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Special to THE MORNING CALL.

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FATAL ACCIDENT TO A CHILD—DROWNED.

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NEVADA ELECTION RETURNS.

Opinion of the Supreme Court as a Board of Canvassers. CARSON, Dec. 17.—Judges of the Supreme Court as a board of canvassers today filed with the Secretary of State an opinion declining to canvass the returns of the late general election.

A CLOSE ALLIANCE.

Trackage Agreement Between the Union Pacific and Great Northern Roads. SEATTLE, Dec. 17.—It is stated that an agreement between the Great Northern and Union Pacific railroads regarding the Sound branch has been made, and in such shape that both companies are bound by it so closely that it cannot be broken.

RETURN OF A BARRISTER.

PORTLAND, Dec. 17.—W. H. Kennedy, an employee of the Burlington road, who left this city suddenly yesterday, returned this morning. It was found that he had purchased a ticket to Tacoma, and Chief of Police Parrish telegraphed to come back or his arrest would follow.

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