

## BRIGHTON JUNCTION TRAGEDY.

The Death of Miss Ayres Still Shrouded in Mystery.

Engineer Jeffreys Charged with the Foul Crime.

He Stoutly Maintains His Innocence in the Face of Strong Circumstantial Evidence—Pacific Coast News.

By the Associated Press.

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 3.—Railroad officers Burke and True today brought here George Jeffreys, the railroad engineer who is suspected of complicity in the murder of Miss Ayres, the Brighton station telegraph operator. The reason that Jeffreys was arrested is that he and Miss Ayres were married some months ago, according to the records in San Francisco, although he has a wife and family in Oakland. It is said that he and the deceased quarreled frequently.

Jeffreys was interviewed at length by District Attorney Ryan. He maintains his innocence of the crime, and says he can prove where he was in the city during the few hours between his arrival and his departure on the night of the tragedy. He also denies the alleged marriage with Miss Ayres, and declares that if any such record exists it is a fraud, perpetrated by some enemy to get him into trouble. He says the woman was enamored of him, and kept writing letters urging him to abandon his wife and wed her by contract. He will, however, be held pending the inquest.

Many are beginning to believe now that the woman shot herself, and in doing so set fire to her clothing, which smoldered from about midnight until 4 in the morning, when the fire broke out. As stated yesterday, a doctor passing there at 2 a. m. smelled burning cloth, and one cart-ridge in Miss Ayres' pistol was found to have been discharged before the fire discharged the others.

## CLAMORING FOR STATEHOOD.

Republicans and Democrats of Arizona Are of One Mind.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Jan. 3.—The Republican and Democratic territorial central committees have been in session here. Each adopted a set of resolutions urging upon congress immediate action upon the admission of Arizona. Both committees met later at the rooms of Governor Murphy and adopted the following joint resolutions:

Resolved, That we, the Democratic and Republican territorial central committees, now in joint session, urge upon congress, irrespective of party, the immediate admission of Arizona. The business interests of the people and the material welfare of the territory demand that it shall no longer be kept out of the union. The territory of Arizona having every qualification to enter the union of states, there is no valid reason why statehood should be delayed.

## A FATAL CASE OF JIM JAMS.

A Portuguese Saloon-Keeper Bows Up and Runs Amuck.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 3.—Antone Duarte, a Portuguese saloon-keeper on the San Leandro road, while suffering from delirium tremens, arose this morning and went upstairs to where his wife, Mrs. Dias, and wife were sleeping. Duarte called Dias to the door and shot him. The ball entered his shoulder and came out at the back. Mrs. Dias arose screaming, and Duarte shot her twice through the chest. The insane man then went down stairs and shot himself through the back of the head, dying instantly. Dias and wife are still living, though the woman will die, and there is but little chance for the recovery of her husband. Dias and wife came from Fresno a short time ago to keep house for Duarte, who was unmarried. There was no quarrel, the shooting being merely the result of indulging in liquor. It occurred at what is known as the Ashland Corner.

## CHICKEN JOE STABBED.

A Probably Fatal Cutting Affray at San Pedro.

SAN PEDRO, Jan. 3.—A probably fatal cutting affray occurred here today between a stevedore, Joe Barea, known as Chicken Joe, and an Italian fisherman, There had been bad blood between them for some time on account of the fisherman slandering Joe's wife. It culminated today when the two met on the street. After a few hard words and a blow on the face from Joe, the fisherman pulled out a pocket knife and stabbed Joe above the heart and through the cheek.

## CALIFORNIA JOCKEY CLUB.

A New Series of Races to Be Held at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 3.—The California Jockey club was organized here today with T. H. Williams, jr., president, and Adolph Sutro, vice-president. The club includes among its members several directors of the Pacific Coast Blood Horse association. It will give 40 days' racing at the Bay District track commencing Tuesday next, or at the expiration of the Blood Horse association's winter meeting.

## Professor Barnard's Prize.

LICK OBSERVATORY, Jan. 3.—A notification has been received that the Leland prize of the Paris academy of science was awarded Professor Barnard of Lick observatory, December 19, 1892, for his work in astronomy, particularly for his discovery of a fifth satellite of Jupiter.

## A Mysterious Shot.

MODESTO, Cal., Jan. 3.—Word was received last evening that Lafayette Steele, a farmer living 9 miles east of Modesto, was instantly killed by a shot from an unknown source. The shot took effect in the heart. The coroner has gone out to investigate.

## Miss Hall Exonerated.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 3.—Miss Hall, the young lady who accidentally stabbed and killed Sidney McCoy, while participating in private theatricals, was today exonerated by the coroner's jury.

## Found.

At the drug store, a valuable package, worth its weight in gold. My hair has stopped falling and all dandruff has disappeared since I found skookum root hair grower. Ask your druggist about it.

## THE SUPREME COURT.

An Interesting State Boundary Line Decision Rendered.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The supreme court today rendered a decision in the case of the state of Iowa against the state of Illinois, to settle the boundary line in the Mississippi river between the two states. Nine bridges cross the river between the states, and the suit was brought in order that each might tax only those parts of them within their respective boundaries. Iowa contended that the boundary runs through the middle of the main body of the river, regardless of the steamboat channel, and that the measurement is to be taken at the normal stage of the water.

Illinois claimed that the jurisdiction of each state extended to the middle of the steamboat channel.

In the opinion rendered today by Justice Field the court takes the Illinois view of the matter, holding that the true boundary is the middle of the main channel. The court ordered a commission of three to designate the line on each bridge and to delineate the same on maps.

Solicitor-General Aldrich for the government made a motion to advance what is known as the letter-carrier cases. The cases arise under the act of congress of March 24, 1888, to limit the hours letter carriers in cities shall be employed per day, and involves other questions important to the administration of the postoffice department.

Ex-Archbishop General Garland today moved to advance the case which is popularly known as the silver-brick case. Mr. Merrick, a resident of Colorado, seeks a mandamus to compel the secretary of the treasury to receive a silver brick and coin it into dollars for his benefit. He brought the action originally in the courts of the District of Columbia, and when the mandamus was denied, took an appeal to the supreme court, and today made a motion to advance the case, in order to secure a final decision from the court of last resort.

## DECEMBER WEATHER.

Killing Frosts East of the Rockies as Far South as Florida.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Weather crop bulletin: While the deficiency in temperature for the month of December was greatest in the northwest, the cold was relatively more severe throughout the southern states. The cold wave extended southward, causing killing frosts as far south as Jupiter, Fla., and along the gulf coast, on the 29th, and for several days the temperature was from 10 to 20 degrees below freezing over the greater portion of the southern states. Excessive rains occurred in the lower Mississippi valley, and generally over the regions south of Missouri and north of the Rio Grande valleys. The month was generally dry throughout the regions on the Atlantic coast, and over the Ohio valley and the lake region. On the Pacific coast, while the rainfall was generally less than usual, it was timely and sufficient in quantity to prove of benefit to the farmers. The month closed with the ground covered with snow from New York and the upper Ohio valley westward to the Rocky mountains, and the ground bare over the greater portion of Missouri, Illinois and Indiana, and thence southward, thus leaving over half of the winter wheat without the protection afforded by snow.

## PUBLIC DEBT STATEMENT.

An Increase of \$518,283 in Debt During December.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The public debt statement for December shows during the month an increase of \$518,283 in the debt. On the 31st ult. the debt was: Interest-bearing debt, \$585,038,080; debt on which interest has ceased, \$2,385,045; debt bearing no interest, \$377,106,627.

The total gold in the treasury December 31st was \$238,359,801, against \$247,598,465 at the end of November. Silver increased from \$458,496,138 to \$462,399,518. Against these deposits there were outstanding \$141,847,839 gold certificates and \$325,783,504 silver certificates.

The net cash balance (surplus) in the treasury at the end of the year was \$29,092,588. Of this amount \$16,061,919 was in national bank depositories, and \$10,571,480 in subsidiary silver coin. The net cash balance November 31st was \$30,828,918.

## BUSHNELL'S MISSION.

He Is Not Negotiating for the Panama Canal Concession.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Some speculation is indulged in with regard to the mission of H. I. Bushnell of Nebraska to Panama. Bushnell's mission has no relation, remote or intimate, to the Panama Canal concession, and it may be said the state department has not the slightest idea of acquiring the concession for the United States, whether the French government relinquishes it or not. Bushnell is there simply as a special commissioner to investigate the quarantine system and arrange for the adoption of such regulations as would protect the health of the people there and at the same time not close the port unnecessarily to vessels from the United States.

Opposition to the Exclusion Act.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Chinese Inspector Wicker reports to the treasury department that opposition to the Chinese exclusion act is being fomented with a view to getting money out of the Chinese. He cites recent cases in New Orleans where a Chinaman representing himself as agent of the Chinese Six companies succeeded in collecting \$200 from Chinamen under the pretext that it would be used to employ counsel to contest the law.

## Crevecoeur City Races.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 3.—Track show. Five furlongs—Captain D. won, Kerosene second. Artless third; time, 1:08 1/2.

Five furlongs—Duke of Kent won. Virden second, Perkins third; time, 1:07 1/2.

Six furlongs—Sly Lisbon won, Harace Leland second, Emperor Gillet third; time, 1:22.

Seven and one-half furlongs—Blaze Duke won, Grey Duke second, Pomfret third; time, 1:45 1/2.

Handicap, seven furlongs—Bobby Beach won, Nathan Frank second, General Marnaduke third; time, 1:37 1/2.

## Falling Hair.

Produces baldness. It is cheaper to buy a bottle of skookum root hair grower than a wig; besides, wearing your own hair is more convenient. All druggists.

## Chilean Indemnity Fund.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The secretary of the navy today appointed a board to consider and report a plan for the equitable distribution of the Chilean indemnity fund of \$75,000.

## A VIRULENT FORM OF CHOLERA.

Fresh Alarm Felt at Little Rock, Ark.

Further Mortality Among the State Prison Convicts.

A Government Expert Pronounces the Disease Genuine Cholera—The Penitentiary Placed Under Strict Quarantine.

By the Associated Press.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Jan. 3.—The death of another convict at the Arkansas penitentiary this morning, and the dying condition of one more, has again alarmed the community. Dr. Geddings of the United States hospital service arrived this morning. He went at once unannounced to the penitentiary and began an investigation. Dr. Geddings gives it as his opinion, from what he has already seen and heard, that a virulent form of cholera has broken out. He has ordered the penitentiary authorities not to allow a convict to leave the building. A young woman living in the vicinity of the penitentiary was taken sick and died in two hours. Several convicts died as quickly. Dr. Geddings said the disease could be kept in the present confines, provided the authorities kept the prisoners in the walls, and this will be done.

## PATTISON'S MESSAGE.

Wise Recommendations by Pennsylvania's Chief Executive.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 3.—The biennial message of Governor Pattison was read in both branches of the legislature today. In it he refers to the spirit of insurrection at Homestead; calls attention to the inequality of taxation as between real estate and personal property; renews his recommendation that a revenue law be framed by which the entire cost of the state government be paid by a tax on corporations and collateral inheritance, and that other taxes be returned to the counties to relieve the real estate therein. He urges legislation against combines, especially the coal monopoly; free school books and renewed attention to quarantine.

It cost the state \$430,000 to put down the Homestead insurrection. The governor says the sheriff did not try to put it down, and Allegheny county ought to stand the cost.

## THE CROPS.

A Report of Their Condition for the Week.

The local weather bureau furnishes the following statement of the condition of the crops in Southern California during the past week.

## VENTURA COUNTY.

Barddale—The weather has been clear, windy and drying. The corn is all gathered; much of it is slightly damaged. Barley sowing is in progress.

## LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

Pasadena—Grain is coming up finely. The orange crop will be the finest ever gathered. Warm days and cool nights prevail. Highest temperature, 81 degrees; lowest, 68 degrees.

Duarte—The past week has been favorable in every respect. Oranges are ripening nicely. The ground is in fine condition for working. Highest temperature, 88 degrees; lowest, 45 degrees.

## SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY.

Chino—Plowing and sowing continues unabated, and the soil is in fine condition. Highest temperature, 75 degrees; lowest 34 degrees.

Rialto—Barley is coming forward nicely. Strawberry vines are full of blossoms and green fruit.

Riverside—Oranges are beginning to move for the regular winter trade. The past few days have been very warm, causing fruit to ripen rapidly. No damage has occurred from frost this year.

South Riverside—Everything is growing finely, and grain and fruits are making an excellent growth.

## ORANGE COUNTY.

Anaheim—The abundant rains have brought out the grass rapidly. The high winds resulted in no damage to the orange crop, which is fast reaching maturity.

## SAN DIEGO COUNTY.

San Diego city—The weather during the past week was favorable to farmers. Grain is up and is looking fine. The back country had an inch of rain, which is sufficient at present.

## Shaving the Beard in Russia.

Peter the Great thought to civilize his savages by making them shave and imposed a tax of 100 rubles on the wealthy and middle classes and a copeck on peasants and laborers. Now it was a superstition among the poorer people that no beardless son of Adam could ever enter heaven, and being obliged to part with their beards the great majority treasured up their hairs to be buried with their bodies. In dealing with his soldiers the great Peter enlisted the aid of the priests, who cunningly pointed out the fact that they were going to fight the bearded Turk and that their patron, St. Nicholas, would be unable to distinguish them from their enemies unless they sacrificed their beards.

This was all right, and the beards of the beloved Russians went down before the razor in deference to St. Nicholas. But, unluckily for the priests, the next little war happened to be with the Swedes, who wore no beards, and thus it was that the Russian soldiers demanded to be allowed to abjure the razor, so that the holy Nicholas might have no difficulty in arranging for their protection.—English Illustrated Magazine.

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## DIRT STEADILY ADVANCING.

Pleasant Condition of Affairs in Real Estate Lines.

A marked improvement in the state of the real estate market in Los Angeles has been observed for some time, and in order to determine the extent of it a HERALD reporter was detailed yesterday to make an investigation among the real estate dealers. The general opinion among them is that the condition of affairs here is very much better and more encouraging than it was last year at this period, that real estate transactions have acquired a healthy tone, that prices are firm, sales on the increase, and that every thing indicates for the near future a very solid era of prosperity. The purchase and sale of land for purposes of speculation has been completely dropped, and transactions are entirely confined to people who wish to secure homes and to immediately improve the acreage which they buy.

It will be seen, too, from the expressions of some dealers, that the demand for homes within the city limits, even at some distance from the center of town, has assumed proportions never known in the last few years, which makes it not only possible for them to place on the market tracts which have hitherto been neglected, but will assure the sale of lots in a very short time.

It would not be possible to publish the statements of all the real estate operators interviewed, but as they are all hopeful and corroborative of those given below, the reader will be enabled by these to judge of the condition of real estate here at this time of the year and as in comparison with the same period a year ago.

Geo. A. Dobinson of Dobinson & Vetter, when seen on the subject had the following to say: The real estate market shows considerable improvement over last year, and the outlook is decidedly more encouraging. Some very important sales have taken place during the past year, and in addition there have been a large number of transactions which indicate that the people have faith in the future of the city. The amount of money that has been put into improvements is also good evidence of the faith that capitalists have in the stability of this city as a commercial and residential center. Sales are largest in the country, and are for actual improvements. As compared with this time last year there is a vastly improved feeling. The advent of manufacturing establishments is another instance of the faith of capital in this section. Prices for real estate have reached the bottom line and there is a tendency to an advance rather than to a falling off at present. We regard this as about the best time to invest, because the market seems to have an upward tendency. We feel more encouraged today than we have been for a long time.

Nolan & Smith—The real estate business is in a healthier condition now than it has ever been. We are selling a good deal of property, principally acreage, and prices are a great deal firmer than heretofore. We sell considerable tracts of land, principally towards Fullerton and in the foothills in the direction of Glendale. Calls for city property, with us at present, are confined to cheap lots upon which building on the installment plan are erected by the purchasers for themselves. To show you that there is considerable demand for that kind of property we are now preparing an advertisement for the HERALD for the sale of a number of lots on Pico Heights, on particularly easy terms, and with some valuable inducements, and we are satisfied that these lots will be disposed of in a very short time, without the slightest trouble.

S. K. Lindley—Business is much better than last year, and there is more inquiry for real estate. People buy for improvement only, not for speculation as of yore. Last year was very dull, but now I assure you that the outlook is much more encouraging. Lands of which I am the agent, in East Whittier, are selling rapidly and all for improvement. Where last year not an acre was sold, whole streets are now disposed of.

Grisler & Dow—We find that in acre property actual sales are at least 50 per cent better than they were at this time last year. We have seven distinct sales today, not exchanges, mind you, but actual sales. We have a tract now that has lain dormant all this time, nobody wanted anything to do with it, but now we are going to put it on the market and offer it for sale in the HERALD next Sunday. Prices remain just about the same as last year for acre property, but in certain portions of the city they have advanced. There is no such thing as speculation now, all land that is bought being for immediate improvement. Just this time next year Los Angeles will be right in it, mark my words.

M. F. O'Dea—The market's tone is decidedly better, generally speaking. There is not the urgency to sell that there has been. Prices are slightly better than last year. My experience is that city and acreage sales are about equal.

Cuddy & Stoughton—The sales as compared with last year are very much improved. Prices have increased a little because a great deal of mortgaged property has been sold off. There is considerable demand for acreage for immediate improvement, and money is easy.

## Lost.

Once lost, it is difficult to restore the hair. Therefore be warned in time, lest you become bald. Skookum root hair grower stops falling hair. Sold by druggists.

## KALAMAZOO NOT IN IT.

Southern California Vegetables Capture Detroit.

Parties in this city who sent a general assortment of Southern California vegetables to friends in Detroit via the Santa Fe route, have received congratulations, and the following is an abstract of a letter from one of the most prominent citizens of that city:

"We have been reveling the past few days in luscious strawberries, succulent corn, peas, cauliflower and toothsome tomatoes, and the finest celery we have ever had on our table. (With humility we confess Kalamazoo isn't in it.)"

Kalamazoo has heretofore been the source of supply for fresh vegetables.

## Major Truman's Appointment.

The Chicago Tribune of December 27th says that Maj. Ben C. Truman of Los Angeles, Cal., has been appointed assistant chief of the bureau of horticulture of the world's fair. Major Truman was named for the place by Director-General Davis last Saturday. Mr. Truman was a strong candidate for the position of chief of the bureau of viticulture, and was preferred for the place by the director-general and by Chief Samuel, but who declined to go to M. H. De Young for his support.

Colonel Davis was, however, unwilling to forego the privilege of securing Major Truman's services for the world's fair, and appointed him to the position indicated.

Major Truman has been a visitor to all the recent international exhibitions. He is thoroughly familiar with exhibition work, and is acquainted beforehand with the duties he will have to perform with the world's fair.

"I am greatly pleased to have such a chief assistant," said Chief Thorpe yesterday afternoon. "Mr. Truman is a man of wide experience. He is prepared to meet all classes of people and treat them with uniform courtesy and intelligence. I regard Major Truman's appointment as a happy addition to the exposition force."

## A New Party Call.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 3.—A call has been issued for a conference in this city next Monday of all persons who will join in the formation of a political party for the abolition or suppression of the drink traffic in the United States, and for such other moral, economical, financial and industrial reforms as are needed in the country.

An incipient blaze at 2:30 West First street, between Hill and Broadway, at 2:45 this morning, called out the department. No damage was done.

It is a great domestic remedy, and should be kept in every home. Mr. N. man Cheatham, Waverly, Sussex county, Va., who has never known it but 12 years, subscribes to this opinion. He says: "Our family has been using it. Bull's Cough Syrup for 12 years and are never without it in the house. It is invaluable."

## DIED.

MCCARTNEY.—On January 2, 1893, Frank W., son of Mrs. Nora McCartney, aged 19 years 3 months and 8 days.

Funeral is to be held at the residence, 927 Orange street, Wednesday, January 4th, at 3:30 a. m. Friends are invited 1-3 p. m.

## California

A Pioneer's Experience With Hood's Sarsaparilla.

"I am a pioneer in this country, having been here 30 years. Four years ago my little son Elmer became blood-poisoned by impure virus in vaccination. His arm swelled terribly, causing great agony; physicians said the arm must be amputated, and even then his recovery would be doubtful. One day I read about a blood purifier, new to me, and was surprised to learn that it was prepared by C. L. Hood, with whom I used to go to school in Chelsea, Vt. I decided to have my boy try Hood's Sarsaparilla, and was much gratified when it seemed to help him. He continued to grow better as we gave him the Sarsaparilla, and having used 8 bottles is now entirely cured. As Hood's Sarsaparilla has accomplished such wonderful results, I recommend it all possible cases." JESSE M. SKEPPE, Upper Lake, Lake Co., Cal.

The City Treasurer

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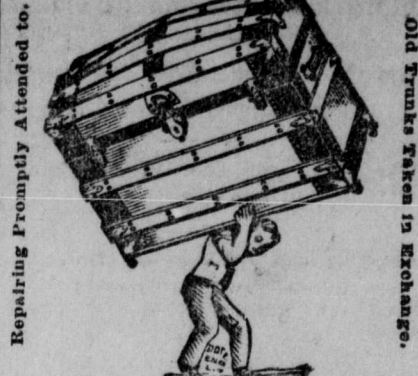
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