

MOUNTAIN STAGE WRECK INJURES PASSENGERS.

Collector Stratton Escapes, Returns Home and Tells of Disaster.



Fred S. Stratton, Collector of the Port, returned from his vacation in the Klamath River district yesterday morning and tells of a stage wreck near the Klamath River about 7 o'clock Wednesday morning, in which he miraculously escaped, while two of his companions will probably die. A Mr. Shuman of San Francisco, Christian name unknown, was badly bruised and cut in the face, but as far as known he is not fatally hurt. Stratton was returning from Klamath Falls, Or., and as the stage was nearing the Klamath River bridge, where the road runs along a steep cliff about 500 feet above the river, the brake gave way and the passengers started on their wild ride down the steep grade of 150 yards to the bridge below.

On reaching the turn by the bridge the stage was overturned and the passengers were thrown violently among the rocks, the maddened horses plunging on.

The driver, Thomas Reynolds, and three passengers—Miss Busse of Allendale, Or.; Mr. Shuman of San Francisco and Collector Stratton, who was sitting on top of the stage—were thrown over an embankment of about thirty-five feet, and all except Stratton were seriously injured. The driver's skull was fractured and Miss Busse sustained internal injuries. Both will probably die. The third, Mr. Shuman, was badly bruised and he has several large cuts on the face.

As soon as he was able Stratton climbed the cliff and found two of the passengers—Charles Moore Jr., son of the Oregon State Treasurer, and the other gentleman he did not know—firmly pinned under the stage. The other two passengers, with the assistance of the campers, who happened along at that time, raised the stage and released its victims. Finally Stratton walked two miles and telephoned for a physician. He also got two wagons, in which the injured were removed to Spencer Station, where the physician arrived about seven hours later.

A sharp turn in the road was necessary to bring them to the bridge, and at this point one of the horses fell and the king bolt gave way. The five horses, loose from the stage, dragged the fallen horse nearly a half-mile before they were finally stopped by some campers who happened along the road. The fallen horse was dead.

DEAL FOR SHARES OF GAS COMPANY PROGRESSES WELL
Sanction Is Given by Large Majority of California Gas and Electric Corporation Stockholders.

All 25,000 shares of the outstanding stock of the California Gas and Electric Corporation have been deposited with the Union Trust Company in pursuance of the great deal which a syndicate will come into possession of the stock of the San Francisco Gas and Electric Company. The stockholders of the San Francisco Gas and Electric Company have placed 25,000 shares in escrow. These are all shares of the smaller holders. The larger holders are entirely favorable to the deal and the expectation is that within a fortnight the stockholders will have ratified the agreement approved by their directors.

POSTUM CEREAL
Good Work needs HEALTH. Use POSTUM FOOD COFFEE For a Reason.

GIFT ACCEPTED

Officials Open New Public Convenience Stations and Bestow Praise on Donor

THANK J. M. McDONALD

Park Commissioners Show Appreciation of Citizen for Act of Generosity

The formal opening and acceptance of two new public convenience stations, the gift of Captain James A. McDonald, in Washington square by the Board of Park Commissioners yesterday was an event which occasioned no little interest. The board met in room 300, Palace Hotel, and adjourned to be enabled to perform the ceremony. There were present Commissioners Metson, in the chair, Reuben H. Lloyd, W. J. Dungee, Earl Cummings and Superintendent McLaren.

On arriving at the square Commissioner Lloyd requested Secretary Herbert Schmitz to unlock the gate leading to the station set apart for men and after a thorough inspection of the place the body repaired to the women's station.

When the late Dr. Lane determined to place the whole of his fortune in the construction of Lane Hospital and the Cooper-Medical College that the people might be perpetually benefited it was found that there was still \$25,000 needed to carry out Dr. Lane's plans to complete the work. Captain McDonald was the man to come forward with the required sum.

Again, said Lloyd, Captain McDonald had made it possible for the Bohemian Club to have one of the most select libraries in the city. The captain, he said, was one of the largest-hearted of men, wanting all the time to help his fellows.

The commissioner expressed the hope that other public-spirited citizens would come forward and make gifts similar to those in Washington square. There were several squares in the city where they are needed, he said.

On motion of Commissioner Dungee it was resolved to place a tablet in a prominent place in each of the stations recording the name of the donor. Commissioners Lloyd and Metson were appointed to draw up resolutions thanking Captain McDonald.

Magnificent Display on San Francisco Night.
Sunday, September 21, will be San Francisco night at the Pacific Display. Thirty-seven street and San Pablo avenue, Oakland. The display on this evening promises to excel anything of the kind ever seen on this coast before. The display will include the Southern Pacific 7 p. m. 7:40 p. m. broad gauge boats to Seventh street and Broadway, the 6:50 p. m. narrow gauge boats to Seventh and Franklin streets, connecting with San Pablo avenue electric cars on Broadway. There will be a special midnight, broad gauge train leave Seventh and Broadway at 10:45 p. m., 11:25 p. m. and 12:05 midnight.

Will Restrict Company.
On hearing the report of the State Building and Loan Commission yesterday Judge Lawlor decided that the Pacific Home Co-operative Association did not comply with the State law. He declared that he would sign a permanent restraining order against the firm as soon as the report is prepared by the Attorney General and that he would appoint a receiver. The assets of the company consist of small pieces of real estate in this city and in Oakland. The directors of the Pacific Home Co-operative Association are A. P. Fuller, E. F. Busch, J. W. Gwilt and C. B. Wood.

Now Is the Time
To make good your resolve to bring your Eastern relatives to California. Low rate colonist tickets for passage from Eastern points to California are now in effect. \$50 from New York and \$35 from Chicago, \$25 from Omaha. The cost of a ticket can be deposited with any Southern Pacific agent and ticket will be furnished to passenger in the East. For particulars and illustrated literature see agent Southern Pacific.

Warring Over a Brewery.
The Columbia Brewing Company is brewing more trouble than beer these days. The company just emerged from a suit in the civil courts and now comes August H. Meyer, a director, bringing Morton H. Ulrich, president, with perjury. Meyer declared in a bill charging Meyer with forcibly entering the brewery and ejecting therefrom Ulrich and his son, who acted as book-keeper. Meyer swore to the warrant before Judge Conlan.

MOTHER FINDS SON IN JAIL

Mrs. C. Moore Sells Home to Save Convicted Burglar, but Arrives Too Late

MUST GO TO PRISON

While Faithful Parent Is Hurrying to His Side He Pleads Guilty to Charge

A pathetic scene was enacted in the County Jail yesterday when Mrs. C. Moore met for the first time in years her only son, Charles W. Moore, who is to be sentenced to-morrow for burglary. The mother had sold her home in Chicago and got together what little money she could to defend her son. She arrived only to find that he had pleaded guilty and stood within the shadow of the penitentiary.

Undaunted, the mother hurried to the Hall of Justice to make an appeal to Judge Lawlor. His Honor declared that he would hear what she had to say in open court. In a broken voice and with tears streaming from her eyes the mother pleaded for her son.

She declared that he had been a sufferer from spinal meningitis and that he was not in his right mind. "He did not know what he was doing, Judge," she sobbed. "He was out of his mind. He should not have been allowed to plead guilty. He had no attorney, no friends and no chance."

Mrs. Moore came in response to a telegram sent by the son. "I am in prison and starving," he wired. The faithful mother wasted no time. She sold her home and every thing she possessed for what she could get for them and hurried West.

Meanwhile her son was brought before Judge Lawlor. Ex-Judge Hornblower was appointed his attorney. Moore declined to accept him. "I plead guilty," he declared. "I plead guilty. I want to have it over with."

The crime for which Moore was convicted was breaking into a restaurant at 11 Eighth street. He secured only \$5. The young man had been employed here as a salesman, but lost his position through illness. He has a wife in Portland, who is greatly in want at present. The prisoner's mother declares that if the crime was committed the money was stolen to send to the wife.

THREE MASKED MEN HOLD UP A SALOON

Thugs Secure \$65 in Cash and Make Good Their Escape.

The police have obtained no clew to the identity of the three masked men who entered the saloon of W. F. Grace early yesterday morning and held up the proprietor and William McDonald and George Young. The thugs secured \$65 from the cash register and \$40 from Grace. They made good their escape.

Grace was about to close up the place when the three men darted in suddenly. Each of the thugs held a revolver. "Hands up," was the order, and Grace and his customers quickly complied. The victims were lined up against the wall, and while one of the robbers covered them with a revolver, another went through their pockets. The third searched the cash register and the safe.

Nothing was found on McDonald and Young the man who was searching them muttered something about "beating out of the..." The three men lined against the wall spent a very uncomfortable three minutes.

When the robbers were certain that they had secured all the money in the place they warned the victims not to attempt to give the alarm. "If you stick a nose out of this place within the next half hour you will get a dose of lead," one of the thugs warned them.

The three robbers ran out of the place and the sound of their footfalls soon died out along Mission street. But it was some time before the three victims of the thug had time to leave the place to give an alarm.

The police were able to obtain only scanty descriptions of the three men. Their faces were covered by pieces of black cloth and the victims were unable to see much of them. One was rather tall and the other two were short and stocky. All three were roughly dressed. It is believed that they have been planning the deed for some time, as every move they made showed decision.

Fitted Bags and Cases
On a long trip when the greater part of the travelers' effects must be packed away in the baggage car. A fitted handbag or case to hold the immediate necessities that one may want at any moment is almost indispensable. We have them fitted to meet the particular requirements of every sort of travel. Sanborn, Vall & Co., 741 Market street.

ACCOUNTANT REYNOLDS TESTIFIES.
George W. Reynolds, expert accountant for the Spring Valley Water Company, testified yesterday concerning the various sums expended by the company in the earlier years of its history for new construction. The session was held in the office of the company for the reason that the books, etc., were handy. His testimony will be resumed to-day.

ANOTHER BELLBOY ACCUSED.
J. H. Rowley, a bellboy employed in the Jacinto Hotel, yesterday testified in a grand jury case against Miss Emeline Hallett, proprietress, who accuses him of having stolen \$10 from her room. Rowley's predecessor, J. A. Hall, is in jail on a charge of grand larceny. He is accused of stealing a trunkful of clothing belonging to a lodger.

BLITHE BLOCK FRONTAGE SOLD

Magee Purchase Property Adjoining the Mutual Savings Bank Holding

PRICE PAID IS \$500,000

Rate Per Front Foot Is Greatest in History of San Francisco Realty

A sale was consummated yesterday of the easterly portion of the Blithe block, now owned by the Bankers' Investment Company, consisting of 48 1/2 feet front on Market street, adjoining the Mutual Savings Bank building, having an average depth of 100 feet back to Geary street, on which the frontage is 40 feet. The seller is the Bankers' Investment Company, a syndicate formed by I. W. Hellman and others in 1900. The purchasers are William A. Magee, Thomas Magee and Frederick Magee of the real estate firm of Thomas Magee & Sons.

The price at which this valuable holding has changed hands is \$500,000. This is somewhat over \$10,000 a front foot for the Market-street frontage and is believed to be the highest price ever paid for property in San Francisco. The parcel named is situated in the best block in San Francisco, and, with frontages on Market and Geary streets, right at the intersection of Geary and Kearny, is one of the finest retail locations in the city. In addition the property faces Third street, which gives it additional value.

The one-story frame improvements on the property are occupied by various tenants. The rental produced is \$20,000 a year. The purchasers have agreed to begin the erection of a modern building on this property in a year. Thomas Magee & Sons retain their ownership of stock in the Bankers' Investment Company, which owns the rest of the block.

Will Erect a German Building.
Steps are being taken by the German societies of this city to construct a German building to be in the neighborhood of half a million dollars. It is the intention to erect the building in a central location. It is to be a modern eight-story structure of steel and stone and will contain lodge rooms, gymnasium, theater, baths, bowling alleys and library. At a recent meeting of the German societies of this city it was decided to incorporate for the project. A series of entertainments will be given to realize funds for preliminary work.

The first of these entertainments, to be known as German day, will be a festival at Glen Park on Sunday, October 1, and the programme will consist of literary and musical exercises, gymnastics, an exhibition by the Turner societies, singing by the United German societies of the city and state, prize games for adults and children and dancing during the afternoon and evening.

INSOLVENT LABORER.—Lee Smith, laborer, Eureka, filed a petition in insolvency yesterday in the United States District Court. He owes \$412 and has no assets.

ADVERTISEMENTS.
Before you buy any magazine this month, ask yourself if you know of any magazine which more fully belongs on the center table of your home than McClure's. Ask yourself if any is more interesting to you. Then buy October (out today) and read any of the seven good short stories or the remainder of Miss Tarbell's paper.

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Evgs., 25c to 75c; Mats. Thurs., Sat., 25c to 50c.
NEXT MONDAY—MR. WHITTLESEY IN THE Romance of Austrian Army and Court.

THE LAST APPEAL October 2—The New Alcazar Stock in THE ETERNAL CITY. SALE BEGINS MONDAY.

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NEXT—ESCAPED FROM THE HAREN

SCHOOL OUTFITS FREE WITH BUSTER BROWN HOSE

Every Child Should Take Advantage of This Offer

\$5.00 Millinery

The wonderful success of our last year's Saturday sales of trimmed hats at \$5.00 has prompted us to try it again this season. The first lot to be put out will be shown to-day. Among the number you will find reproductions of exclusive models in all the popular materials, such as Silks, Moires, Velvet, Chenille, Braids and Felts. Any of the famous \$5.00 Frager specials on display.

This is the last day of the big Ostrich Sale. One-quarter off on all plumes, pompons and tips in stock.

Dollar Suede Gloves

The Area Suede Glove has arrived; all the latest fall colorings; fitted and guaranteed. No glove made gives better satisfaction. All at the one price \$1.00

Ribbons

All-silk Taffeta Ribbon—In Nos. 40, 50 and 60; 3 to 4 inches wide. Regularly 20c yard. Sale price, 10c

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Choice Creamery Butter 40c

The Regular 50c Quality

WE WANT TO INTRODUCE THE HENRY MILLER CIGAR

Saturday we will sell this high grade 5c cigar at the following prices:

7 for	25c	Box of 25	85c
15 for	50c	Box of 50	\$1.65
		Box of 100	\$3.25

Frager is sole agent for the Henry Miller Cigar. Dealers may obtain quotations on application.

SATURDAY EVENING SPECIALS

From 7 Until 10 O'Clock Only

SATURDAY CANDIES

Gum Drops—Regular 15c kind. Special, Saturday, 7 to 10 p. m., pound 9c

MEN'S \$2.50 TROUSERS \$1.58

350 pairs of neat striped Worsted and Cassimer trousers: six patterns to choose from; exceptionally well tailored and perfect fit; sizes 30 to 42 waist and any desirable length. This is the greatest Saturday night special we have ever made, so do not fail to take advantage of it. Pair \$1.58

Kentucky Club—Full quart; a mellow old-fashioned blend worth double the money. Bottle 67c

Port, Sherry, Angelica, Muscatel, Tokay or Malaga—All choice, sweet wines. Bottle 33c

Paradise Soda Crackers—You know the quality. One-pound cartons 8c

Cut Glass Salt and Pepper Shakers—With fancy embossed silver tops. Regular price, 25c. Saturday night special, 15c each

Tea Kettle, No. 8—All copper, nickel-plated; regularly priced at \$1.25. Saturday night special 79c

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BEGINNING NEXT MONDAY. CHARLES FROHMANN Presents **ETHEL BARRYMORE** In Her Greatest Success, "SUNDAY." SEATS NOW READY.

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Last Times of Francis Gerard; Quinlan and Mack; Brown and Brown, and **ROSE STAHL & CO.**
Regular Matinees Every Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. Prices—10c, 25c and 50c.

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TO-NIGHT AND ALL THIS WEEK. MATINEES SATURDAY AND SUNDAY. THE NEILLES, Supported by an ALL STAR CAST in a Delightful Presentation of **ALABAMA**

By Augustus Thomas, Author of "Arizona," "The Earl of Pawtucket," "The Other Girl," etc.
Next Week—Barney Bernard in "HIS HONOR THE MAYOR." Mon., Sept. 25—RETAIL GROCERS' NIGHT.

ALHAMBRA EDDY AND JONES ST.
NEXT MONDAY and TUESDAY Afternoon 2:15; Evening 8:15. BELASCO, MAYER and PRICE PRESENT **THE ROYAL HAWAIIAN BAND**

IN FAREWELL CONCERTS Previous to sailing home to Honolulu. (The Hawaiian Band will appear in Stockton to-day and Sacramento Sunday, Matinee and Night.)
MME. ALAPAI and THE GLEE CLUB. SEATS 25c AND 50c—NO HIGHER. Sale now at Alhambra Box-Office.

MISCELLANEOUS AMUSEMENTS.
Britt-Nelson Battle MOST MARVELOUS MOVING PICTURES. The greatest contest the world has ever known will be exhibited at Mechanics' Pavilion, beginning SUNDAY EVENING, Sept. 24, and continuing each afternoon and evening until Friday night. An exhibition to your family can see. Admission, 50 cents; gallery, 25 cents. No reserved seats. Afternoon at 3 o'clock. Evenings at 8:30.

BASEBALL! AT RECREATION PARK. **PORTLAND vs. OAKLAND**
WED. THURS and FRIDAY.....8:30 p. m.
SATURDAY.....8:30 p. m.
SUNDAY.....2:30 p. m.
Admission, 35c; Grand Stand, 50c.

OPERATIVO HOUSE PERFORMANCE BEGINS AT 8 o'clock sharp.
GRAND OPERA (IN ITALIAN)
MATINEE TO-DAY, "LUCIA" With Tetrazzini, Bassini, Gressetti, Dado. TO-NIGHT, "CAVALLERIA RUSTICANA" and "I PAGLIACCI" With Petrella, Tosti, Coppola, Angioletti, Salasani, Moros.

To-Morrow Night, "RIGOLETTO." With Tetrazzini, Bassini, Gressetti, Dado. REPERTOIRE FOR NEXT WEEK: Tuesday Night, Sat. Mat., "LA TRAVIATA." Wednesday Night, "IL TROVATORE." Thursday and Sunday Matines, "LUCIA." Friday Night, "BALLO IN MASCHERA." Saturday Night, "CAVALLERIA RUSTICANA" and "I PAGLIACCI." Prices—\$2.00, \$1.50, \$1.00, 75c, 50c.

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