

# Imperial Press

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## ROBBER IS COURTEOUS

**Burglar Says he Would Regret to add Murder to His Crime.**

**Residence of a Millionaire is Entered by a Masked Man, Who Covers the Inmates With his Pistol and Politely takes Their Cash.**

San Francisco, July 6.—The most cool and daring burglary that has ever been brought to the attention of the local police was committed last night at the residence of A. B. Hammond, a lumber dealer, at 2610 Jackson street.

Although the burglar held the entire household at the point of his pistol while he explained the purpose of his call and his determination to get the money he so much needed, he was thoroughly polite and considerate, and discussed his visit with the millionaire's wife and daughter in the most gentlemanly way.

Mrs. Hammond was awakened, and when she discovered the presence of the burglar in her room, she commenced to scream. The burglar, pointing his pistol at the frightened lady, commanded her to keep quiet, assuring her that she would not be harmed if she raised no outcry. Miss Florence Hammond, who slept in the same room with her mother, was awakened, but obeying the injunction of the burglar, kept her peace. In the meantime a maid and butler became alarmed and went to the chamber of Mrs. Hammond, and were also held at bay by the gentleman of the masked face and loaded revolver. Assuring the household of his reluctance to add murder to his crime of burglary, he asked Mrs. Hammond for her purse, which she handed over to him. Abstracting some gold, he handed the purse back, remarking that some papers it contained were doubtless of more value to Mrs. Hammond than to him. Commanding silence, he prepared to make his exit, and, following Mrs. Hammond's instructions, the maid and butler lighted the burglars' way to the door and let him out into the night.

The man acted in a most gentlemanly and suave manner throughout the entire transaction, and took nothing but the money he abstracted from Mrs. Hammond's purse. He secured something over \$20. The police have a fairly good description of this twentieth century knight of the mask.

Detective O'Dea has discovered that the burglar obtained an entrance to the place by climbing a water spout on one side of the house and getting in through a bathroom window. The bathroom is but a short distance from Mrs. Hammond's sleeping apartment. The detectives have not made any arrests, and so far have no visible clues.

## EXTENDED A PASS

**Alleged Nephew of President Hays is Held for Trial**

Ogden, Utah.—J. P. Hayes, the alleged nephew of President Hays of the Southern Pacific, was arrested here on a charge of forging the president's name to a railroad pass, was arraigned before District Judge Bollapp and pleaded not guilty.

He was remanded to the county jail under \$1000 bonds to await trial in September. Hays claims that he did nothing more than he has done several times before, simply extended a pass which had expired.

## Heat-Crazed Man Roams the Desert.

MOJAVE, July 7.—E. Thorpe, one of the workmen who were raising and ballasting track in the Mojave yards, succumbed to heat Saturday and quit his job. He went to the bunkhouse at noon, but lost control of himself and left town on foot, going across the desert.

As he told no one of his trouble and acted rationally, his actions were not watched or noticed. At the sixteen-mile house he changed clothes and roamed the desert in a woman's light wrapper and chemise. He was caught Saturday night by Doctor Rainey and Billy Sullivan and brought to Mojave

After a short rest and something to eat he claimed to be all right, and said he would be ready to report for duty on Monday morning.

Thorpe hails from Tiburon, and worked there for the North Pacific road. He is single, about 45 years old and says he has no known relatives in California. Since night he is reported as seen leaving town on foot with his blankets, going out the Santa Fe track, and, unless stopped and cared for, there will be a subject for the coroner before another day goes by.

## Presidents Proclamation.

WASHINGTON, July 7.—The proclamation of President McKinley opening to settlement the lands ceded by Indians, was given to the public today. The proclamation covers, in the territory of Oklahoma, the concessions made by the Wichita and affiliated bands of Indians in accordance with the act of March 2, 1895, and those made by the Comanche, Kiowa and Apache tribes in pursuance of the act of June 3, 1900.

The proclamation provides for the opening of the lands in those reservations which are not reserved at 9 o'clock a.m. on August 6, next, the lands to be open to settlement under the homestead and townsite laws of the United States.

The proclamation says that, beginning on July 10 and ending on July 26, those who wish to make entry of lands under the homestead law shall be registered. The registration will take place at the land offices at Reno and Lawton. The registration at each office will be for both land districts.

## Offences Against Catholic Institutions

Rome, July 6.—The pope has sent a letter to the superiors and generals of the religious orders and institutions, condemning the French legislation against congregations.

The letter says his holiness is much affected at the gravity of the offenses committed by some nations against the religious orders and institutions. The church has thus not only been deeply injured in its rights, but its powers of action has been impaired. He who touches the priests or monks touches the apple of the church's eyes.

The pope severely reproves the present enactment of these laws by a country toward which the pope has exhibited peculiar solicitude, and his holiness desires to comfort these orders and institutions that are suffering from the hatred of others toward the church. He urges them to redouble their ardor, faith, prayer and good works, to imitate the examples of the beloved founders of their orders, and to repeat with Christ the sublime words "Father, forgive them." The letter concludes:

"Console yourself in God, the pope and the whole Catholic world are with you."

## WORK OF NATURE'S FORCES

**Landslide Forms Big Natural Irrigation Reservoir**

CHEYENNE, Wyo.—The building of a natural irrigation reservoir by a sudden transformation of the face of nature is described by Charles Cole, a visitor in Cheyenne from the Big Horn mountains.

Early in the summer Mr. Cole was prospecting in the Big Horn range, and while passing through a valley familiar to him for years, he noticed that its contour was strangely altered. On one side of the valley an immense landslide had stripped the mountains bare of trees and surface earth, and rocks to a depth of from fifty to one hundred feet. The slide rolled up all this material into a natural dam at the foot of the slope, and at the same time liberated an abundant supply of subterranean water that now courses down the hill in a network of rivulets. When Mr. Cole found it the newly-made reservoir was already full and the water pouring over the top of the embankment.

Below the reservoir is about a thousand acres of fertile valley land hitherto useless, because of lack of water, but now capable of easy irrigation. Mr. Cole has filed upon the land and is putting up buildings and buying cattle for a stock ranch. He will also stock his lake with trout. He says he intends to do not more prospecting, for he has found, if not gold he was looking for, at least a home and a competence.

## SCANDLE AT SACRAMENTO

**Commissioners to Investigate Stories When Governor Returns.**

SACRAMENTO.—The State capitol commissioners will investigate stories which are afloat touching the acts of State Gardener M. H. Dunn. It has been a scandal about the capitol for some days that Dunn was charged by Thomas Lewis, a scavenger and owner of a fertilizer, with having exacted a tribute from all bills before he would "O. K." them for passage by the capitol commissioners. Lewis was asked for a statement, but said that the matter rested with higher powers, and that while he could tell a story which would "set the town on fire," he could not talk, as Dunn belonged to the same society as himself.

The story which gained circulation however, is that Dunn required Lewis to hand him over his percentage upon each claim, before he would "O. K." it, and that Lewis, when pressed, told the whole story to William Davis, secretary of the commission, and likewise to the executive secretary, to Gov. Gage. Davis today denied knowledge of any such story, and declared there was nothing in it, but State Treasurer Truman Reeves, one of the capitol commissioners, said that the commission would investigate the stories as soon as Gov. Gage returned to the city.

Dunn, when seen this afternoon, said he had been informed that Lewis went to Secretary Davis and told him he had been forced to pay tribute, but Dunn asserted that the story was false, and that he never received a cent from Lewis. It appears from an examination of the bills on file in the State Controller's office that Dunn "O. K.'ed" bills for large sums drawn by Lewis.

Not counting scores of bills for small sums, Lewis was allowed claims in 1893 for \$452.50; in 1894, for \$1313; in 1895 for \$1232.50; in 1896 for \$1597.10; in 1897 for \$897.30; in 1898 for \$250.50; in 1899 for \$800; in 1900 for \$1225; and thus far in 1901 for \$722.50. The heaviest charge is for fertilizer prepared by Lewis, at \$625 for twenty-five tons.

## Ideal Soldier of Emperor William.

POTSDAM.—Speaking on the occasion of the entrance of Prince Eitel Frederick, Emperor William's second son, into the First Guards regiment at Potsdam, his Majesty said:

"The noblest task is the defense of the fatherland. The noblest weapon is the sword, and the noblest uniform is the uniform of the Prussian soldier.

"The finest thing I can imagine is the earnest soldier, inflexible as iron in everything which constitutes the chivalry of an officer; hard toward himself, upholding with rigid self-discipline the traditions of his house and regiment, indifferent to the opinion of others, and with one goal before his eyes, responsible only to his God and his father; so may my son follow his path in life."

## Murder Carnival on the Frontier.

Phoenix.—A report received here from Clifton tells of a series of murders there. Last Sunday Ed Harwell, an insane saloon-keeper, killed his wife by a shot through the head, and then blew his own head off.

In a dispute over the affections of a woman, Jose Violon shot and killed Aurelius Rorriguez. Violon escaped to the mountains.

During a picnic at Las Cruces, N. M., a fight was started over a lot of disreputable women, and a score of shots were fired. Officers were called and were fired on by Perry Green, one of the merrymakers. Deputy Sheriff Burch returned the fire and Green was shot through the brain.

## Plague Exists at Rio De Janeiro.

Rio de Janeiro.—There are several cases of plague here.

The crew of the American bark Julia Roberts mutinied and attempted to overpower the captain. The guilty seamen were arrested by the police.

The United States cruiser Chicago will sail for New York next Saturday.

## Bold Jump From Moving Train.

St. Paul, Minn.—A Butte, Mont., special to the Pioneer Press says:

James Rowland, alias Henry Styne, who claims St. Paul as his home, was taken to the penitentiary to serve a term of three years for forgery, to

which he pleaded guilty. On his way to the penitentiary in charge of Sheriff Furey, Styne jumped from a car window while the train was going about forty miles an hour. He escaped injury by the jump, but the train was stopped and the sheriff and a number of passengers chased the fugitive and recaptured him after a run of a mile.

Styne and a companion entered the express office at Stanton, Minn., where they stole a number of money orders which they forged and passed in Butte. The other man eluded the officers by jumping out of a third-story window when Styne was arrested.

## IN THE OIL FIELDS

Echo Oil company is still drilling on Wartham creek, Fresno county, a dozen miles west of Coalinga, in a section of the country in which there is a strong odor of oil in localities.

An accident to the new pipe line of the Murphy Oil company, running from its plant at Whittier to Evergreen station caused a leakage during the last few days of over 1200 barrels of oil.

The Alhambra-California Oil company of Los Angeles has filed articles of incorporation showing a capital stock of \$1,000,000, divided into shares of the par value of \$1 each. The first year directors are as follows: E. R. Pirtle, H. L. Percy, P. S. Shannon, R. W. Brydon and Charles H. McFarland. Stock to the amount of 500,101 shares has been subscribed.

## Arizona's Prospects.

Ed Grindell of the Pantano Oil company has returned to Tucson from a two-weeks prospecting trip through the oil belt of Southern Arizona, says the Star. Mr. Grindell visited every oil prospect yet discovered and also found many indications in unexplored field along the Gila and Colorado rivers.

"The best indications," says Mr. Grindell, "are to be found about Texas Hill and Sentinel, where the black sand and shale are found in great quantities." He met several California experts who compared the land very favorably with that about Bak-ersfield.

At Yuma natural gas has been found to exist in abundance, and at times the Yuma people have put small pipes into the soft soil and lighted the gas, which has burned for days. The Yuma people expect soon to bore a test well, and either develop more gas or get oil.

Over one hundred thousand acres of land have been taken up along the Gila river by various companies, many of whom expect to soon have rigs up, each anxious to be first to strike the precious fluid, which undoubtedly exists in that vicinity.

Mr. Grindell brought back a fine lot of samples of rock and clay which is known to exist in oil countries. He located over six thousand acres of choice land for a local company.

## MINES AND MINING

John A. Patton of the Forester's Oil and Investment company has just returned to Los Angeles from Beaumont Tex., where he secured valuable holdings for his company, returning by way of Jerome and Prescott, Ariz. He made a thorough inspection of the mining industry of Yavapai county, where he secured copper and gold properties for a company which is now being organized by him. He reports general prosperity in the mining districts of Arizona.

Rossland, B. C.—All mines in Rossland camp are working, with the exception of the Le Roi, which probably will start soon, unless something unforeseen happens. The resumption has created a better feeling among these men, who feared a strike by the miners' union.

Fred Johnson has returned to Los Angeles from a prospecting trip through the Death Valley region, having, crossed the valley about ten days ago. He describes the heat of that region as something terrible at this time of year. He visited the big niter and borax beds and declares that while he knows nothing of the value of the beds, there is enough niter to ship 500 cars a day for fifty years, "without making a hole in the deposit." While on the trip Mr. Johnson made two filings on some placer ground that he has had his eyes on for a number of years,