

THE WEATHER
February 20, 1906
San Francisco and vicinity—Cloudy and unsettled weather Tuesday, with showers; fresh south winds.
A. G. McADIE,
District Forecaster.

THE CALL

THE THEATERS.
ALHAMBRA—"The Black Crook."
ALCAZAR—"There and Back."
CALIFORNIA—"Yankee Doodle Girl."
Matinee.
CENTRAL—"Monte Cristo."
CHUTES—Vaudeville, Matinee.
COLUMBIA—"The County Chairman."
GRAND—"Around the Town."
MAJESTIC—"Off the Road."
ORPHEUM—Vaudeville.
TIVOLI—"The Isle of Spice."

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MANY MARKED FOR DEATH BY BAND OF ASSASSINS.

Harry Orchard's confession, which resulted in the arrest of President Moyer and Secretary Haywood of the Western Federation of Miners for alleged complicity in the assassination of former Governor Frank Steunenberg of Idaho, is an astounding record of crime in the Rocky Mountain mining districts. Orchard has given the details of numerous murders and dynamite outrages and revealed conspiracies against the lives of a number of prominent men, including former Governor Peabody and two members of the Colorado Supreme Court.

Orchard Reveals Details of Series of Crimes.

Implicates Leaders of the Miners' Federation.

Two Colorado Jurists Doomed by the Dynamiters.

BOISE, Idaho, Feb. 19.—Charles E. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners; William D. Haywood, secretary of the same organization, and G. A. Pettibone, a former member of the executive board of the federation, who were arrested in Denver on Saturday night, charged with complicity in the assassination of Frank Steunenberg, former Governor of Idaho, arrived here this morning in custody of a strong guard of Idaho and Colorado officers. The special train of engine, combination car and Pullman coach, which left Denver at 6 o'clock on Sunday morning, arrived here at 9:15 o'clock. The necessary changes of locomotives en route were made at suburban sidings and the train took water at obscure tanks, so that no stops were made in cities or large towns.

The officers in charge of the prisoners were Adjutant General Bukley Wells of Colorado, Colonel D. W. Strickland of the Governor's staff, Meldrum, Watson and Fisher, operatives of a detective agency, and James Mills, deputy warden of the Idaho penitentiary. The prisoners were taken direct to the Idaho penitentiary and no interview with any member of the party was permitted.

GIVES ALL DETAILS OF PLOT. Orchard's alleged confession purports to give details of the plot to assassinate former Governor Steunenberg from its inception. It gives the names of other men alleged to be implicated and tells where Orchard met them and the circumstances of the meetings. Since the confession was made, more than two weeks ago, the detectives have verified many of the details.

One of the statements in this confession is that Orchard was selected to assassinate the Governor, and that he planned to shoot Steunenberg with buckshot, and went to the house on Christmas eve for that purpose, intending to shoot through the window, but changed the plan and hid a number of cartridges under the sidewalk. The cartridges, it is claimed, have since been found by the officers.

REVEALS OTHER CONSPIRACIES. Orchard has, the officers claim, told of the workings of an "inner circle" of the Western Federation of Miners, maintained in Denver, consisting of plots that led to the killing of a number of men in the Telluride district in Colorado and information about various outrages at Cripple Creek. He implicates "Jack" Simpkins and a man named Adams in the Steunenberg conspiracy. Officers are searching for both men in Oregon. They are supposed to be in the vicinity of Haines, Ore.

Detective McFarland claims to have obtained the confession by appealing to Orchard's memory of the crime. He says he made it plain to Orchard that the State had a perfect case against him, and that the best thing he could do was to make preparations for a future world. The confession was committed to writing and signed by Orchard in the presence of witnesses.

It is learned that the Colorado jurist whose life was attempted, according to the confession of Orchard, was Justice Goodard. It is also learned that the confession states that an attempt was made to kill another Supreme Court Justice, but the bomb placed for him killed another man.

Governor Gooding says that he believes the entire confession can be made public soon. He says it discloses conditions perhaps never equalled in this country.

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MURDERED FORMER GOVERNOR OF IDAHO AND TWO OFFICIALS OF THE WESTERN FEDERATION OF MINERS, WHO HAVE BEEN ARRESTED FOR ALLEGED COMPLICITY IN HIS ASSASSINATION.

TRIES TO END SPAIN'S RULER LIFE ON STAGE OF A THEATER. Princess Ena's Betrothal Displeases King of England.

Special Dispatch to The Call.
DENVER, Col., Feb. 19.—Leaving her seat in one of the boxes in the Crystal Theater a few minutes after the opening of this afternoon's performance, Mrs. C. A. Welder, said to be a resident of this city, made her way to the stage, and, after flourishing a revolver for a moment in full view of the audience, discharged the weapon at her own person, inflicting a probably fatal wound.

The woman fell to the floor, but those in the audience who had not observed her movements prior to her approach to the stage believed that the shooting was part of a burlesque act and made no outcry. A movement later, however, the screams of the performers in the wings brought the realization that a tragedy had been enacted.

When the woman was picked up by the stage attendants she was unconscious. One hand still held the weapon, while in the other a photograph, said to be that of her seven-year-old son, was tightly clutched.

An ambulance was summoned to the door of the theater and the woman was removed to the Emergency Hospital. Quiet was restored in the theater in a short time, and the performance was resumed.

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CITY READY TO ACQUIRE GEARY ROAD

Supervisors Order Bids Invited for Work.

Engineer Transmits His Revised Plans for the Project.

Line to Be Converted Into a Modern Electric Underground System.

The revised plans and specifications for the proposed conversion of the Geary-street road into a municipal electric system were filed yesterday with the Board of Supervisors by City Engineer Woodward. The board at once adopted a resolution accepting and approving the plans and directing that bids be invited for the reconstruction of the system. The resolution, which was immediately signed by the Mayor, follows:

Whereas, Plans and detailed specifications have been submitted by the City Engineer for the conversion and construction of the Geary-street railroad into an underground conduit electric railway, which plans and specifications have been duly adopted and approved by this board; therefore, be it Resolved, That the clerk of this board be and he is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to advertise for proposals for the conversion and construction of said railroad in accordance with said plans and specifications. The estimated cost of the road is fixed at \$328,000. It will be reconstructed along its present route on Geary street, Point Lobos and Fifth avenues, and a branch line running along Point Lobos avenue and thence on Tenth street to the park is also provided for. The bids will be invited under the appropriation of \$350,000 made in the municipal budget of the present fiscal year for the building of the municipal road on Geary street. The City Engineer transmitted the following communication to the board in conjunction with the plans:

ESTIMATE OF COST. "Herewith I have the honor to submit plans and specifications for a municipal street railroad on Geary street and Point Lobos avenue from Kearny street to Tenth avenue and on Tenth street from Point Lobos avenue to Fulton street, as per provisions of resolution No. 6189 of the Board of Supervisors. The cost of the work has been estimated at \$328,000.

"These are in lieu of plans and specifications submitted December 4, 1905, and subsequent withdrawal. It was found necessary to prepare entirely new plans and specifications and it has required unusual exertion to complete the work in the short space of six weeks after it was taken in hand by this department.

"In submitting these plans I desire to state that they have been prepared in accordance with instructions of the former Board of Supervisors and provide for the use of the old rails and should not have been done. As municipal ownership is about to be given a trial in San Francisco, it should begin under the best auspices and the entire road should have been newly constructed. The present road will not long stand the heavy cars which will be used, and when it becomes necessary to properly rebuild the road the blame should rest where it belongs and not upon the present administration.

"The condition of the crossings at Jones street and at Larkin street is such that I have felt it absolutely necessary to build them anew as part of the present work.

"It is interesting to call to the fact that all the other crossings along the line of the road will require reconstruction in the near future. Provision should also be made for the removal of the old tracks which are not utilized in the new road, including the bridge at Geary street, the Y at Grant avenue, the curves at the First avenue carhouse and the curve at Fifth avenue. It is also very necessary that provision be made for the repair of the pavement on the roadway between the tracks and on either side thereof for the entire length of the reconstructed road, and for the construction of a new pavement between the tracks of the proposed new road.

OPPOSES CARHOUSE SITE. "As to the site of the carhouse, I wish to say that the Baker street lot was bought against my protest. It is within the range of the proposed line of the new municipal railroad will have a branch road on Broderick street, and I recommended, as did also former City Engineer Grunsky, that the lot on the corner of Geary and Broderick streets be purchased.

Woodward, by means of a blueprint, explained to the board the general construction of the road, the appropriation for which, he said, would leave nothing for the purchase of the carhouse and site after the expenses for the preparation of the plans are settled.

Supervisor Coleman complimented the City Engineer upon his work on the plans, and said that if the old rails must be torn up in a year or two it would be due to the false economy of the last board, which had no appropriation for the purchase of new rails and the building of a modern system.

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BERKELEY GIRL WON BY YOUNG FILIPINO BECOMES ISLANDER'S BRIDE



BRILLIANT SON OF A PHILIPPINE SUGAR MAGNATE AND HIS GIRL BRIDE, WHOM HE MET IN BERKELEY, WHO HAS BEEN LIVING WHILE ATTENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

HIDING PLACE OF BANDIT IS FOUND BY BOYS

Murietta's Refuge Discovered in Calaveras County.

STOCKTON, Feb. 19.—From Bear Mountain, Calaveras County, comes news of the discovery of a strange cavern near that place by three boys. Recently the boys started out for a tramp over the hills in search of a big rock of peculiar formation known as Joaquin Murietta's castle.

The boys, Edward Sieffert, Edward Weisbach and Joe Marquering, found the place and, having mounted the rock, began to amuse themselves by rolling down in several tales of the famous bandit, and is supposed to have been one of his hiding places. On moving one large boulder the boys noticed quite a hole under the rock. By their united exertions they rolled the rock away and uncovered a small passage leading downward. The boys at once decided to explore it.

Weisbach took the lead with a candle and the other boys brought along ropes and hatchets. In some places the passage was so small but one of the boys could crawl through at a time. They kept up their courage and, after going less than fifty feet, they found a cavern of considerable size.

On the floor they picked up a knife about eighteen inches long, which had evidently been made out of a sword. It was very rusty. Forty feet farther on and down an incline they reached a still larger room. Here they found a derringer pistol and a very large pair of spurs. Some bones, either those of animals or men, were found in this same place.

The young explorers returned to town in high glee over their day's exploit and the mysterious cave is to be more fully explored.

MURDERERS TO BE WITNESSES. JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Feb. 19.—Governor Folk to-day commuted the sentence of Ollie Roberts of St. Louis, serving a fifteen years' sentence for murder in the second degree, that she may be a witness in the St. Louis police graft investigation.

CONGRESS AFTER THE OIL TRUST

Resolution Calls for a Thorough Inquiry.

Petroleum and Railroad Interests Named for Investigation.

Commerce Board Also to Take Up the Subject in the Middle West.

Special Dispatch to The Call.
CALL BUREAU, POST BUILDING, WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—With one Interstate Commerce Commission investigation announced for March at Kansas City, and with the joint resolution introduced in the House by Campbell of Kansas asking for an inquiry into the relation and practices of railroads and oil companies throughout the country, things are getting lively here for the Standard Oil Company. The present temper of the House of Representatives toward monopolies and railroads is such that the resolution will be favorably reported and passed.

A special committee of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee late to-night agreed to report favorably a draught resolution of investigation, which if adopted will mean the greatest inquiry ever instituted by Congress.

The investigation ordered by the Interstate Commerce Commission is based upon the petition of the Kansas Oil Producers' Association and will bear upon rates and practices of railroad carriers engaged in transporting freight from Kansas and Indian Territory to interstate destinations. The following railroads are required to appear for investigation: Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad Company; Missouri Pacific Railroad Company; Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway Company; St. Louis and San Francisco Railway Company; Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad Company; Union Pacific Railroad Company; Kansas City Southern Railway Company and the St. Louis Southwestern Railway Company.

The resolution recites many things among them that rates on Kansas and Indian Territory petroleum and its products to destinations in Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, Illinois, Arkansas, Colorado, Oklahoma and Indian Territory have been unreasonable, unjust and unduly prejudicial. It is also charged that producers and shippers of oil, other than the Standard Oil Company, the Prairie Oil and Gas Company and their affiliates, are by reason of unjust practices confined to local business. It is pointed out that the schedule of distance rates established by the Kansas Legislature in 1905 has been shown to be reasonable and to work no harm to common carriers, and that these rates are proportionately lower than the rates to interstate destinations.

Campbell's joint resolution provides that the Interstate Commerce Commission be instructed to inquire whether any railroads own or have any interest in any other line or other products which they or any of them through other companies carry over their lines; also to inquire whether any of the officials of the railroads or persons charged with the duty of the Interstate Commerce Commission. Finally, the commission is to investigate whether there is any contract, combination in the form of a trust or conspiracy in restraint of trade among the States in which the common carriers have such interest in transportation of crude petroleum, and also whether any oil company owns or controls any common carrier. The commission shall report as soon as possible.

LONGWORTHS WILL PAY VISIT TO CUBA. Bridal Couple Leave Capital for the Island Republic.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth started on a honeymoon trip from Alexandria, Va., this morning at 11:15 o'clock over the Southern Railway. They will go to Tampa and from there take a boat for Havana, which point they expect to reach on Thursday morning. They will make the trip to Tampa in the private car Elysia, M. which was awaiting them in the yards of the Southern Railway at Alexandria, about half a mile from the station.

The bride and bridegroom made the trip from "Friendship" near Washington, this morning in an open automobile, accompanied by Mrs. Longworth's maid and a chauffeur.

Shortly after 11 o'clock Thomas Stone, the chief of the White House, arrived from Washington and received a cordial greeting from Mrs. Longworth. He brought a note from the President, which she quickly opened and read and calling for a pencil wrote a reply as she sat in the automobile.

TRIPLET'S NAMED FOR THEM. STAMFORD, Conn., Feb. 19.—Mrs. William McCuskey gave birth to triplets here yesterday, and they were named Alice Roosevelt McCuskey, Mary Longworth McCuskey and Clara Longworth McCuskey.

Also was the first to arrive and weighed five pounds and eleven ounces. This babe died ten hours after her birth, but the others seem healthy.

McCuskey, who is a carpenter, heard that the President had offered a prize of \$1000 for the first triplets, one of which should be named after his daughter, and the carpenter will put in his claim for the money.