

### LAYING OF RAILS WILL SOON BEGIN

#### New Road to Stretch to Fall River Mills Country.

#### Capitalists Procure Right of Way and Construction Will Be Rushed.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

REDDING, Dec. 21.—St. Louis railroad and mining capitalists have procured the right of way for a sixty-mile railroad from Bella Vista to Kennett to Fall River Mills, passing by the Bully Hill smelters and through Thomas B. Walker's great timber holdings. They agree to begin actual construction of a road costing nearly \$1,000,000 in sixty days. Partial surveys have already been made and a local engineer and party will take the field with \$50,000 cash at their disposal.

The road will follow the copper belt and traverse a rich area of farming and timber land. There is every reason to believe that its projectors purpose to ultimately extend it from Fall River Mills across the Oregon line 100 miles distant to connect with a branch of the Chicago and Northwestern, giving transcontinental connection.

The road is projected by the recently incorporated Shasta Mineral Belt Railroad Company. D. P. Doak of St. Louis is president and T. A. Johnson of that city is secretary. Both are railroad men. The other directors are mining capitalists of New York. The scheme has been fully investigated. Moving with all possible secrecy, the company has run preliminary surveys and has procured agreements for right of way deeds upon the condition that actual building be started within two months. Samuel E. Brackins, county Surveyor, has been chief engineer.

The road will either follow Pit River from Kennett or from the terminus of the Terry Railroad at Bella Vista, twelve miles from Anderson. It is believed that Thomas B. Walker, the Minnesota lumber king, who has acquired immense timber holdings along the line of the road, is interested or has a contract with its builders. The projectors are believed to have plans involving the development of copper and iron properties whose present remoteness renders them unprofitable.

#### Crane May Accept Portfolio.

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—A close friend of Governor W. Murray Crane to-day confirmed report from Washington, published to-day, stating that the Governor had been offered the Treasury portfolio by President Roosevelt, and said that the Governor had asked for time until next Monday, before deciding whether or not he would accept.

A telephone message from Dalton, Governor Crane's home, received here to-day, says that Governor Crane is considering the question with great thoroughness and is inclined to accept the position. Family and business considerations are the cause of the Governor's hesitation.

Italian life depicted in Christmas Wasp, Cosmopolitan California Illustrated. Send it to European friends. Price 25 cents.

#### Noted Musicians Return.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Among the passengers who arrived to-day on board the steamship Philadelphia from Southampton were John Philip Sousa and his band, Mrs. Sousa, Miss Dorothy Hoyt, violinist, and Miss Maude Reece Davis, vocalist.

### FATAL SHOOTING FOLLOWS TAUNT

#### Capital City Man Represents Being Called "Rubberneck."

#### Epithet Brings on Altercation and Pistol Comes Into Play.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 21.—Because he disliked being called a "rubberneck" R. H. Clegg, a blacksmith, 60 years old, shot and it is believed fatally wounded "Happy Tom" Burrell, a saloon-keeper, at 7:30 o'clock to-night. Burrell and his wife live in a lodging-house at 727 1/2 K street, where Clegg also has a room. It is claimed by Mrs. Burrell that Clegg is in the habit of leaving his door partly open and keeping watch of the movements of the Burrells and others in the house. Burrell came up the stairs from the street this evening and seeing Clegg's door partly open called in to him that he was evading "rubbernecking" again and that he "had his lamps going," meaning that Clegg was watchful of the doings of his fellow roomers.

An angry altercation followed and it is asserted that Burrell struck at Clegg with a cane. Clegg says he had a pistol near by and reaching for it proceeded to defend himself from the assault of Burrell, a younger and stronger man. He shot Burrell in the abdomen and as the latter turned shot again, the bullet lodging in the back. Clegg then walked downstairs and surrendered himself to an officer.

Mrs. Burrell declares that her husband did not strike Clegg with the cane, but that she heard the blow land on the door casing. At the police station Clegg exhibited a contusion on the forehead which he asserted was inflicted by Burrell with the cane.

Burrell probably will die. He came to Sacramento from Placerville to engage in the saloon business.

#### Calve's Tribute to California.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Emma Calve, the lyric artist, is in the city. With her is little Edna Darch of Los Angeles, Cal., whom she has adopted.

"She is a gifted, a divine child," said Calve. "She has a voice. It is California that gave it to her. What a marvelous land that is. If you are born in it all the good fairies are at your cradle. They make wishes for you. These are great wishes. To realize them you need only opportunity. It comes. I shall do all I can for little Edna. My plan is to let her study here for a while under the care of persons in whom I have confidence. Then she is to come to France with me and study there."

#### Justifies Abandonment of Pinmore.

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 21.—The court appointed by British Consul James Laidlaw to investigate the causes leading up to the abandonment of the British bark Pinmore, off Grays Harbor, on December 8, to-day found that Captain Jamieson and crew were justified in leaving the vessel.

#### Killed by an Explosion.

PHILLIPSBURG, Mont., Dec. 21.—William Williams, a miner at the Bimetallie mine, was instantly killed early this morning and his partner, Sidney Davis, seriously wounded by a premature blast on the 1500-foot level. The men were leaving the drift when the explosion occurred and were struck by the flying rock.

### MODOC LAWYER WIELDS A KNIFE

#### Woman Accuses Judge Harris of Attempt on Her Life.

#### Counsel for Lynchers Attacks Leading Witness for the Prosecution.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

ALTURAS, Dec. 21.—Judge G. F. Harris, one of the attorneys representing James W. Brown, the alleged leader of the Modoc mob that lynched old Calvin Hall, his three sons and Daniel Yantis last May, was arrested this afternoon on a charge that he committed an assault with a deadly weapon. The complainant is Mary Lorenzo, one of the leading witnesses for the prosecution. She was standing in Lard's store when Judge Harris came in and, it is alleged, made an insulting remark. The woman resented it by slapping his face. He repeated the remark and she slapped him again.

At this point, it is claimed, Judge Harris drew a knife, but he was held by Judge Cherry and others while the woman was taken from the store. Judge Harris, it is said, was intoxicated. The cross-examination of Agnes Wilson, the half-breed girl, occupied the entire day in the trial of Brown. Most of the morning was taken up in argument by counsel, which at times became so heated that the jury was excused from the room. The cross-examination only served to bring out more fully the details of the cruelty practiced by Brown and his companions, who formed the party that arrested the Halls. Agnes declared that Brown slapped her mother and that they were subjected to indecent treatment by the Deputy Constable and his men, who searched the persons of the witness and her mother on the excuse that they might have had stolen articles about them. Brown, the child said, appropriated all the guns there were in the house—four in number.

#### Pupils Present a Drama.

REDWOOD CITY, Dec. 21.—The public schools and Notre Dame convent closed yesterday for the annual holiday vacation. The young ladies of the latter institution had prepared an interesting programme, the leading feature of which was a drama entitled "The Witch of Bramble Hollow." It was admirably presented, the scene of the play being a fashionable boarding school. Those who figured in the cast were the Misses Viola Hanson, L. Read, E. Beckler, R. Hemmerson, A. Capps, A. Murphy, E. Clark, G. Geary, A. Curran, M. Hoaney, E. Lloyd, E. Kers, Aileen Curran and M. Hess.

#### Indian Scout Murdered.

PHOENIX, Dec. 21.—Corporal Irish, an Indian scout, attached to the agency of the Apache Indians at San Carlos, was murdered yesterday twelve miles from Wilcox. Haskidistal, an Indian scout, is suspected of the crime. He was a companion of Corporal Irish when the latter met death. The tragedy was reported to United States Marshal McCord here to-day, together with the information that Haskidistal is at large, but that other Indian scouts are on his trail.

#### NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The Australian mail for Europe, scheduled to leave on the Eturia this afternoon, did not do so, it did not arrive here until evening. It left San Francisco last Monday.

### CASE OF CUBA PROMISES STRIFE

#### Lawmakers Will Be Busy With Reciprocity Measures.

#### Changes May Be Made in the Philippine Tariff Schedule.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

CALL BUREAU, 1406 G STREET, N. W., WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Cuban reciprocity will be taken up by the Ways and Means Committee immediately after the reassembling of Congress. It is likely to come before the House soon after action on the canal bill and it will be the big fight of the session.

"I wonder if you have made a mistake on this Philippine tariff bill," thus spoke a prominent member of the Ways and Means Committee to-day. The recommendation of the Philippine Commission for a reduction of 50 per cent in the Dingley rates on leading products of the islands has opened the eyes of several Republican leaders and it is safe to say that had this advice come before the bill came out of committee it would not have passed the House in its present form.

The President consulted Senators Lodge and Platt of Connecticut to-day on the question of Cuban tariffs and soon afterward Henry T. Oxnard, as head of the best sugar organization called at the White House. The allied sugar forces have concluded that the administration is determined to force a reduction of the tariff on Cuban sugar and Oxnard called to propose a compromise plan, which provides for a bounty to Cuban planters in order to put their sugar business on a paying basis.

This scheme contemplates exacting full Dingley rates and then paying enough bounties to encourage the industry in the island and preventing bankruptcy. Oxnard thinks this will help the Cubans and do no injury to home producers. He said after the conference to-day that the President would give it attention.

Although a majority of the Republican members of the Ways and Means Committee are still opposed to making concessions to Cuba on sugar and tobacco, the matter is to be kept upon their attention at once by the Republican minority on the committee and members of the Cabinet. The Democrats have not yet shown their hand. As a matter of fact they are cutting a small figure in Congress and only this week let slip an opportunity to lay up future trouble for the Republican majority by mismanagement and inaction in the Philippine tariff. A Republican House leader who favors the relief of Cuba said to-day:

"This question has reached a stage where it is something more than a matter of protecting local interests. It has a great moral side; it has to do with the salvation or ruin of Cuba; it means carrying out or neglecting our solemn obligations. We are bound to do something more than mere pacification of the islands whether it is expressly stated in the bond or not. I realize that we are against a very hard combination."

#### Banker Beckman Arraigned.

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 21.—The case of Banker William Beckman, charged with illegal use of the mails in having sent repeated requests by postal card to Paul S. Weir, a member of the California State Bar, to return to San Francisco for the return of a subpoena issued by Justice Brown this afternoon and was continued until Monday for decision.

## A Budget of Holiday Suggestions

### Art Novelties.

Battenberg Scarfs and Squares—fancy linen squares, doilies—embroidered and open work—handkerchief boxes, glove boxes, necktie cases, pin cushions, calendars, shaving pads, pipe holders, downy pillows, etc. Our stock of pillows is the most complete and satisfactory one we have ever had—in velvet, silk and tapestry—in Bohemian, poster, oriental and novel designs—ready-made and made-to-order pillows and pillow tops—some lithographed, some embroidered, some hand-painted—more than we have room to tell of—from \$1.25 to \$20.00 each

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### FUNERAL PARTY MEETS DISASTER

#### Horse Driven by a Benicia Young Lady Runs Away.

VALLEJO, Dec. 21.—Two deaths may result from an accident to a funeral party at St. Vincent's Cemetery yesterday. The party, which came from Benicia, was leaving the cemetery when a horse driven by Miss Fisher of Benicia took fright and started off at a mad gallop. The runaway came into collision with a wagon in which were John and Antonio Borges, farmers well known in Vallejo. Both buggy and wagon were wrecked, and the Borges brothers and Miss Fisher were thrown to the ground.

### MILLIONS TO BE SPENT IN RAILWAY BUILDING

#### Plans of Projectors of the Line From Valdes Into the Copper River Country.

TACOMA, Dec. 21.—L. C. Dillman, who returned yesterday from New York, says that there is absolutely no doubt of the construction of a railroad 140 miles long into the Copper River districts from Valdes. Dillman displays a contract, calling for the construction of the road, the sale of twenty-eight claims of the famous Bonanza group for \$1,200,000 and the erection of a smelter. The approximate cost of the latter will be \$300,000.

Dillman has been in New York for several months effecting the deal involving millions of dollars. He represented owners and made the sale to Charles G. Weir, a New York mining expert. The latter is said to represent an English syndicate. Dillman said:

"I have secured the sum asked by the owners for the claims. Nearly all owners have accepted the proposition. The conclusion of the transfer will come when these men deliver their property to Mr. Weir. Mr. Weir, on behalf of his clients, has contracted to build the railroad and smelter. The only possible hitch could be a refusal of the proprietors who have not yet accepted to dispose of their claims.

The estimated cost of the railroad is \$3,500,000. Of its construction there remains no longer a doubt. In the unlikely event that the mining properties were not delivered, the railroad would be built anyway. Mr. Weir's clients have determined upon this."

### DEWEY AGAIN FIGHTS THE BRITISH FORCES

#### Attacks Generals Darnel and Campbell, but Draws Off After Battling Four Hours.

HARRISMITH, Orange River Colony, Dec. 21.—The first fight in which General Dewet has figured for some time, it is reported, occurred at Landburg on December 18. It is considered rather a success in the light of the recent ominous reports regarding the noted general's rejuvenated commando. Dewet with 800 men and two guns clashed with Generals Darnel and Campbell. After a four hours' fight the Boers drew off, with a loss of four killed and twenty wounded. The British loss was one killed and fourteen wounded.

UTRECHT, Dec. 21.—Rev. Mr. Schaeffer, a Protestant clergyman of Remscheid, Rhenish Prussia, presented to Mr. Kruger to-day a purse of 10,000 marks, subscribed as a Christmas gift to the Boer children by the children of the Rhine provinces and Westphalia.

### GERMANS MAKE CLAIMS IN NICARAGUA TERRITORY

#### Precaution Taken That There Shall Be No Obstruction of Canal Work.

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Dec. 21 (via Guaymas).—A dispatch from Washington which has been received here announcing that the German Government claims the exclusive right to navigate the San Juan River and Lake Nicaragua, under a concession granted a few days ago to the Atlas Steamship Company, has created much excitement throughout the country.

It is declared that the concession in question was forfeited a month ago under a decision of the arbitrators because of failure to comply with the terms of the contract. In any event one of the articles of the concession declares that it shall not be an obstacle to the construction of the Nicaraguan canal.

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