MURDERED OR LOST.

Fruitless Search for a Party of Alaskan Miners.

Uncertainty as to the Fate of Morris Orton and His Companions.

No Tidings of the Missing Men Since November, and Hope of Discovering Their Bodies Abandoned.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 14.—A Pioneer Press' Port Townsend (Wash.) special says: Advices from Alaska concerning the fate of Morris Orton and a party of ten miners indicate that the men were murdered by Indians or were lost in trying to cross the stormy waters from the sound to Yakitka.

Searching parties have hunted six weeks for the missing miners without success, and hope of recovering their bodies has been abandoned.

Orton's party left Lituyuta Bay for Juneau in November, but were never heard from again. Citizens of Sitka organized and besought the commander of the war-ship Pinta to go to the rescue, it being thought the men were lost in the woods and in danger of starvation. Maynard refused to go. He said his ship was unseaworthy, and the trip would only endanger the lives of his crew. He considered the missing men beyond human aid.

Searching parties were organized, and a sailing vessel sent to search for the lost miners, but no traces were found.

Recent hostile acts of the Indians of the neighborhood confirm the fears that the men were killed and robbed by Indians and their bodies thrown into the sea.

TUNNEL ACCIDENT.

One Man Killed and Two Others Badly Injured.

SEATTLE, Feb. 14.—Three of the men working in the great Lake Union sewer tunnel in the northern part of this city were caught by a flush of water from a spring early this morning while 120 feet from the mouth of the tunnel. One of them, Daniel McLean, was buried six feet under the quicksand, and another, Thomas Nelligan, was rescued in an exhausted condition, while the third, Peter Faber, though severely injured, escaped to the shaft, whereupon, being pulled seventy feet to the top, he told the story of the accident. Early this morning the shift was preparing to go down to work, and were assembled around the mouth of the shaft when Faber came up. They were immediately lowered to rescue Nelligan and McLean. Nelligan was found in water and sand up to his neck. He was wedged in as if packed in cement, and it was with difficulty that he was taken out. Nearly twenty men were at work looking for McLean's body, but it was not found until 10 o'clock this morning.

BADLY BRUISED.

Two Men Injured by Jumping From a Moving Train.

PETALUMA, Feb. 14.—As the 8:30 o'clock train of the San Francisco and North Pacific Coast Railroad was going to San Francisco this morning, and when about two miles from Petaluma, Tom Studdard and Johnny Studdard, two young men living in this city, and employed as printers in the Courier office, who had gone that far with a friend, desiring to go no farther jumped off while the train was going at the usual speed and both men landed on their heads. When the train stopped they were both found badly bruised and cut about their faces and heads and insensible. They were placed on board the train and the train backed up to Petaluma, when they were carried to their homes and doctors called. They remained unconscious for some time. After an examination the doctors reported that though badly cut and bruised no bones were broken and they would soon recover.

A MONGOL'S PLAINT.

The Chinese Minister Appeals to Secretary Blaine.

HELENA, Feb. 14.—Pung Kwang Yu, Chinese charge d'affairs ad interim at Washington, has laid before Secretary of State Blaine a complaint that the Chinese residents of Butte are being boycotted by the white residents. Secretary Blaine has referred the communication to Governor Toole. The complaint also says that the Chinese are subject to derision from the whites and assaults are made upon them frequently and their property destroyed.

STATIONS ROBBED.

A Safe Carried Off on a Truck by Thieves at Ignacio.

PETALUMA, Feb. 14.—Last Friday night burglars broke into the railroad station at Novato, Marin County, and stole several articles of value, and last night the station at Ignacio at the junction of the railroad to Sonoma was broken into and the safe taken out and carried on a truck some distance up the road, where it was found this morning. The amount stolen is not stated. There is now clew to the robbers.

HEAVY LIABILITIES.

Store of an Attached Firm in the Hands of the Sheriff.

HELENA, Mont., Feb. 14.—The Sheriff took forcible possession last evening of the store of Greenhood, Bohn & Co., who assigned earlier in the day. The action was the result of an attachment obtained by the Merchants' National Bank. There is yet no official statements of assets and liabilities. It is now believed that the liabilities will reach $300,000.

Jail Delivery.

McMINNVILLE, Oregon, Feb. 14.—A daring jail-break occurred here to-day. The five inmates made an opening in the brick wall about ten feet above the ground and jumped out while Jailer Connor was at dinner. Two of the prisoners were discovered before they got out of the jail-yard and were returned to the jail. The citizens and jailer gave chase and after a mile run three others were brought back and locked in their cells.

Carson's Ghost Scare.

CARSON, Nev., Feb. 14.—Carson is at present troubled with a ghost scare at an old building known as the red barn. The last few evenings a hundred or more people have spent hours in trying to drive the specter from its quarters. It dresses in scarlet and disappears occasionally into the earth like any other phantom. Many people have seen it, but have never been able to corner it.

For the Orient.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 14.—The Empress of Japan sailed for Japan and China this afternoon. She had fifteen saloon and four second-class passengers, twenty Chinese and twelve Scandinavian missionaries in the steerage. She carried 2397 tons of cargo, composed of flour, cotton and general merchandise and fifty-seven sacks of mail.

Another Creamery in Marin.

PETALUMA, Feb. 14.—Yesterday another creamery company was organized by farmers around the town of Tomales, Marin County. The building will be erected at once.

The New Star.

MOUNT HAMILTON, Feb. 14.—Both visual and photographic observations at the Lick Observatory indicate that the new star has increased very slightly in brightness during the past twenty-four hours.

Willing to Pay.

Salem (Oregon) Statesman, Feb. 11.

An act passed by the Legislature for the benefit of the salmon industry provided that all dealers, shippers and packers of salmon should pay a small tax on the number of salmon received by each dealer or packer, and the Secretary of State has already collected $1948 25 for the season of 1891. There was for awhile some hesitancy on the part of large canning companies in the payment of such tax, but the payments are now coming in at a lively rate. The Secretary of State has been lenient in the extension of time, but he now proposes to institute legal proceeding against delinquent persons or firms. Those in default will not only have to pay the regular tax, but the costs of prosecution and 10 per cent additional to the Sheriff for collection. Judging from the action recently taken by the larger packing corporations it is not likely that any packer will refuse to pay the tax imposed by law to raise a fund for the benefit of his business. The tax is raised for the purpose of assisting in the hatching and propagation of salmon.

A SKELETON UNEARTHED.

The Ghastly Find of Two Women on the River Bank at Los Angeles.

Herald, Feb. 12.

Mrs. F. Van Horne and her sister, who live near Macy street, went down to the river yesterday afternoon for a stroll, the day being so pretty. Mrs. Van Horne took along some fancy work, and, selecting a sheltered nook some little distance north of the bridge, the two sat down and she commenced her crocheting.

"I wonder why people can't find gold here as they do in Colorado," said Mrs. Van Horne to her sister, both having lived in the Centennial State.

"I don't know, I'm sure," was the answer, and the two women glanced around the river bank to see if there were any indications of a rich ledge.

Both pairs of eyes rested on the same object, and both gave a little "ah!" of astonishment, for both saw a man's leg sticking straight out of the river bank, where the rain had washed the earth away. The women were not scared, however, and Mrs. Van Horne grasped the shoe on the foot and pulled. The result was that something gave way, and she held the leg in the air. The matter was further investigated. Mrs. Van Horne had a strong knife, and they dug away the earth and soon discovered the skeleton of a man with remnants of clothes on the fleshless bones, and heavy shoes on the bones of the feet. He evidently was game, and died with his boots on. All the body was found except the cranium; the lower jaw and upper were there, but the rest of the head was missing.

Mrs. Van Horne and her sister took the leg which had been pulled to the grocery-store on the corner of Vignes and Sanscvain streets, where they met Police Officer Purvis, who telephoned to the Coroner. Soon Mr. Crich made his appearance with the dead-wagon and the leg was taken to the Morgue.

How long the body had been hidden where it was found can only be conjectured. The clothes and shoes were rotten and fell to pieces at a touch. The fact that the top of the skull is missing lends some color to a theory that the man was murdered by having his head crushed. Another theory is that the bones were put there by students of the medical college, but they would hardly take the trouble to dress a cadaver before dressing it.

The episode is one of those mysteries which will never be satisfactorily explained.

NEWS OF THE COAST.

Oregon.

Eugene is just now harboring a firebug. Two incendiary fires have followed each other in quick succession, and the prospects are that if the offender is caught he will receive speedy justice.

The editor of the Prineville Review has been arrested on a charge of attempting to blow up the house of a citizen of that place. The evidence against him is all of a circumstantial nature, but sufficient to prompt the Recorder to bind him to appear before the Grand Jury in the sum of $1000. He has since been released on a writ of habeas corpus.

At a council held recently by the Indians of the Umatilla reservation chiefs Yah-tini-ow-its and Peo urged them to send their children between the ages of 5 and 15 to school in order that the Indian young may be prepared for the responsibilities of citizenship. No Shirt, it is said, opposes education, laboring under the mistake that some new fangled religious idea may be taught the children at the Government school.

Washington.

Whatcom proposes to spend $200,000 for sewers this year.

The Great Northern Puget Sound terminus is to be at Port Gardner, not Seattle. The road has secured the right of way through Snohomish to Port Gardner.

A Chinese leper in North Yakima created great excitement the other day by trying to get to Tacoma on a freight train after he had been refused transportation on the passenger cars.

The Seattle National Bank Building Company has entered suit against the Western Farm Mortgage and Trust Company for $43,325 63 alleged to be due on bonds placed by the mortgage company.

Southern California.

Another raisin thief has just been convicted at Riverside.

The Fresno Republican declares that Fresno stands ready to meet Santa Cruz half way with a railroad to connect the San Joaquin Valley with the Coast.

The Ventura Free Press, which some time since abandoned its daily edition, has started it up again, which gives the enterprising little city of beans two dailies.

It is understood that the managers of the San Joaquin ranch, Orange County, are contemplating draining a large portion of the damp land south of Tustin. The development of such a movement would bring into cultivation some of the richest land in Orange County.

A movement is on foot at Hueneme to establish an electric light system there. It is thought that sufficient power can be obtained from artesian wells to run the machinery. The Herald suggests that if that is done the water might also be utilized in providing some safeguard in the event of fire.

An Englishman named Badger is at Ventura just now, who is largely interested, in the old country, in the manufacture of catsups and relishes. He thinks Ventura would be a good place for such an establishment, and, in case of his receiving sufficient encouragement contemplates starting one there.

A man in Ontario has invented a protection for orange trees, which he claims will thoroughly protect the tree and fruit from wind and frost. It consists of a lath and wire fence—the lath to be ten or fifteen feet high, according to height of trees—drawn around the tree, fastening the ends of the fence together—an endless fence as a headless and bottomless barrel—having the same amount of space between the laths usually seen in lath rabbit fencing. Experiments show that within such a fence it is about eight degrees warmer than outside and that the most terrific "northers" will leave the limbs of the orange and lemon trees intact and the fruit uninjured.

Northern California.

A branch yard of the Sierra Lumber Company is to be opened at Dunnigan, Yolo County.

The Cloverdale Revielle speaks of the contemplated creamery at that point as having reached the status of a certainty.

Over 4000 pounds of the dried fruit exhibited at the Auburn Citrus Fair has been shipped to England as samples for the trade.

The Lake County Avalanche, published at Lakeport, is urging upon local enterprise the desirability of establishing a cannery at that point.

The opinion is said to be rapidly gaining ground in Glenn County that the suit testing the validity of the organization of the county will not be pressed.

E. P. Daniels, the father of Miss Zue Daniels, who recently got a verdict of $25,000 damages against M. J. Church, the wealthy land and ditch-owner of Fresno County, has been arrested for criminal conspiracy.

T. J. Maxwell of Yolo shipped two carloads of hogs to San Francisco, this week. The stock business in that vicinity, which is one of its important industries, is reported to be looming up considerably, and there is considerable demand for mutton sheep.

J. R. Clark of College City is to date the latest man who pulled his gun up by the muzzle while in a cart. As usual the hammer caught; as usual the gun exploded, and the charge took effect in his ribs, ranging upward and coming out at the collar-bone. His wounds are not necessarily fatal. If they should be, however, his death will probably not deter a dozen other men from handling a gun in the same careless fashion within the next four weeks.

Miscellaneous.

The White Pine News reports that range horses are dying from some unknown disease in the Eastern part of Elko County, Nev.

Last week was a bad one for the banks in New Mexico. The First National Banks in Silver City and Deming were closed Wednesday and Marcy, Geer & McCarn, bankers in Raton, failed to open their doors on Thursday morning.

A Kansas City firm has just made a big purchase of New Mexican cattle—4000 two-year-olds at $15 per head and 3000 three-year-olds at $18 per head, the cattle to be delivered in Northern New Mexico some time in May and to be driven from there to Montana.

W. H. Gribble, a clerk of Phœnix, Ariz., who had been suffering from pneumonia, became delirious, seized his revolver, rushed into the hall, fired all the shots out of it, then jumped through the glass of a large window onto a porch and from the porch to the ground fifteen feet below and started off on a brisk run. When captured he had an ugly cut on his leg.

A Missing Will Found in a Tree.

Cor. Star Saylings.

Two hunters cut down a chestnut tree at Hamburg, Conn., to get at a nest of gray squirrels. They found some scraps of paper, proving to be the holographic will of Abram Mosher, a farmer living near Dark Hollow, who died in the early part of last summer, and it has averted a lawsuit. The will has been searched for for some time. When the fragments of the document were placed together it was found to be complete, though badly stained.

ACROSS THE BAY.

An Ex-Councilman Says He Is Being Blackmailed.

Golden Gate to Have a New School-House. Funeral of the Late W. O. Dickson—News From the City of Oaks.

Ex-Councilman J. C. McAvoy denies that he had anything to do with Jerry Denny's house, as he was not in the real-estate business. His brother, H. J. McAvoy, was in the real-estate business, but he denies that there is any question between him and Denny. He says that Fannof owes him several months' rent for Denny's house. The McAvoys declare that Fannof's suit is a blackmailing scheme.

John Silva, the husband of Mrs. Silva, who was killed at Posen Station last Saturday evening, came down to Oakland from Lafayette yesterday. An inquest on the bodies of Mrs. Silva and F. J. Bispo will be held at 10 o'clock this morning.

The electors of the Bay School District voted $15,000 in bonds on Saturday for a new school-house at Golden Gate. There were 13 votes against the bonds in the total of 65. The new school-house will be eighty feet square and two stories high. There will be eight class-rooms, two teachers' rooms and a library. Work will be commenced on the new buildings as soon as the bonds are disposed of. It is expected to have the building finished by August 1.

PAPER-HANGERS ORGANIZE.

The Oakland Paper-hangers' Union has been organized with the following officers: J. A. Andrews, President; A. Coburn, Vice-President; Mr. Todman, Recording Secretary; Fred Fletz, Financial Secretary. The delegates to the Federation are J. Andrews, G. Kenson and F. Barnett.

The young Republicans of West Oakland are first to organize for the coming Congressional election and for the general election this fall. The organization was effected on Saturday evening at Seventh and Peralta streets. The following temporary officers were elected: President, W. H. Siedentopf; First Vice-President, A. M. Barrett; Second Vice-President, J. W. Travers; Third Vice-President, John Barry; Financial and Recording Secretary, Phil M. Walsh; Treasurer, Robert Callaghan. The temporary officers were afterward made permanent officers. Committees on Constitution and By-Laws and Finance and an Executive Committee were appointed. An adjournment was taken to March 1.

A leap year and valentine party will be held at Grand Army hall this evening by John A. Logan Circle, Ladies of the G.A.R.

AFTER THE GIRL.

Mrs. S. J. Poth took charge of a little girl about 11 years of age about six months ago on the death of the girl's aunt. The little girl has been attending school and had taken the name of Poth. A few days ago a man and woman called and stated that they were relatives of the child and wanted her. The little girl, Annie, did not know them. She wants to remain with Mrs. Poth.

Judge Trout on Saturday night discharged David Stegeman on the writ of habeas corpus on the ground that the commitment was faulty and not properly signed by the committing magistrate. Mrs. Stegeman's attorney will make another attempt to get the $90 alimony due.

Frank Johnson and William Harris stole a baby-carriage on Saturday evening. They were caught negotiating the sale of it at a second-hand store below Sixth street and locked up on charges of petty larceny.

Alameda.

L. W. Schroeder, ex-County Jailer, and family, have taken up their residence on Buena Vista avenue, near Chestnut street.

The City Trustees will hold a meeting this evening and will probably give further consideration to the proposition to lease the electric light plant to private individuals.

The funeral of the late W. O. Dickson, principal of the Haight School, took place yesterday afternoon. The body was borne in a hearse drawn by four horses from his late residence on San Jose avenue to the Masonic Temple, where services were held under the auspices of Oakland Commandary, Knights Templar. There were many beautiful floral pieces, the different schools sending contributions. The interment was in Mountain View Cemetery, Oakland.

The Alameda County Board of Education met Saturday and adopted resolutions of respect concerning the late William O. Dickson of Alameda, and the board attended his funeral yesterday.

A MARINE BLOCKADE.

Troubles of Skippers Sailing Out of Willamette River.

Portland Oregonian, Feb. 11.

There are fair prospects of another small marine blockade in port, but it will not last long nor cause much uneasiness. Of the fourteen vessels now in the Willamette River, half a dozen will be ready to leave down between now and the last of the week. The towing company has but two boats in service, the Reed and Ocklahama, and will put the Thompson on Saturday. These boats are enough to handle the traffic at this season of the year, but when a lot of ships are ready and want to get down the same day, there is naturally complaint from those who cannot get away. The Union Pacific has established the rule that the ship first loaded goes down first, and it sticks to this. The trouble with the Mary Bundell last week was that she was not ready to go when the boat came alongside Saturday, although she had applied for a boat that day. Consequently she lost her turn and has to wait until it comes around again. She is still in port, though loaded last Friday, but goes down to-day in tow of the Reed. The tow-boats, by close calculation, are kept always on the go, generally one leaving this point each day. When a ship applies for a tow at a stated time, if she is not ready to go, the whole system is demoralized and all the vessels following are put back one or two days. The complaint now comes altogether from the shipmasters, and they apparently are the cause of the trouble. Whether it be the fascinations of the port or their delay in clearing, it is the same thing. The towing company received its share of the blame early in the season, when it could not move the ships fast enough to satisfy the grain men, but now, as the kick is coming from the ship captains, and the shippers are satisfied, the fleet will probably have to adjust itself to the convenience of the towing corporation.

COSTLY TROUSERS.

A Second-Hand Pair That Will Cost Kern County a Big Price.

In September last a tailor named Offenbach opened a shop at Bakersfield. Soon after a citizen left a pair of pantaloons at the shop to be fixed. On January 1 the shop was closed and the tailor left town. The Bakersfield man claiming he never got his trousers recently had Offenbach arrested and brought back to Bakersfield, and the Californian of that place thus comments on the case:

There are some things about the case that are causing considerable comment. In the first place the trousers were worth at the outside $8. Offenbach says they were worth $3, and it will cost the county $200 for bringing Offenbach here from Grass Valley and giving him a trial upon a charge of which all the lawyers say he can never be convicted, even supposing him guilty.

As the son of the constable who reaps the most financial benefit from the case is the prosecuting witness, the officer is getting the benefit of considerable severe criticism.

The mileage to Grass Valley and return alone will amount to about $87 50, in addition to which the prisoner's fare back here, $15, and all expenses of the trial must be added.

The Supervisors should give Constable Withington a chance to prove the case against Offenbach was not made for the fees and mileage before they pay his bill, and, if they do not do so, then Auditor Howell should once more exercise his veto in the bill line.

ON A HOT TRAIL.

Los Angeles Detectives in Close Pursuit of a Band of Robbers.

Times, Feb. 12.

Captain Will Smith of the Southern Pacific force was on a hot trail all day yesterday after the boldest gang of burglars that have operated in Southern California for some time past. It is undoubtedly the same gang that has been "working" in this city, and if Smith captures them he will prove himself one of the best detectives on the Coast, as all the Hawkshaws have had a tussle with this band of robbers with but indifferent success.

Their last job was at Acton, where they entered the Southern Pacific ticket office Tuesday night last and succeeded in getting away with $64 in coin and a number of tickets. The gang broke in the back door and rifled the whole place, but did not molest anything but the coin and tickets.

Captain Smith was notified the next morning and started after them at once, and it was reported in detective circles that he had tracked them to the mountains and was in hot pursuit, with every chance of overtaking them in a few hours. The robbers are said to be heavily armed, and as they are thought to be wanted for a number of jobs the chances are that they will make a hard fight for liberty if Smith catches up with them, and a killing is almost sure to follow. But Smith is an old hand at this kind of thing, and his friends may rest assured that he will not be the dead man when the smoke of battle clears away.

AN ACCIDENTAL DEATH.

A Young Man Who Said He Was a German General's Son Killed.

Marysville Appeal.

Frank Germont, who has been employed by P. V. Veeder on his farm in southeast Sutter, near Knight's Landing, was accidentally killed on Sunday while out duck-hunting in the tule. In attempting to pull the gun toward him, muzzle first, the hammer caught in a seat in the boat and the weapon was discharged. The charge tore away several ribs, a part of the breastbone and a portion of the lung. He lived but a short time, dying in terrible agony. Germont was a handsome young man of commanding appearance, was a native of Germany and 31 years of age.

During his lifetime the deceased informed several of his young lady acquaintances that his father was a general in the German army and that he had left home and come to California on account of a disagreement with his stepmother. He was a highly educated young man and spoke five different languages.

A board was found in his cabin which had been used as a writing tablet by the deceased. The writing on the board was in German. The names of officers of high rank in the German army were written on the board, also the name and address of his brother and sister.

The remains have been interred in the potters' field at Woodland.

A SUNDAY SUICIDE.

Ludwig T. Rasmusen Shoots and Kills Himself.

Despondency From an Attack of the Grip the Supposed Cause—The Last Letter He Wrote Is Missing.

A telephone message was received at the Morgue last night that a young man named Rasmusen had committed suicide at the residence of his parents, 918 Army street, by shooting himself in the breast, shortly after 10 o'clock.

Deputy Coroner McNamara proceeded to the above address and investigated the case. He ascertained that Ludwig Theodore Rasmusen, the deceased, aged 19, a native of this city, the son of Rasmus Rasmusen, captain of the tug Sea King, had been ailing for some time past with a severe attack of the grip, from which he never fully recovered, and which reduced him to a very debilitated condition. About 10 o'clock last night he went into the room of his sister, Mrs. Thompson, who also lives with her parents, and asked her for an envelope. After receiving it he bade her good-night and went into his bed-room, which adjoins his sister's room.

THE FATAL SHOT FIRED.

A few moments later Mrs. Thomson heard a pistol shot from the deceased's room, and, entering, found the young man lying undressed on the bed unconscious and gasping out his last breath. Drs. Mason and Thrasher were called in, but when they arrived young Rasmusen was dead.

A MISSING LETTER.

The envelope that he had asked Mrs. Thomson for was lying sealed on the bureau. It contained a paper enclosure and was addressed to the deceased's brother William. Albert Dixon, a young man living at 914 Army street, a friend of the deceased and his partner in a small job-printing office, which they conducted in the basement of the Rasmusen house, was called in soon after Ludwig died, and took the letter for the purpose of delivering it to the deceased's brother, who was not at home. When Deputy McNamara reached the house, Dixon had left the house with the letter.

IN THE RIGHT BREAST.

Young Rasmusen used a small 32-caliber pistol to shoot himself in the right breast, close to the nipple. The weapon was taken possession of by the deputy and was found to have all the chambers but one loaded. The deceased was of very steady habits, and though never expressing any intention of killing himself was somewhat despondent over his illness.

There being no question as to how the deceased came to his death, the body was left in charge of his parents last night, and will be brought to the Morgue this morning, where an inquest will be held.

A DESIRABLE UNION.

Proposition to Consolidate Two Presbyterian Churches.

In reference to the affairs of the Woodbridge Church, brought before the Presbytery for consideration last Monday, in relation to severing their connection with Rev. T. J. Curtis, their late pastor (now in Australia, and concerning whose return there seems to be very serious doubt), the impending foreclosure of the mortgage on their property and the complications consequent on these matters, there is a strong desire among the Presbyterians of the district—some of them members of the Woodbridge community—for a reunion of the two churches of that denomination in that neighborhood, viz., the Woodbridge, corner of Capp and Twentieth streets, and the Howard-street Presbyterian Church, between Twenty-first and Twenty-second, as the most desirable solution of the difficulty.

The Howard-street people are building a new and commodious church on the corner of Capp and Twenty-third streets, which is to be dedicated on Sunday, March 6, under the name of "Trinity Presbyterian Church," and the time of taking possession of the new edifice may be considered auspicious for the amalgamation of the two churches.

As indicative of the feeling of the Howard-street people on the question of a reunion the following preamble and resolutions, submitted by Samuel Booth, William Wallace and J. McCullough, were unanimously passed at an adjourned meeting of the Session and Board of Trustees of that church on Wednesday evening, February 3, and the Clerk of Session instructed to place the same in the hands of the Session and Board of Trustees of the Woodbridge Church:

WHEREAS, While the district in which are located the Howard-street Presbyterian Church, situated on Howard street, between Twenty-first and Twenty-second, and the Woodbridge Church, situated on the northwest corner of Capp and Twentieth streets, may be capable of maintaining respectably and efficiently one strong and useful church of the denomination, the experience of the two organizations in the past—their continued struggle for decent support, if not for very existence, has been a bar and a hindrance to that usefulness which we believe would have crowned the efforts of one united and harmonious church; and, whereas, the circumstances surrounding the two churches at this time lead us to infer that the opportunity is peculiarly auspicious for an honest attempt to bring about a union, therefore be it

Resolved, That a joint committee of the Session and Board of Trustees of this church be authorized to meet a like committee of the Session and Board of Trustees of the Woodbridge Church with the object, if the way be clear, of bringing about a union, and that the Clerk of the Session of this church be instructed to correspond with the proper authorities of Woodbridge Church with a view of bringing about a meeting of the two committees for joint conference.

HUMAN SACRIFICES.

How Dahomey's King Delights in Butchering Unfortunates.

Pittsburg Dispatch.

The King of Dahomey continues to butcher his prisoners and his subjects in royal fashion. M. Lartigue, the French traveler, gives a fearful description of the King's festivals. In front of his palace at Abomey he has two great tanks to receive the blood of his victims. Human sacrifices occur all the year round, but when the memory of King Guezo is to be celebrated the slaughter is dreadful.

On the 3d of August last, according to M. Lartigue, the number of killed was over 700. The 5th of August was the great festival, and the King himself took a hand in the killing. He came to the place of butchery in a carriage drawn by four fine horses and driven by four coachmen. These coachmen were ordered to advance to the center of the place. They understood what that meant. They walked slowly. Tears were rolling down their cheeks. The King arose, walked over to them, saber in hand, and decapitated them one after the other. The bloody work was continued until the 29th of August. Some of the blood of the victims was carried in buckets and thrown upon the grave of the departed monarch. Women were also sacrificed, and the King was finally satisfied. He is resting now, but he will soon begin operations again.

PRUDENTLY BREAK UP YOUR COLD by the timely use of Dr. D. Jayne's Expectorant, an old remedy for Sore Lungs and Throats, and a certain curative for Colds.

ONLY A STAND-OFF.

A Side Issue in the Pacific Endowment Suit.

A Number of Members Who Are Anxious for a Grand Jury Inquiry—Present Aspect of the League's Affairs.

About seventy-five persons attended a specially convened meeting of the Pacific Endowment League at Druids' Hall yesterday afternoon. The idea was to provide a means by which those who had failed to pay the December and January assessments, pendente lite, might be able to participate in the dividend if the present suit for dissolution of the league should amount to anything, and on the other hand to secure their reinstatement if the work of the league should be continued after differences had been adjusted.

Three-fourths of the meeting were of the all-persuasive sex, and they effected a rebuke to those who contended that co-education is a dream and equal rights an impossibility. It was not for want of willingness, however, for the representatives of Pallas-Athene had clearly made up their minds not to pay another cent. Some of them were in the Juno rather than in the Minerva coterie, but the disturbing Jupiter-Venus element was lacking. Mars was not there either. All was peaceful. All went "merry as a marriage bell," though some of the irate spouses who had paid $475 for a coupon, maturable before the twentieth century, had been married before and perhaps would not object to a second venture.

SPARTAN FORTITUDE.

The thirteen men present bore themselves with spartan fortitude as beseemed the situation. Only two of them had the floor. Some of the ladies did not pre-empt the speaking-lots, but the records of the meeting show that woman's sweet guiles o'ermastered the bravery of men.

It was a difficult situation to interpret. As called, the meeting had a double option: to join with the Egan-Dorn & Dorn suit in the devout expectation of a salvage from the Pacific Endowment League organizers, Directors or present administrative body; of paying assessments and letting fickle fortune do its worst, or of kicking like a Texas steer and voting for the closing of the affairs of the league, "willy-nilly."

FOR UNREPRESENTED MEMBERS.

President Knarston, with John T. Kidd as Secretary, called the meeting to order at 1:30 o'clock. No time was wasted in preliminaries.

The President said: "As one of the suspended members of the Pacific Endowment League, I have assisted in calling this meeting. As the matter now stands, I am not included in any proposition or aspiring to any profits that may be left from this institution. I called this meeting for the purpose of getting together unrepresented members. I have consulted with an attorney, who has told me that we have a chance to be recognized, inasmuch as when suspended the institution was in litigation. The sole question is not how we shall talk, but how we shall protect our rights."

Just here Mrs. Oberstreet arose to remark that she and a number of other women were perfectly satisfied to lose everything. They did not want anything in the way of law, and were content to forego everything rather than to be subjected to further expense or litigation. Others might have confidence in President Lueders and want to go on paying; she had not. She had in her mind a member who couldn't get $75 for his due coupon, while another had got the full amount of $500.

WILLING TO STAY OUT.

Immediately a lady bystander said she was willing to stay out if everything would stop now.

On a call for the members who had stood in with the existing Dorn & Dorn suit nine ladies arose. Mrs. Oberstreet asked who would protect those who were not present.

The Chair intimated his conviction that all in good standing would be entitled to something out of the wreck.

After some irrelevant discussion J. E. Markey arose and spoke at considerable length. He began by disclaiming any desire to talk, but proceeded in a business-like way that calmed the agitation of the irate matrons and undowried spinsters who had been waiting for the payment of the coupons that never came. He argued that the Pacific Endowment League cannot exist under the present circumstances. He would prefer not to expend $74, now in his trust, in any experiments. An expert has submitted figures as to the financial standing of the league. The proper thing now is to get into the same position as those who have paid the December and January assessments. The present is a mere civil suit. It is a business matter among members of an institution. It is a difficult thing to say how long the lawyers will allow it to go on. Of course that will be as long as possible.

LOST HIS MEMORY.

Mr. Lueders has lost his memory. He can't remember and can't be compelled to remember.

"I don't feel," said Mr. Markey, "like spending $656 to get two coupons maturing next December. It is, indeed, a question whether it is not better for the members present to join issue with the members already suing. This organization has been run as a star-chamber institution. I have no information of its methods, nor has any one else. I have to asked what my innebtedness would be for the present year, but cannot elicit any reply. It is a question in my mind whether this suit in court will amount to anything. We don't know how many coupons Lueders has handled. What he has stated privately to Hoesch and others don't amount to anything."

The speaker did not seem enthusiastic about the prospects of those present getting something for nothing. He intimated that the lawyers would claim certain fees for their services, and all of it would come out of the funds of the league. Up to a certain point the members would have to submit to the ruling of the Board of Directors, as they had done in the past.

FOR THE GRAND JURY.

The lady members began to fidget uneasily in their chairs till the speaker suddenly broke out:

"My mind is to bring this matter before the Grand Jury for thorough investigation, and when Lueders is brought before the Grand Jury perhaps we shall have better luck."

A chorus of female voices was heard in assent.

A lady arose to say that she had received value for her $500 coupon and proposed to pay for others.

The President intimated that the lady was, in such case, not in good standing in this meeting. The lady then volunteered the information that she had only got $54.

After the interruption Mr. Markley went on to say that there were certain people who wanted to support the institution till after March and April to get the money for their coupons. In the meantime members are continuing to pay assessments. He admitted frankly that if he had a coupon maturing in March or April he would not be so much interested in the present proceedings.

ALL-POWERFUL DIRECTORS.

There was a titter and Markley said that the laws of the league gave the Directors unlimited power. It is difficult to find out from the present figures how many members remain to pay the coupons maturing. Personally he is called on to pay $320 to follow $117. In his opinion, if the present state of things continues, members will be lucky if they get $10 apiece, and the best thing to do is not to engage fresh attorneys and start an independent suit, but to join in the suit now pending.

Mr. Markley then made a motion that members enroll their names in a memorial asking Messrs. Dorn & Dorn to be allowed to appear as representatives in this suit. A lady member gave the assurance that Messrs. Dorn & Dorn had informed her that the members could come in free of charge. The motion was seconded.

IT IS A STAND-OFF.

C. F. Brown, Secretary of the original Red Men's Hall "kickers," thought the members present would not be recognized by Dorn & Dorn. It would not be wisdom on that firm's part to recognize them at the tribunal.

Mr. Markley's motion was put and carried, the enthusiasm having suddenly evaporated.

The ladies, whose tongues were apparently set free by the suspension of the rules of Cushing's Manual, after the Chairman had declared the meeting closed, gathered into little knots and groups. The men did the same at a safe distance from the angry women, who wanted their coupons paid in full, there and then, and President Lueders strung up to a lamp-post on the top of Telegraph Hill.

"It is a stand-off," said a cynical member, after the hall was cleared. "We will have to go to the Grand Jury."

An Indian Funeral.

Sisson Mascot, Feb. 11.

Last Saturday Sarah McKenzie, wife of Dan McKenzie who resides at Sisson Lake, was laid to rest in the Sisson cemetery with the usual honors which Indians confer upon their dead. In the coffin with the remains were placed a large quantity of sea shells, some small trinkets and mink and beaver skins. The bottom of the grave was covered with bed-clothing which had done service for the deceased in life, and after the coffin was lowered more blankets were placed in the grave. All the clothing and personal effects of the deceased, contained in three large sacks and a satchel, were placed alongside the coffin. During the time the grave was being filled the wailing of the friends and relatives of the deceased was pitiful to hear. The stoicism which the historian has given the Indian seems to have been eliminated from his nature by contact with civilization.

BALL AND GOAL.

The Old Gaelic Pastime Revived at the Presidio Grounds.

A large gathering of people witnessed a really interesting game of foot-ball at the Presidio grounds yesterday, the opposing teams being the Shamrocks and Robert Emmets, and were greatly pleased to see some of the most scientific players that ever entered the Gaelic field, among whom were: Thomas Hughes, Frank Creeder, J. J. Hurley, John Moriarty, J. Walsh, James Greaney, C. O'Leary and Martin Bergin.

Game was called at 3 o'clock. The Emmets won choice of ground, and played for the first half-hour with the wind in their favor. As soon as the ball was set in motion the Emmets, with a determined rush, but with no small amount of opposition, invaded the Shamrocks' territory; but the Shamrocks were equal to the occasion, and, after some fine play had been exchanged, sent the ball home to neutral ground. The play for the remainder of the half-hour was what may be termed a one-sided affair, as the Emmets scored three points to nil for the Shamrocks. After change of sides the Shamrocks were more successful in their efforts to defeat their opponents, and, after a most exciting game, were declared the victors by two goals and three points to one goal and three points for the Emmets.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

A Monument to Be Erected in Golden Gate Park.

Phil Sheridan Remembered by the Irish Societies—Vice-Presidents Elected for the Celtic Holiday.

The convention for the celebration of St. Patrick's day met at K. R. B. Hall yesterday afternoon. Captain M. J. Wrin occupied the chair and H. Meagher was Secretary.

The first matter of importance was the election of permanent officers, which resulted in the choice of the following: President, James R. Kelley; First Vice-President, J. J. Tobin; Second Vice-President, Colonel J. O'Byrne; Third Vice-President, P. J. Caw; Recording Secretary, H. Meagher; Financial Secretary, Frank J. Kane; Treasurer, Jeremiah Mahoney; Sergeant-at-Arms, J. B. Walsh.

THE COMMITTEES.

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Committee on Hall—J. F. Gibbon, Rev. D. O. Crowley, Daniel Hanlon.

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