plan is to arrest players of illegal games, and in pursuance of this plan he has just sworn to warrants charging thirty-one citizens with violating the statute law against gambling. Many attempts have been made at different times to convict persons running the games, but each time offenders have got off with a fine. Of late gambling has been running wide open in Vallejo and games played which were in direct violation of State laws.

Chief Stanford has been warring against the gambling situation here ever since he was installed in office. Some of the cases in which he and the gamblers were involved have been carried into the higher courts. He said to-day when informed that a large numbers of hangers-on at these houses had left town that all those for whom warrants had been issued would have to appear in court, and that he would see that if any had left town they would return. He is very determined in the matter of suppressing gambling and it seems that his plan will meet with success.

TACOMA CHANNEL TO BE ENLARGED

Bottom Will Be Scraped by Immense Dredger and the Tide Lands Filled In.

TACOMA, Dec. 29.—The greatest piece of dredging ever undertaken in the Northwest will be commenced next month by the Puget Sound Bridge and Dredging Company under contract with the Northern Pacific Railway Company. As fast as an immense dredger from San Francisco can do it several hundred thousand cubic yards of earth are to be scraped from the bottom of the city channel through the Tacoma tide flats and used in filling in the tide lands on the far side of the channel. Two birds will thus be killed with one stone.

The channel, which is now 100 feet wide, will be widened to 625 feet, giving a depth of twenty-five feet of water at low tide. The channel is now lined on one side with warehouses, including four wheat warehouses built this summer, having an aggregate length of 2300 feet. A heavy bulkhead is now being constructed on the opposite side of the channel to hold the earth as it is deposited. As soon as the tidelands are filled in more wheat warehouses and coal bunkers of 15,000 tons capacity are to be constructed. The new channel will permit the largest ships coming to Puget Sound to load at these warehouses and bunkers. A tug will leave Port Townsend next week for San Francisco to tow north the dredger to be used in this work.

Congress is expected to make an appropriation for further dredging in the Tacoma harbor. In this event the Government work will consist of widening and deepening the channel further toward the head of the bay.

Apple Pudding.

Wash, core and bake a half-dozen large apples. Do not let them scorch. Scoop out the pulp from the skins and put them to steep in hot water, enough to cover them. Make a custard with two cups sugar, one cup butter, one cup sweet milk or cream, one tablespoonful cornstarch, the yolks of four eggs and the whites of two, add the apple pulp, beat well, flavor with either lemon or vanila, pour into a quick oven. While it bakes make a meringue of the white of eggs left over. Heap it high over the pudding and brown delicately. For sauce take a half-pint of water, from the apple rinds, and stir it boiling hot into a half-cup of butter creamed with a cup of sugar. Beat for five minutes over hot water, then add a gill of brandy and a grate of nutmeg. If brandy is not approved substitute lemon juice or else flavor the apple water strongly with ginger and leave off the nutmeg.

From Pole to Pole.

Deep-sea dredgings show that most of the sea bottom is a region of cold, the temperature of the water even at the equator being sometimes below the freezing point of fresh water. For a time science could not offer any satisfactory explanation for this strange condition, but it is now proved that the water of all the oceans circulates steadily, not only in the familiar superficial currents of which the Gulf stream is the most representative type but in a slow and mighty movement from the Arctic and Antarctic poles, creeping southward and northward along the sea bottom to the hot regions of the equator, there rising to the surface very slowly, and setting northward and southward toward the poles, thus keeping up a constant circulation.—McClure's Magazine.

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JURY BRINGS IN A VERDICT FOR SANTA ROSA

Peter Spring Condemnation Suit Is Finally Decided.

END OF LONG LITIGATION

Municipality May Now Purchase the Property at a Figure Much Lower Than Asked.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SANTA ROSA, Dec. 29.—The jury in the condemnation suit brought by the city of Santa Rosa against the Fountain Water Company to obtain possession of Peter Spring this afternoon returned a decision entirely in favor of the city. The suit has been a long one and many witnesses for both sides have been called, besides a large number of depositions have been read of persons living out of this county.

Peter Spring, together with ten acres of land and a right-of-way from the county road to the spring land, the possession of which is the cause of this suit, was formerly the property of Jesse Peter. He sold it to Captain James McDonald and others, who formed a corporation under the above name, but never improved the spring nor the property.

The city's waterworks and pumping plant are but a short distance from this much sought after spring, and have not supplied as much water as the city authorities would like. They have tried to purchase the spring's property time and again at some reasonable figure, but to no avail, the Fountain Water corporation's minimum price being $75,000.

Judge Dougherty asked the jury to answer seven questions at issue. The first was, "Is the use to which the land is sought to be condemned a use authorized by law?" The jury decided in the affirmative. The second issue, "Is the taking of the land sought to be condemned necessary to supply the city of Santa Rosa and its inhabitants with pure fresh water?" The jury answered "Yes." The next issue, "What was the actual value of the ten-acre tract of land described in the complaint and the water on and in the same on the 14th day of March, 1900?" The jury's figures were $400 an acre or $4000. The fourth issue was, "What was the actual value of strip of land twenty feet wide and fifteen chains long, described in the complaint, on the 14th day of March, 1900?" One hundred and ninety dollars was the answer. The fifth issue, "Is the land sought to be condemned located in a manner which will be most compatible with the greatest public good and the least private injury?" Answer, "Yes." The sixth issue, "Is the property sought to be condemned already applied to public use?" Answer, "No." Seventh issue, "If answered in the affirmative, is the use to which it is to be applied a more necessary use?" Affirmative.

Colonel J. W. Oates represented the defendant and City Attorney Marvin T. Vaughan and Emmet Seawell were the counsel for the city. There will in all probability be an appeal taken.

SHIPLOAD OF WIVES.

Young Women Brought From Hungary for Pennsylvania Miners.

The old colonial scheme of bargaining for wives has become popular among the Hungarian residents of Schoenville. This morning a score of blooming damsels from the fair plains of the Danube arrived in Pittsburg and hurried at once to the new settlement, where they will soon become the better halves of as many lusty workmen employed in the pressed steel car works. The method of the Virginia planters in purchasing a spouse for a few pounds of tobacco will be followed in a certain measure in Schoenvillle. Of course, there will be no open bartering and money is not likely to be exchanged, but, nevertheless, the men who claim the hands of the Hungarian maidens must be able to show that they are able to support the brides who have journeyed so far to complete the conjugal happiness of the millmen.

Since the founding of the new town on the banks of the Ohio there has been an amazing dearth of marriageble women in the community. American girls of the Gibson type, the tailor-made variety of the favorite silk-lined beauties do not meet with much favor in the eyes of Schoenville. The would-be bridegrooms there are compelled to get up early and work late, so that there is little opportunity to go a-courting beyond their own neighborhood. Finally the news of the scarcity of eligible girls in Schoenville drifted beyond the sea. It was a pleasant duty for Cupid to perform, and when he whispered the glad tidings under the cottage windows on the far away plains of Hungary, he was greeted with many a rapturous sigh. Twenty girls were willing to risk the tempests of an autumn voyage on the Atlantic to become the brides of happy homes in America, and, banding themselves together with Cupid, they came over under the love god's tender care. When they reached their journey's end this morning the entire population of the town was on hand to receive them. Two engagements had been announced before noon, and others will follow in rapid succession. Courtships will be short in Schoenville, and other maidens soon will be imported. As may be supposed, the task of having and holding a wife in the new town is not one of extreme ease, and the men who have been made happy to-day will treat their wives well.—Pittsburg Chronicle Telegraph.

A Dietetic Expert.

John Lawson Johnston, the rich man who recently rented the Duke of Argyll's ancestral castle of Inverary, died suddenly on his yacht at Cannes, France, a few weeks since, aged 62 years. He had made a peculiar and profitable business for himself—that of dietetic expert in relation to military operations, and was employed as such by the French and other governments—not the British or the American. Had he been engaged by our Government at the opening of the war with Spain many lives and much scandal might have been saved. He had worked out the problems of military rations for the camp or field and for forced marches, and for hospital comforts. Indeed, he he invented boyril. For a while he owned the Prince of Wales racing yacht Britannia, and had lately bought Mrs. Langtry's White Ladye, aboard which his death came.—Springfield Republican.

KILLED WHILE ATTEMPTING TO ROB A SALOON

Cowboys Make Trouble at an Arizona Construction Camp.

HUNDRED OF SHOTS EXCHANGED

One Man Is Dead, Others Seriously Injured, and a Contest Between Opposing Factions Feared.

Special Dispatch to The Call

BISBEE, Ariz., Dec. 29.—At Silver Creek, a construction camp on the line of the Southwestern Railroad, about twenty-eight miles below Bisbee, a shooting occurred Wednesday in which Jesse Johnson, better known as Kelly, was shot fifteen times by Clint Mitchell and Louis Senete.

Johnson had attempted to hold up Mitchell's saloon and had shot the bartender, John Roberts, twice through the hips when Mitchell and Senete appeared with Winchesters and a double barreled shotgun loaded with buckshot and took up the fight. Johnson fell at the first volley fired and his friends on the outside sought cover and a general fight took place.

Mitchell and Senete succeeded in holding the cowboys at bay until reinforcements arrived, when the cowboys left. Two of the cowboys on the outside were wounded, but were not brought to Bisbee.

Roberts was brought into Bisbee on a litter and lies in a precarious condition at the Queen Hospital and is not expected to live. A large number of cowboys have been seen going in the direction of Silver Creek and more trouble is expected from them. Justice of the Peace Williams, accompanied by eight deputy Sheriffs, left early this morning for the scene of the shooting.

"Yes," said the author, "when I get started writing a novel I do lose considerable sleep over it."

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