STRUCK IN EYE BY PISTOL BALL

Mike Spinetti Is Victim of Reckless New Year Celebration.

Tony Durand's Wildly Aimed Bullet Destroys His Optic and May Eventually Result in His Death.

Mike Spinetti, a laborer, may lose his life as the result of the reckless shooting of Tony Durand, of 1211 Kearny street shortly after 12 o'clock this morning. Durand was celebrating the advent of the new century by discharging a revolver in front of a saloon at the corner of Green and Kearny streets. One of the bullets glanced off a brick and struck Spinetti, who was standing on the sidewalk, in the eye.

Spinetti was hurried to the Receiving Hospital where his wound was atended to by Police Surgeon Bunnell and Dr. Bacigalupi. Spinetti will lose his eye and possibly his life.

Durand was arrested and lodged in the tanks at the Hall of Justice pending the result of his reckless work.

INSURANCE MEN REWARD A FAITHFUL OFFICIAL

Deputy Insurance Commissioner Rohrer Receives a Handsome New Year's Gift.

M. M. Rhorer, Deputy Insurance Commissioner of the State of California, was agreeably surprised yesterday by receiving a purse of $1150 from the various insurance companies doing business in this city. He was greatly surprised and highly gratified that his services had been appreciated.

Insurance Commissioner Clunie sent Rhorer over to the offices of the Pacific Mutual Company to secure figures on real estate. He was ushered into the room generally occupied by the board of directors and he was astonished to find half a hundred of the leading insurance men of the State gathered there. Before he had an opportunity to withdraw, Charles D. Haven arose and addressing him dwelt on the splendid assistance he had rendered the companies during his twenty-five years of service as deputy commissioner. C. F. Mullins followed and dwelt on the courteous treatment Rhorer accorded the insurance men and this was followed by another laudatory speech by John Landers. W. R. Higgins made an elaborate presentation speech and handed the purse laden with shining gold over to the surprised recipient.

Rhorer was overwhelmed by the kind words and generosity of his friends and in a few feeling sentences thanked them for their goodness to him.

Following is a copy of the letter which accompanied the present:

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31, 1900.

Mr. M. M. Rhorer, Deputy Insurance Commissioner of the State of California—Dear Sir: At the close of twenty-five years of service in the responsible position which you now hold, the insurance companies and their representatives desire to express to you their high appreciation of your virtues as a citizen, a gentleman and an official.

For a quarter of a century you have performed the important duties of your office in a most acceptable manner to the public, your superior officers and to the insurance fraternity.

You have always been fair, honest, efficient, kind and courteous, and in recognition of those qualities and of the long term of your service, we ask that you accept the accompanying present as a slight token of our respect and regard for you.

We sincerely wish that you may have many years and much prosperity and that you may retain your present official position during the remainder of your business life.

BARON VON SCHROEDER MUST SHOW CAUSE

Cited to Appear Before Judge Morrow in His Suit Against Mary B. Britton.

United States Circuit Judge Morrow has made an order citing Baron von Schroeder to appear before him on January 7 and show cause why the court should not dismiss the suit of J. H. von Schroeder vs. Mary B. Britton.

The suit was brought in the United States Circuit Court some months ago to abate a nuisance and to recover damages said to have been inflicted upon the Baron's property on Bluxome street, between Fifth and Sixth, by reason of a brick wall of the defendant's building encroaching for seven and a quarter inches upon the Baron's premises.

In the examination had before United States Court Commissioner Heacock the Baron testified that he was a capitalist; that he was a subject of the German Emperor and a captain of reserve in the Third Dragoons, and that his wife had deeded him the property on November 30, 1897.

Judge Morrow's order states that it appears from affidavits that the Baron gave his wife no consideration for the deed of the property on injury to which he bases his suit.

PRESIDENT HAYS SETS A DATE FOR A BANQUET

Consents to Meet Members of Manufacturers' and Producers' Association.

The Manufacturers' and Producers' Association of California is making extensive preparations for the banquet to be tendered Charles M. Hays, president of the Southern Pacific Company. President Hays has accepted the honor. The following dispatch was received yesterday:

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 30, 1900.

A. Sharboro, president Manufacturers' and Producers' Association—President Hays instructs me to acknowledge and accept for him the courteous invitation from the Manufacturers' and Producers' Association of California and to suggest January 18 as a date which would accord with his convenience if agreeable to you. J. C. STUBBS.

Boxes Were Not Stuffed.

The belief entertained by the attorneys representing Judge Daingerfield that fraud had been committed by election officers to the loss of 100 votes for their client has proved to be without foundation. A further examination of the Registrar's figures proved that the number of ballots returned to court exactly correspond with the official figures, and the motion to throw out the ballots of three precincts was withdrawn. Judge Daingerfield gained one vote yesterday in the recounting of ballots in his contest to the election of Thomas F. Graham. This brings his total gain to date up to 165 votes.

Mrs. Young Has Recovered.

Mrs. Emma Young, the woman who came so near being counted among the dead at the close of the old century through her inhalation of illuminating gas at 1419 California street on Sunday night, has recovered. Her chance for life at the time she was brought into the Receiving Hospital was so slim that it was considered almost impossible to save her. Dr. Dray, who was on hospital duty at the time, lost no time in working on her, and saved her life.

Registrar's Clerks Appointed.

The Election Commissioners yesterday appointed J. H. Zemansky, C. H. King Jr., D. J. Gordon, J. X. Strand, J. J. de Haven, P. Boesman, J. D. Dwyer, W. Greenblatt, C. C. Pratt, J. A. Lynch, Herman Gutstadt and J. H. Dignan from the civil service eligible list to be clerks in the Registrar's office. Of these, Roesman and Dwyer are new employes and replace C. P. Campbell, who did not take the examination, and Frank Preble, who did not get a high enough percentage to be certified for appointment.

Returns From Manila.

Dr. W. L. Williamson, veterinary surgeon, U. S. A., arrived from Manila yesterday on the transport Grant. Dr. Williamson had charge of the stock on the horse transport Leelanaw on her last trip to Manila, during which the vessel encountered a typhoon of such violence that every animal on board was killed.

BLAME IS CAST ON BRIDGE MAN

Inquiry Into Danger to Engineer Whitney's Train Ordered.

ENGINEER W. H. WHITNEY, WHO PREVENTED A DISASTER BY HIS COOLNESS IN STOPPING HIS LOCOMOTIVE, WHICH CAME WITHIN ONE FOOT OF PLUNGING INTO THE ESTUARY.

OAKLAND, Dec. 31.—The Southern Pacific Company officials are much disturbed because of the narrow escape last night of an Alameda local train from being thrown into the estuary at the approach to Harrison-street bridge. Preliminary investigations have settled practically the cause of the derailment of Engineer W. H. Whitney's locomotive. While no official announcement has been made the railroad men say that the bridge operator's failure to close the narrow gauge switch after the evening freight train for Fourteenth and Webster streets had passed, shortly before the Alameda local struck the open switch, was the cause.

The formal investigation will take place before Division Superintendent Agler this week, and responsibility will be definitely fixed. In the railroad yards it is openly declared that the bridge tower operator had acknowledged his failure to close the switch, and that he had admitted his carelessness to Engineer Whitney, whose nerve and coolness saved the train from disaster. Whitney when seen to-day at his residence, 1470 Twelfth street, refused to either confirm or deny the story, saying: "So far as the affair is concerned I have made my statement to the proper officials. As I said last night, the switch was open and I was signaled to go ahead by the operator from the bridge. Of course, I was running slowly, and that contributed to the lessening of danger after the wheels left the track and derailed the engine. I have nothing to say about blame, carelessness or anything pertaining to the cause for the open switch. That is a subject in the hands of the officials of the division."

Whitney's act in stopping his engine at such a critical moment was beyond question the deed of a level-headed and brave man, who was bent upon saving his train at all risk to himself. If his engine had pushed on a foot further, and on the floor of the bridge itself, the locomotive must have toppled into the estuary, carrying with it the cars of passengers, then on the highest rise of the embankment approach.

Whitney's story of the go-ahead signal from the bridge is corroborated by train men of the Oakland broad gauge local from the Alameda mole, who have asserted they saw the signal from their train when it was running up to the bridge. All such evidence will be heard by Superintendent Agler at the investigation.

Whitney was on his run this morning. He is married and has a large family of children. For some time he has been running as an extra engineer.

APPOINTED FROM CIVIL SERVICE ELIGIBLE LIST

Health Board Acts Irregularly in Selecting Inspectors—Will Erect Nurses' Building.

The Board of Health met yesterday and reappointed John A. Brown from the civil service eligible list to be secretary. Drs. Hassler, Hereford, Hartley, Keenan and Green were also reappointed from the eligible list of assistant sanitary inspectors. For food inspectors the board appointed W. Robertson, George McGinney, J. F. Derham, E. F. Murphy, G. W. Dunster, T. P. Lydon, J. W. Tracy and J. T. Silvera. The appointments must be made over again, however, as the Civil Service Commission filed no certifications for the positions. The Health Board used an unofficial list of eligibles to select from. Silvera's position may be endangered, as he stands No. 11 on the eligible list, and the commission will certify the names of only ten for the eight positions. Among the ten are J. F. Lahaney and Daniel Riordan, either of whom would be in line for selection. John Jenkins was appointed night messenger for the City and County Hospital.

The plans submitted by the Board of Public Works for a building for the head nurse and sixteen assistants in the City and County Hospital, to cost $2000, were approved, and the board was notified to begin its erection at once.

An ordinance was approved and will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors which will compel dairymen to provide better sleeping quarters for the milkers in their employ. A copy of the ordinance was sent to the San Francisco Labor Council.

A resolution was adopted providing that no physician shall be placed in charge of a ward in the City and County Hospital unless he has had five years' experience as assistant in such ward. Dr. Bazet directed attention to the large number of irresponsible medical colleges in this city which he ascribed as a reason for the introduction of the resolution.

WILL BE MARRIED NEW YEAR'S DAY

Would Date Their Bliss From the Beginning of the Baby Century.

It is easy to date a marriage from January 1, 1901, which is perhaps the reason why so many licenses were taken out yesterday and why so many clergymen will be busy to-day. It is a great thing to turn over a new leaf, settle down, swear to be good and sober and get a wife all in the same day, but there are twenty-seven men in this city who are willing to go the length.

They all appeared before Cupid Danforth yesterday and got their licenses and to-day they will all be married. It is epidemic, for San Francisco is not the only place so affected. It augurs well for the city and State, however, and for the new century, too. To be ushered in with marriage rites to spare is a privilege not accorded to every year, and 1901, being the really first of its kind, is doubly honored.

Bent on Murder.

C. Mitchell, whose real name is C. Chebekar, was convicted yesterday on the charge of carrying a concealed weapon and was ordered to appear for sentence Thursday. A charge of threats to kill preferred by his wife, who lives at 21 Glover street, was continued till the same date. Mitchell was arrested Saturday and when searched at the City Prison a note was found in his pocket that he intended to commit suicide. About ten years ago he killed a saloon keeper named Martin and has not been in his right mind since.

St. Alban's Literary Society.

The St. Alban's Literary and Social Society will give its next entertainment and dance Thursday evening, January 3, 1901, at Golden Gate Hall.

WILL WED YOUNG ARMY OFFICER

The Engagement Is Announced of Miss Margaret Cole and Lieutenant Crimmins.

The latest engagement which is interesting society is that of Miss Margaret Cole and Lieutenant L. Crimmins of the Sixth Infantry. The betrothal of the young people was announced on Sunday evening at a dinner given by Mrs. Eleanor Martin at her home on Broadway. The announcement was a complete surprise.

Miss Margaret Cole is the younger of two sisters, daughters of the late Edward P. Cole, who was prominent as an attorney. Mr. Cole died three or four years ago. The bride-to-be is a pretty young woman. She made her debut about three years ago. The Cole family resides at 2615 Buchanan street.

Lieutenant Crimmins is quite a young man and is devoted to his military duties. He is well known in New York, where his father is prominent in political circles.

The date of the wedding has not yet been set, but it will not be long delayed. Lieutenant Crimmins will leave for the islands soon and the ceremony will take place before his departure. He will take his bride with him to the islands.

POOLROOM MEN KEEP UP DEFIANT ATTITUDE

Cases Are Again Called in Police Courts and by Consent Continued Till Friday.

When the poolroom cases were called in Judge Mogan's court yesterday it was expected that Harry Corbett, who was present, would acknowledge that the stipulation made by him with Chief Sullivan on behalf of himself and other poolsellers would be adhered to, but he was silent.

Attorney Collins for the defendants again contended that he was not bound by the stipulation, and at the request of Attorney Coffey for the prosecution the cases were continued till Friday so that Stenographer Long of Judge Mogan's court might have the opportunity to examine his notes to see whether Collins was or was not a consenting party to the stipulation.

The cases in Judge Fritz's court and in Judge Cabaniss' court were also continued till Friday. One of the defendants in Judge Mogan's court, Edward Morgan, for whom Attorney Porter Ashe appeared, agreed to abide by the stipulation and plead guilty.

Police Court Notes.

Patrick T. Lennon, an ex-soldier, broke into the premises of the Merchants' Cold Storage Warehouse stables, 2109 Mission street, Sunday night and stole an overcoat. He was observed by the stableman and fled, but was caught by Policeman E. J. Thompson and booked on a charge of burglary. The case was called in Judge Cabaniss' court yesterday and by consent continued till Thursday.

Edward Kane, the Eastern crook who played the "palm" trick in jewelry stores and stole valuable diamonds from Meyer's and Vandersilce's stores, was convicted on two charges of petty larceny in Judge Conlan's court yesterday and was sentenced to three months in the County Jail on each charge.

Charles Lowell and Eugene Cereghino, two Eastern crooks, were held to answer before the Superior Court by Judge Mogan yesterday on two charges of burglary in $2000 bonds on each charge. They were accused of breaking into the residence of Mrs. Ford, 1716 Baker street, and Mrs. Pauline Hirshberg, 2313 California street.

LATE SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVED.

Monday, December 31.

Stmr Pomona, Shea, —— hours from Eureka.
Schr Del Norte, Jacobson, 4 days from Coquille River.

SAILED.

Monday, December 31.

Stmr Newburg, ——.

DOMESTIC PORT.

GRAYS HARBOR—Arrived Dec 31—Stmr Santa Barbara, hence Dec 27.

DANCE AS THE CENTURY WANES

Masquerade Ball at Pavilion Draws Crowds From the Streets.

Beautiful Costumes Were the Order of the Evening and the Revelers Had No Cares.

The Mechanics' Pavilion was the scene of the grand masque ball of the Mardi Gras last night. It was late, for every one wished to see the old year and century out from the sidewalks and the crowds, but as soon as there was no doubt that the new century was well in the crowds headed for Larkin street and danced until daylight drove them home.

The arrangements this year were far superior to any the association has ever had. There was a bar, but there was no drinking there. The seeker after refreshment had to sit at a table and order what he wanted and the waiter got it for him, but he could not get it himself. A new feature was the erection of two score or more tents, each with a table large enough for six people, and those to whom the public eye was an annoyance sought the seclusion of the tents and camped. There was no disorder and no confusion and the dances followed each other without hitch or hindrance. Fifty waiters looked out for the wishes of the guests and thirty policemen looked out for their safety. The costumes were varied and novel and the ball was one of the successes of the season.

Besides S. H. May, president of the Mardi Gras Association, and R. L. Knapp, vice president, the following named committees were in charge:

Reception—Judge S. H. Cabaniss, Hon. C. A. Low, J. B. Bassett, William A. Worster, F. E. Muller, G. E. Letcher, Kent Matheson, H. Bercovich, Judge George Groezinger, S. Pauson, G. R. Field, William de Barry, Leo Nolan, C. L. Barnes, Lyman A. Craig, William Cohn, Hon. George C. Perkins, B. J. Brotherton, H. G. Gray, Barney Weil, C. E. Cline, William Clark, W. A. Peacock and Fred P. Plagemann.

Floor—Oscar A. Tolle (manager), A. B. Worster (assistant), J. H. Ullman, Harry Stenge, Henry J. Muller, Charles W. Whitney, Berton Chaney, C. Green, Charles W. Frankel, Charles Heyneman, W. Lake, Dick Israel, A. Seldner, Frank Byrne, Frank Levy, E. Bloch, Charles Drake, Charles R. Scott, Hon. J. K. Kellogg, M. A. Jacobs, J. H. Bien, M. Stone, Ernest Kennedy, G. Lowenthal and R. Rosenthal.

KID McFADDEN, BANTAM FIGHTER, REACHES TOWN

Game Little Boxer, in Prime Condition, Declares Himself Ready for All Comers.

Kid McFadden, California's prize bantamweight pugilist, arrived home last night after a tour of the East, on which he scored successes that have placed him in the front rank of his class.

It is expected that McFadden's next match will be with Oscar Gardner, who is now on his way to the coast. The Kid is more than willing and from all reports Gardner will go out of his way to meet him. McFadden is in the best of condition and ready to fight at short notice.

Police Acknowledge Mistake.

Lillian Merritt, daughter of Captain Ben Merritt of San Quentin, who was arrested Saturday evening on a charge of stealing a valise from the Tiburon ferry depot, was discharged by Judge Conlan yesterday. The police acknowledged there was no evidence against the girl and Captain Seymour asked the Judge to dismiss the case.

Funeral of Ned Foster.

The funeral of the late Edgar M., better known as "Ned" Foster, will be held from Porter & White's Undertaking Parlors, 122 Eddy street, at 2 p. m. to-morrow. The remains will be interred at Odd Fellows' Cemetery.

RAILWAY TREASURER HELD UP BY FOOTPADS

Robbers Obtain a Small Sum and a Wallet Containing Important Documents.

SEATTLE, Dec. 31.—S. N. Baird, treasurer of the Everett and Monte Cristo Railway, was held up in Everett last evening by two masked highwaymen. Baird was relieved of $25 in cash and a large wallet, containing mail and official documents belonging to the railroad company, which the robbers evidently thought was plethoric with money.

The holdup occurred within four blocks of the Postoffice, in the business part of town, at 8 o'clock in the evening. While the streets were not crowded, there were many pedestrians abroad. The robbers were disturbed in their work by the approach of several persons, leaving Baird in possession of his diamond ring and gold watch.

The highwaymen were two undersized men and were seen by several persons, but, as they were armed, no one had pluck enough to give chase. It is thought the robbers believed Baird to have a large amount of cash on his person for the payment of company salaries at the first of the month. After taking the money and wallet, they returned a bunch of keys at Baird's request and then made off in the darkness.

Cup Defender's Lines Laid.

BOSTON, Dec. 31.—The exact lines of the Lawson cup defender were laid down at the South Boston yards of Lawley's Shipbuilding Company to-day. The lines were taken from the model of Designer Crowninshield and George Lawley, Fred Lawley and Draughtsman Daniels of Designer Crowninshield's office.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

PALACE HOTEL.

S Billings, N Y
W R Green, Chicago
W S Crone, Montreal
G H Young, N Y
R M Young, N Y
N A McNeal, N Y
Miss McNeal, N Y
E J Watt, London
Capt Grofan & w, Lon
Mrs S F Mercer, N Y
C Daughter, N Y
J Wehner, Brisbane
W V Petit, Colo
R C Thayer, Colo
J Brill & w, Cinn
W Shannon & w, Cinn
H Mills, Chicago
M A Parks, N Y
J Jones, N Y
G Sacker, Kansas City
P Herring, N Zealand
B Sherman &w, Oakld
R E Hyde, Visalia
H Abraham, N Y
E J Connely & w, N Y
Miss B C Dodge, N Y
J F Peters, Stockton
J Desnoyer & w, Mo
A Williams & w, Mo
Retta Parrott, Sacto
J Hooker & w, L Ang
J Ferguson, Denver
L J Greer, Iowa
M Butler & w, Pa
S Butler, U S M C
H D Parkin, Stanford
G Goodman Jr, Napa
T F Millard, N Y
C E Kloeber, N Y
C Hutchinson, Aukland
H Martin, N Y
H A Noble, Seattle
C Tuxbury, Mich
C Dunphy, Milbrae
W O Krohn, Chicago
F Stern & w, S Jose
F G Burton, U S M C
E Churchill, Napa
W F Dunphy, Milbrae
W Murphy, Stanford
A B Cohen, St Joe
A W Howard, Chicago
J C Daniels, Denver
O C Townsend, Colo
A Waldo, L Ang
J W Pew & w, Belvdre

GRAND HOTEL.

Mrs W T Jewell, Sacto
W McDermott, S Lake
W G Clark, Seattle
H Bryant & w, Fulton
Mrs B Peck, Chicago
W E Parkinson, N D
V E Putnam, N D
J Kullman, Benicia
W Wagner, Chicago
F V Flint, Sacrto
J F Clapp, Chicago
T P Burns, Cal
E A Frefether, Cal
J H Fannin, Cal
C W Le Noir, Sacto
C N Le Noir, Sacto
A Blum, Alameda
W E Moldrup, Cal
W G McFarland, Cal
L H Kagminsky, Sacto
H Smith, Cal
C Hunningsen, P Costa
A B Smith, Fresno
C Stewart, Pasadena
F H Webster, Minturn
Mrs W West, Los Ang
Mrs. N Flint & mother, Los Angeles
C Selmer, N Y
S Schmidt, Astoria
E Marx, Portland
H A Jostro, Bakersfield
W West, Los Ang
F L Gilbert & w, Cal
O W Haggard, Iowa
A M McQueen & w, Berkeley
T L Reed, Reedley
H M Reed, Reedley
Mrs R A Brownlee, Napa
C F Cutts & w, Carson
K L Parrott, S Diego
G J Owens, Bakersfield
J Walfner & w, Cal
C M Lewis & w, Cal
E T Maxwell, Cal
R Diller, Chico
W P Dickson, Tacoma
B M Godsel, Wash
A Hampel & w, Cal
W Reagan, Boise City
G F Wate, Cal
C H Wetherbee & w, Oakland
Miss J Cooper, Cal
Wm Giffin & w, Nev
G P Gunter & w, Cal
L Simonsen & w, Cal
W West & w, Los Ang
Mrs N Kline, Los Ang
C Selsmer, N Y
S Schmiert, Astoria
E Marx, Portland
R S Stubbs, Reno
E D Lyman, Reno
H E O'Neal, Tacoma
K J Nichols, Sacto
W A Jones, Montana
B P Henshaw, Petalu
B P Henshaw, Cal
G H Rice & w, Cal
H W Earle, Stockton
T L O'Neal, S Cruz
Miss D M Snowdon, Cal
Mrs A L Lusch, Cal
W E Wilcox, Cal

HE SAILED WITH PERRY TO JAPAN

Death of Last Survivor of That Famous Expedition.

HENRY S. EASTHAM. HE WAS THE LAST SURVIVING SAILOR WHO WENT WITH COMMODORE PERRY ON HIS MEMORABLE TRIP THAT CAUSED THE AWAKENING OF LONG-SLUMBERING JAPAN.

BERKELEY, Dec. 31.—Henry S. Eastham, the last survivor of the crews that served in Commodore Perry's famous expedition to Japan, died this morning at his home, 2123 Kittredge street. Although he had been in ill health for many years his death was unexpected. The deceased was a native of New Bedford, Mass., aged 66 years.

"Captain" Eastham, as he was generally known, was a familiar figure about the Berkeley streets. Up to a week ago he walked down town every morning, leaning on his staff. He was known by all the old inhabitants and the new ones soon became acquainted with the genial old sailor.

Mr. Eastham came from a seafaring family. His father was master of a vessel, and while still a boy young Eastham went to sea. He appeared much older than he was and became mate of a merchant vessel before he reached his twentieth year. When his time expired Eastham joined Perry's fleet, then in the South Seas on its way to Japan. The young sailor was assigned to the flagship and formed part of the crew which manned Perry's gig.

He served throughout all the stirring scenes of 1853, when Perry with his ten warships opened the ports of Japan to the commerce of the civilized world. He helped fight the Chinese pirates who swarmed the Asiatic coast at that time. When in a reminiscent mood Mr. Eastham was able to tell many thrilling tales of adventure and warfare while serving in the far East.

Mr. Eastham became ill during service and at his request was invalided home. He was honorably discharged from the United States steamship Warren and from the naval service in 1855. The Warren at that time was at the Mare Island navy-yard.

Several attempts have been made to secure a pension for Mr. Eastham. At present there is a bill before Congress, championed by Congressman Metcalf, to grant the old sailor a pension of $20 a month, with forty-five years' back pay at the same rate. He had expected this bill to go through and had hoped to pass his last days in peace and comfort.

The deceased leaves a sister, Mrs. E. F. Gwynneth, with whom he resided. Funeral services will be held January 2, at 10 a. m., from the late residence of the deceased. The interment will be private.

COAST BREVITIES.

PORTLAND, Dec. 31.—The United States transport Thyra sailed to-day for Manila with 550 horses and a cargo for the army in the Philippines.

SANTA CRUZ, Dec. 31.—The Supreme Court has denied the petition for a writ of habeas corpus in the case of Dr. Harlan, who is serving a six months' sentence in jail for having made threats against Miss Floy Firman.

PACIFIC GROVE, Dec. 31.—The thermometer this morning registered 26 degrees above zero. Ice formed over standing water in exposed places and many tender plants were killed. Heavy frost is expected to-night.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 31.—A rumor published by an afternoon paper to the effect that the Union Oil Company had sold out to the Standard is emphatically denied by the officials of the former company, who assert that no such deal is pending or contemplated.

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 31.—John Cannon, an ironmolder, was to-day found dead in bed in the St. George lodging-house. He had taken his life with poison. Cannon had been drinking heavily for several days and was out of employment.

PORTLAND, Dec. 31.—At a meeting of Oregon and Oriental Steamship Company to-day the following board of directors was elected: R. A. Graham, H. L. Pittock, G. Rosenblatt and George F. Myers of Portland and Robert Hanna of Washington, D. C.

RECALLS LEROY PIPER'S STRANGE DISAPPEARANCE

Brother of Man Lost in Yellowstone Park Petitions for Letters of Administration.

SAN JOSE, Dec. 31.—Papers were filed in the Probate Court here to-day which recall the mysterious disappearance of Leroy Piper in Yellowstone Park, Wyo., last summer. John W. Piper petitions for letters of administration on the estate of his brother, who, it is stated in the petition, died on or about August 1 last.

Piper and a party of friends went to Yellowstone on an outing. One day Piper left their hotel, alone, for a walk. Nothing more was ever seen of him. When Piper's absence caused alarm his friends hired guides and cowboys to search the reservation, but in vain. A large reward was offered for him and his description sent broadcast.

The estate consists of about $18,000 cash and land valued at $34,000 in counties in this State. The total value is placed at $60,000. The heirs are Lilian Piper, the widow, and a daughter two years old, residing at St. Marys, Ohio.

PNEUMONIA AT DAWSON.

Five Deaths From the Malady in as Many Days.

DAWSON, Dec. 18 (via Seattle, Dec. 31).—Dawson is stricken with a terrible epidemic of pneumonia. There have been five deaths in as many days from the dread malady and others are suffering from it. People are greatly worried. Typhoid also is epidemic, but it is subsiding and it is generally believed that the worst is over. Smallpox has about disappeared. There are now only two smallpox patients in the entire district. Five thousand vaccine points were received to-day and it is announced that compulsory vaccination, to include every man, woman and child in the city and on the creeks, is to proceed at once. Twenty-five hundred points were received some time ago.

WALTHOUR IN THE LEAD.

Record Broken in the Six-Day Race at Boston.

BOSTON, Dec. 31.—Bobby Walthour of Atlanta, the 72-hour champion, led the field of fourteen riders at the end of the first day of the six days' racing at Park Square Garden to-night. Right on his heels are seven other men riding just as steadily as he. The first day's racing was a big success in every way. One record went down, the 100 miles, Kaser setting the figures at 4 hours 27 minutes 21 3-5 seconds, a liberal cut from Miller's previous figures.

The track proved to be a little risky, although the falls to-day did not prove serious to the men. Pumice-stone on the boards was the chief cause of trouble.

Educational Test for Immigrants.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 31.—The provincial Government to-day proclaimed regulations for carrying out the immigration act, which was passed at the last session, prescribing the educational test. A big fight will be made by the companies engaged in bringing in Japanese and Chinese, as the act is an effective bar to their entry.

THE DAY'S DEAD.

John T. Wamelink.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 31.—John T. Wamelink, head of the J. T. Wamelink & Sons' Piano Company, died to-day of heart disease. He was one of the most prominent business men of Cleveland and one of the best known musicians of the Middle West.

James Matthews.

PETALUMA, Dec. 31.—James Matthews died in this city last night after a residence here of nearly fifty years. He had been ill for several weeks. A widow and three sons—Thomas and Henry Matthews of Ogden and Arthur Matthews of Petaluma—survive him. Mr. Matthews was a native of New Jersey, aged 64 years. He came to California in 1849, and a few years later to Sonoma County.

Caseneau McLeod.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 31.—Caseneau McLeod was found dead in the bathroom of his residence this morning with a bullet hole in his head and a pistol lying by his side. It is believed he committed suicide. He was a Confederate soldier and afterward private secretary to ex-Governors Fitzhugh Lee and R. W. McKinley. He had been secretary of the Tobacco Exchange here for about twenty years.

Jacob Henry.

WOODLAND, Dec. 31.—On the 17th of December Jacob Henry of Capay Valley, an old and highly esteemed resident, fell from a wagon and sustained serious injuries. The shock was too great for a man of his age and enfeebled condition and he never rallied. He continued to fail gradually and died early Sunday morning. The funeral will be held in Capay to-morrow at 8 o'clock. The deceased leaves a widow and eight children. Three of his sons—Andrew J., William A. and Ira M.—are residents of San Francisco. Mr. Henry was a native of Ohio and nearly eighty-three years of age.

ALLEGED MUTINEERS FREED.

EUREKA, Dec. 31.—Sailors Barney Wilson and Harry Sanders of the schooner Free Trade, charged with mutiny for having taken the wheel from their skipper near Trinidad on the night of December 22, were discharged to-day by United States Commissioner Ford. The Commissioner found the men acted without criminal intent or malice, but under the belief that their captain would wreck the schooner in the breakers if allowed to continue in the course he was sailing.

Choynski Preparing for the Stage.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 31.—Joe Choynski, the prizefighter, is here arranging for his forthcoming venture in vaudeville. A thirty-minute sketch, entitled "Sketch Factory," has been written for Choynski and his wife (nee Lutzmiller), who is a singer and actress. Owing to his engagements in this line Choynski would not entertain any proposition for the preliminary at the Jeffries-Ruhlin fight.

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For a third time within six months the guests of the Hotel Bertling, at 736 Bush street, have had occasion to hurriedly pack their baggage and make a hasty exit from the caravansary on account of fire. Shortly before noon yesterday a blaze that broke out in the north wing of the hotel threatened a serious conflagration in the block and caused a hasty scramble among the occupants of the place.

When the fire was discovered the flames had almost enveloped the roof of the portion of the structure known as the servants' quarters. An alarm was sounded from box 133, and there was a wild scramble among the guests, who sought a place of safety.

The fire department quickly responded to the alarm and the work of fighting the fire began. The firemen, after a hard battle, prevented the fire from spreading to the lower stories, and thus averted a dangerous blaze. The guests continued removing their belongings until it was announced that the fire was out.

According to fire reports the Hotel Bertling has been visited by the element of destruction three times within the last six months. On the two previous occasions not much damage was done.

The fire yesterday will cost the proprietors of the hotel $2500. The roof of the north wing was badly gutted and a number of rooms were damaged by water.

WIDOWED BRIDE BRINGS HOME HUSBAND'S BODY

Mrs. J. B. Barber, Niece of President McKinley, Arrives on the Transport Grant.

Among the arrivals on the transport Grant yesterday was Mrs. J. B. Barber, widow of Paymaster Barber, U. S. A., who died at Hongkong two months after his marriage. The couple had just completed their honeymoon and Mr. Barber had started for Manila to take up his duties as paymaster in the army when he was taken ill with fever and died a few days later.

The remains of the dead paymaster will be taken direct to Canton, Ohio, for interment. Mrs. Barber is now at the Occidental. She is a niece of President McKinley.

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