

THE WEATHER
Forecast made at San Francisco for 30 hours, ending midnight, October 5, 1904.
San Francisco and vicinity—Fair Wednesday except foggy in the morning; fresh west wind.
G. H. WILSON,
Local Forecaster.
Temporarily in Charge.



THE THEATERS.
Alcazar—"Camilla."
California—"The Tenderfoot."
Central—"Dealers in White."
Women.
Chutes—"Vanderbilt."
Columbia—"The Office Boy."
Fischer—"Down the Line."
Grand—"York State Folks."
Lyric Hall—"Everyman."
Majestic—"The Henrietta."
Orpheum—"Vanderbilt." Matinee.
To-Day.
Tivoli—"The Serenade."

LOFT FALLS UPON HEADS OF CATTLE
Sixty Dairy Cows Are Killed Under Hay Bales.
Owners and Ranchman Have Narrow Escape From the Same Fate.

Man Imprisoned Under Mass of Beams and Debris and Rescuers Arrive Just in Time.

With a crash that could be heard for blocks around, an overloaded hayloft in a cow barn belonging to the Excelsior ranch at 400 Harvard street in the University Homestead district fell to the ground yesterday morning and three men narrowly escaped being killed. The falling mass of timbers and bales of hay crushed to the earth sixty cows belonging to the ranch, killing some outright while the rest were imprisoned and were smothered to death by 150 tons of feed that was in the loft. The men who were near the door had just begun milking when the loft fell. They were imprisoned in a cache formed by doorposts and roof beams and were chopped out by neighboring ranch hands barely in time to escape meeting death by suffocation.

Yesterday morning at 9:30 o'clock Jean Labrucherie and his brother Peter, the owner of the Excelsior ranch dairy, together with one of their ranch hands, John Bruchou, entered the stable and began the morning milking. In the large barn that shelters the dairy cows were four rows of milkers peacefully awaiting their turn at the stalls. Suddenly the men heard a slight ripping noise and noticed the floor supports beginning to give way. They made a rush for the door, but were too late. The hayloft came crashing down with a deafening roar and in an instant the barn became a shambles.

While the men lay imprisoned beneath the grids that formed at once their prison and their tomb, they could hear the moaning of the animals caught beneath the fallen mass. Slowly the sounds ceased as the hay pressed down upon the imprisoned cattle and their life was choked out by the means of the neighboring ranch hands, summoned by the noise of the disaster, came running to the rescue. Armed with axes and bars of iron they chopped through beams and pried apart bales in a desperate endeavor to liberate the imprisoned men. Others hitched teams of horses to the roof beams and attempted to remove the debris that covered the place where the barn once stood.

RACE AGAINST TIME.
It was a race against time to get at the imprisoned men before they became smothered. The men were pulled out of their prison in the nick of time. Peter Labrucherie was sent home, having sustained severe bruises. Jean Labrucherie received contusions of the right leg. John Bruchou escaped unhurt and was apparently no worse for his experience.

Meanwhile a call had been sent in to Truck 9 of the Fire Department and Captain Bannon and his men soon responded. On their arrival at the scene the firemen cleared away from the roof beams while the men were removed the bales of hay. When this work had been accomplished a pitiful sight met the gaze of the workers. The rows were lying in regular rows in the relative position they occupied before the accident. The two center rows were almost instantly killed. The cows in the outer rows, however, were not all dead, and the suffering of the dumb animals was pitiful.

HEALTH OFFICERS ARRIVE.
Deputy Health Officer Dr. M. J. Brady, veterinarian of the Health Board, and Deputy Health Officer William Lenz arrived on the scene and did what they could to relieve the sufferings of the stricken brutes. As quickly as possible the injured cows were moved to the outskirts of the debris and examined. It was found that they were suffering from broken limbs and the health officers gave the owners the alternative of having them killed or turning them over to the care of a veterinarian. A pathetic instance occurred when a baby calf whose leg had been broken tried to struggle close to its dying mother.

The cause of the accident was the careless overloading of the hayloft. The barn was over fifteen years old and the rotting timbers were not able to stand the weight placed upon them. The owners estimate their loss at \$10,000. The neighboring dairies have generously come to the assistance of the Excelsior ranch and will supply its customers for a few days.

PRIMATE OF ENGLAND ARRIVES IN BOSTON
Will Be Present During the General Convention of the Episcopal Church.

BOSTON, Oct. 4.—The majority of the Bishops and deputies who are to participate in the general convention of the Episcopal church, which will convene to-morrow, have arrived. The Archbishop of Canterbury also arrived to-day.

CAR STRUCK BY FURNACE OF HOT IRON
Terror Spread by Flying Caldron of Metal.
One Trolley Escapes, but the Other Is Hit With Great Force.

Passengers Thrown in a Heap, but Bruises Form the Total Extent of Injuries.

NEW YORK, Oct. 4.—In Newark this afternoon a ten-ton rolling blast furnace filled with hot iron, which is used for welding the joints of a trolley track, became unmanageable just after passing Osborne Terrace in Clinton avenue, and striking a heavy down grade went down the hill for a quarter of a mile at a terrific speed and immediately in the wake of a trolley car bound toward the center of the city. The motorman put on full speed, but the great mass of iron and fire gained steadily. When it seemed that a disastrous collision was inevitable, ten passengers jumped and sustained slight bruises. The motorman and conductor stuck to their posts, the furnace still chasing the car.

After the race had gone on for a quarter of a mile the big furnace swerved from the eastbound to the westbound track. Almost at the same instant a westbound trolley car came along, traveling at top speed as the motorman had flung out on passing the iron monster. Just as it seemed as if his car would escape, the big furnace gave another lurch toward his track and he sprang backward into the car as the crash came. The big furnace hit the front end of the trolley with a blow of great force. A dozen passengers on this car were thrown from end to end and landed in a heap, men and women, badly frightened and more or less bruised. While all were thrown, none were injured beyond a few cuts and bruises.

DIES ON HIS WAY HOME AFTER A TRIP ABROAD
Louis Wunn, a German Baker of Oakland, Passes Away on Ship-board.

NEW YORK, Oct. 4.—Louis Wunn of Oakland, Cal., while returning to his home after a trip abroad, died suddenly on the steamer Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse on the passage from Bremen and Southampton. His body was landed at the latter place. The facts were not learned until the arrival of the steamer here to-day.

OAKLAND, Oct. 4.—Ludwig Wunn is a well known member of the German colony of Oakland, where he has been in business for the past seventeen years. He was the proprietor of the Grove Street Bakery, and resided with his family at 1733 Grove street. Wunn left Oakland about four months ago to visit his old home in Germany. He was in good health when he left here and the news of his death is a great shock to his family. He was a member of the German Odd Fellows and Foresters of Oakland and the German Baker Verein of San Francisco. He was 52 years old and leaves a wife, Mrs. Marguerite Wunn, and an adopted son, Louis Wunn.

HIGHWAYMEN KEEP POLICE OF PORTLAND ON THE JUMP
Five Men Are Held Up and Robbed in Oregon City Within a Few Hours.

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 4.—Five men were held up and robbed last night. The total amount of plunder secured included \$398 cash, two gold watches and a plug of tobacco. The police station was thrown into the wildest sort of excitement as report after report came in of the work of highwaymen in the different parts of the city. Two of the best detectives in the service of the city were called from the suburbs and hurried out on the street.

The officers kept at work until 8 o'clock this morning when they captured two suspicious characters, who were identified as the footpads by 10 o'clock. It was the partly used plug of tobacco on the person of one of the men that helped most in strengthening the case against them. The suspects gave the names of John Sullivan and Herman Smith and say they came from Seattle.

HORSES RUN AWAY WITH DR. JORDAN AND HIS GUEST
University President and Signor Brunatti Have Narrow Escape While Driving at Stanford.

DEATH WINS VICTORY IN LONG FIGHT
Postmaster General Henry C. Payne Is No More.
Dies in Washington Surrounded by Members of His Family.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4.—Henry C. Payne, Postmaster General of the United States, a member of the National Republican Committee, a stalwart of his home party, with the history of which in his home State and nationally he has been identified for many years, died at his apartments in the Arlington Hotel in this city at 8:10 o'clock to-night, aged 60 years. The death and its cause was announced in the following official bulletin issued by the attending physicians:

"The Postmaster General died at 8:10 o'clock p. m. He died peacefully, without a struggle. Cause of death, disease of mitral valve and dilatation of the heart."
"P. M. RIXEY,
"G. LLOYD MAGRUDER,
"GRAYSON."

Payne had been in poor health for at least two years, but his last illness covered only seven days, an attack of heart trouble last week precipitating the end at a time, when, after a rest he seemed to have recovered a small measure of the vitality impaired by years of arduous labor. Death this afternoon came after nearly six hours of unconsciousness.

The last official caller to inquire as to Payne's condition was President Roosevelt, and he had been gone only about ten minutes when the stricken member of his Cabinet expired. As Mr. Roosevelt was leaving the speaker, a group of Payne to the newspaper men gathered in front of the hotel as "the sweetest, most lovable and most trusted man I ever knew."

Around Payne's bedside at the time of death were his devoted wife, Dr. Dunlap, pastor of St. John's Episcopal Church; Major and Mrs. W. S. Cameron of Jamestown, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Winfield, Jamestown of Milwaukee; Charles L. Jones and Mrs. Louis Jones, relatives; Private Secretary Whitney, Miss Mary Barleyert, an old companion of Mrs. Payne; Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Mason of Washington, old time friends of Mr. and Mrs. Payne, and the faithful colored attendants at the department of the Postmaster General.

When Payne had breathed his last Dr. Magruder led Mrs. Payne out of the room. It was stated that she had stood up bravely under the heavy strain.

Funeral services will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church in this city next Friday morning and at 3:15 o'clock that afternoon the body will be taken to the Pennsylvania Railroad station and placed aboard the private car of President A. J. Earling of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad, who tendered the use of the car and announced that he would here by tomorrow morning. The remains will arrive at Milwaukee Saturday and services will be held there next Sunday. Further plans for the funeral will be decided upon to-morrow.

Henry Clay Payne, late Postmaster General of the United States, was born at Ashfield, Franklin County, Massachusetts, November 23, 1843. His ancestors on both sides were natives of Massachusetts, and their names are found in the civil and military records of that commonwealth as far back as the early Puritan days. He had his early education in the town schools and at Shelburne Falls Academy, from which he graduated in 1859.

He at once entered business life at Northampton, Mass., but in September, 1863, moved to Milwaukee, Wis., where he ever afterward made his home. He engaged with the firm of Sherman & Co., with which he remained until 1873, when he was appointed Postmaster at Milwaukee (1875) which office he held for ten years and until the Democrats succeeded to the control of the National Government.

REPORTS ON INQUIRY IN ALASKA
Day Tells President of Investigation of Charges.
Judges and Other Officials of Territory Accused of Corruption.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4.—William A. Day, Assistant Attorney General, had a conference with the President to-day about the various United States officials in Alaska, charged with corruption and other offenses. Included in this number are two United States Judges. Day has just returned from an extended visit to Alaska as the special representative of President Roosevelt. He was selected for this work by Attorney General Knox, upon the request of the President. Day spent twelve weeks in Alaska, talking with people of all classes, having hearings and otherwise seeking to learn the truth as to the charges. At the same time he has been investigating the conditions surrounding the administration of justice in the Territory and his visit to the President this morning was to make a preliminary report.

Last June the four-year terms of two of the Federal Judges in Alaska expired and the question of giving them new commissions came before the President. For some time prior to this attacks and charges against these two men, Judges Melville C. Brown and James Wyckersham, had reached the Department of Justice. The attacks and charges became frequent and bitter and statements on both sides were of such a nature that it was considered best to make a full investigation. Whatever action, if any, the President may have determined upon is not known, but he will have further conferences with Day before doing anything.

ARE BEFRENNED BY MRS. FISKE
Dogs and Cats of New York Given Place to Drink as Result of Her Kindness

NEW YORK, Oct. 4.—One hundred drinking basins for cats and dogs were padlocked to lamp posts in various parts of the city to-day. The nucleus for the fund with which they were purchased was contributed by Mrs. Minnie Madden Fiske.

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals wished to have basins provided during the hot weather, but were delayed by the necessity of getting permits. The basins are of iron, painted and marked with the society's name. They are attached to trees or lamp posts by strong chains fastened with a padlock. Arrangements have been made with Dr. Woodbury for the men of the street-cleaning department to keep the basins cleaned and filled with fresh water.

APPOINTED TO SUCCEED R. McWADE AT CANTON
Julius G. Lay, Formerly American Consul at Barcelona, to Assume Post in China.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4.—President Roosevelt to-day appointed Julius G. Lay Consul General at Canton in succession to Robert M. McWade, removed. Lay formerly was American Consul at Barcelona.

Benjamin P. Ridgely, American Consul at Nantes, France, was appointed Consul General at Barcelona to succeed Lay.

Mr. Payne was married in New York City in October, 1867, to Lydia W., daughter of Richard W. Van Dyke and descendant of Hendrick Van Dyke, who came to New Amsterdam in 1646 as Attorney General of the province.

STATE PRISONS ARE GORGED
Charities and Corrections Board Files Its Report



ALLIGATOR FIGHTS HIS KEEPERS
Big Saurian Bites Attendant on the Leg.

SLAYS BEAR WITH HIS JACKKNIFE
Tumbles on Bruin's Back and Has to Fight.

EDISON SCORES SON'S COMPANY
Denounces Alleged Discovery of Vitalizer Advertised as a Cure for Disease

ONE HUNDRED OLD SOLDIERS A DAY IS DEATH RATE
Pension Bureau Issues Statement Concerning Mortality of Veterans of the Civil War.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4.—The first biennial report of the State Board of Charities and Corrections, filed yesterday with Governor Pardee at Sacramento, is a sweeping condemnation of conditions prevailing in California's penal institutions. Among recommendations made by the board is the construction by Folsom prisoners of a hospital for the criminal insane. The board suggests that prisoners be kept in separate cells and that only hardened criminals be sent to Folsom. The straitjacket question is also dealt with.

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 4.—With a hunting knife as his only weapon James Short, a business man of Washougal, Wash., fought a finish fight with a bear. His companion found him a half hour later lying beside the dead beast in a pool of blood. Short is badly clawed up, but will recover.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4.—The State Board of Charities and Corrections, filed yesterday with Governor Pardee to-day, recommends a complete change in the present methods of handling prisoners in this State. The report says that both of the penal institutions are overcrowded, there being as many as five men kept in one cell, and in both institutions there are 2378 prisoners confined in 878 cells. It recommends that the Jute mill at San Quentin be removed to Folsom and that the San Quentin penitentiary be converted into a reformatory for first offenders. It urgently requests an appropriation by the Legislature for the enlargement of the Folsom prison by the addition of a building containing 800 cells, and that all hardened criminals be kept there.

The report declares that the State prisons are in the most unsatisfactory condition of any State institutions, and that little good can be said of them except that the prisoners are clean and well fed and that the officials are doing the best they can under the circumstances. It recommends legislative action restricting the use of the straitjacket as a means of punishment in penal institutions, and suggests that it be abolished entirely after the proposed changes are brought about. It states that there is a tendency at San Quentin to use severe punishment for trivial offenses.

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