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California murderers, who inadvertently find their way into jails, have little to fear save the plain fare and the encroachments of old age, suggests the Examiner.

KENTUCKY'S ex-congressman, W. P. C. Breckenridge, whose name has become a synonym of anything that implies social corruption, is again to the front as a political leader, and will array the new national democratic forces of that state in the present campaign.

CHINESE rookeries in San Francisco, that for years have been a menace to the health of the city, are being condemned and ordered torn down by the board of health. If a few of its pestilential denizens could be permanently removed the sanitary demands of that city would be further fulfilled.

THE chairman of the republican national committee is authority for the statement that more than fifteen million political documents have been sent out from the Chicago headquarters within the past two weeks. He also authorizes the press to state that Mr. McKinley will not take the stump during the present campaign.

THE New York World is railing at the literature that is shaping both arguments in the campaign of education, and fails to find any that just suits. The Sun prefers information relating to the maneuvers of the honorable Dink Botts and several other conspicuously named individuals whom it has brought into quasi political prominence.

NANSON, the Arctic explorer has returned from his polar expedition with a record of having reached a higher latitude than any of his predecessors. He lacked but 225 miles of reaching the pole, and claims that he could easily have gone on if he had had more dogs. But Nanson has won a place among the Arctic explorers that is just a little in advance of any who have gone before and his failure to reach the center of the frozen zone will give some other rambling individual a chance at fame.

ANOTHER case of perjury is reported from the state capital, and the state treasury is robbed of \$2 35 through it. A deputy sheriff from Josephine county, whose name is John Barker, took a crazy Chinaman up to Salem. This state allows \$2 50 for hack fare in such cases, but Barker, with an eye to business, took an electric car at a cost of two five cent trips going and one returning. The cost bill showed that \$2 50 had been paid for hack fare to the asylum. It is a penitentiary offense, but according to the Journal, is not of uncommon occurrence, if reports be true.

THE congressman from Western Washington, locally known as Nicaragua Doolittle, refers to the growing of orange groves on the top of Mt. Ranier as a thing as certain of transpiring as some other things of which he knows in politics. Doolittle was a 16 to 1 republican, and in his former campaigns has numerously rung the changes on that issue, but he has deserted the free silver idea and now seeks a nomination with the gold standard folks, but there is no questioning the fact

that he may sooner expect to convert the icy peaks of the stalwart bi-named sentinel of the Cascades into delightful orange groves than defeat the popular blond-whiskered "dude" of Seattle, (who has the free silver nomination) on an issue of his own making.

THREE silver conventions were held in Washington, commencing on Wednesday of last week—the populist, silver republicans and democrats. Each convention organized and appointed conference committees to arrange terms of fusion. Fusion was finally agreed upon but it was clearly a victory for the middle of the road folks, who besides taking two of the presidential electors, took about every thing on the state ticket from governor down, besides retaining the name "peoples party" to the compromise ticket. The populists had kept the place and date of holding their convention a secret as long as possible, but no sooner was the announcement made than the other parties hastily arranged conventions for the same date and same place, the object being fusion if fusion was a possible thing. Their coming was not gladly welcomed, but they have all lain together with the populists constituting the lion inside of which the democratic and republican lambs are tranquilly reposing.

THE secretary of the treasury is the victim of a practical joke, though whether the result of design or accident will probably never be known. He has been endeavoring to enlighten people throughout the country who have sought information at the office of the secretary of the United States treasury, regarding the actual status of the financial condition of the country and especially the administration argument with reference to the policy under which it should be conducted in order that the government may protect its obligations. The eagerness with which the department was hastening to enlighten the people was exceeded only by the haste displayed in stopping the proceedings when it was discovered that they were sending out one of Senator Stewart's free silver speeches. No more information is going forward at present, and those in charge are wondering how much free silver missionary work has really been done.

A Semi-Centennial Birthday.

On Wednesday, the 12th inst., a few friends of Samuel L. Bennet helped that worthy gentleman celebrate his fiftieth birthday. Mrs. Bennet had prepared a sumptuous repast, such as she is so well noted for, and just before sitting down to dinner, the guests arrived, unexpected by the genial host but none the less welcome were they. A few tokens of kind remembrance from his friends and family were presented to Mr. Bennet and then the feast of good things began. Most of the afternoon was spent in a very enjoyable visit, interspersed with ice cream, watermelon, sherbet and other viands, after which the guests retired wishing their host, hostess and pleasant family many happy birthdays and bearing with them Mrs. B.'s standing invitation to her husband's next fiftieth natal day.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennet are well known residents of Medford and their home and farm just outside the city. Will long be remembered by the many friends who always receive a warm welcome there. They are members and officers of the Baptist church in this city, and are esteemed by their many acquaintances and friends for their kind acts, genial lives and consistent, Christian characters.

ONE OF THEM.

Death of Mr. Crystal.

The sudden death, by heart disease, of Geo. W. Crystal occurred at his home in Medford last Sunday evening. He had been in his usual good health during the day, but he has been a sufferer from disease of the heart for some years past. He had gone out to the barn yard to milk a cow and, falling to return in the usual length of time, his family became alarmed and went in search of him, finding him lying dead in the corral. The sad news was immediately made known and with the aid of the neighbors the body was carried to the house and a physician was hurriedly summoned but his efforts were of no avail—life was extinct.

Mr. Crystal was one of the oldest citizens of Medford, having been here from the town's infancy. He was about sixty-five years of age and an industrious and hard working man. He leaves a wife and several children to mourn his death. In his family he was always a kind, indulgent husband and father—their every wish by him was a pleasure to gratify. He was buried Tuesday evening in the Odd Fellows' cemetery, Rev. Glittins officiating. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the community in their hour of affliction, in which THE MAIL joins.

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A LITTLE OF EVERYTHING.

President Campero, of Peru, died on the 12th inst.

Lima, Peru, is to have electric lights, an American company having secured a franchise.

Greater New York will consist of forty-five islands, just as many as there are stars in the national flag.

The school directors of the district of Luverne, Iowa, have ordered a cyclone cave dug at each school house in the district.

Senator Sherman opened the Ohio state republican campaign at Columbus on the 15th, with a speech on the money question.

A tobacco journal finds that there has been a falling off of 70,000,000 in the consumption of cigars, and attributes the loss to cycling.

To have an invention practiced all over the world it is necessary to take out sixty-four patents in as many different countries, at a cost of about \$2500.

John Campbell, democratic candidate for elector on the Pennsylvania ticket has resigned, stating that he cannot stand on the platform or support the ticket.

A San Francisco minister, Dr. Wendt, advocates a state law to make legal the killing of incurables to end their torment. Legal deaths he argues, would be preferable to suicide.

The sultan of Turkey has conferred upon Miss Clara Barton, president of the American section of the Red Cross society, the emblem of the second class order of Chevakat.

The honey crop has been pretty nearly a failure in California this year. In the United States east of the Rocky mountains the output of honey is said to be larger this year than ever before.

Alden J. Blethen, formerly editor of the Minneapolis Tribune, and one of the leading journalists of the United States, has assumed editorial control of the Seattle Times. It is to be a free silver paper.

Eckles has returned from a fishing expedition in Minnesota and at once started in on the advocacy of a new democratic ticket, and in case of failure to nominate he advocates the unqualified support of McKinley.

The custom business at Northport, a little Washington town on the Canadian line, north of Spokane, has done a custom business of \$5,000,000 in the last year. A record that is equaled by few custom houses in the United States. It is at the entrance of the Trail creek country.

The up-to-date cities now use street sprinklers with wheel tires six inches wide, and the outside of the rear tire, is placed even with the inside of the rear tire, the machine thus rolling twenty-four inches of the street as it moves along, and doing excellent work in keeping the streets in good condition.

A hog house is now in course of construction at the stockyards in Chicago which will cost about one million dollars. It covers an area of fifty acres and its two floors give a total area of one hundred acres. It is intended to accommodate 200,000 hogs. The facilities for unloading are such that 560 cars can be unloaded at the same time.

An American consul at Vera Cruz, in a report to the state department, warns Americans against going there to embark in the coffee-raising industry. He shows that in those portions of Mexico with which he is familiar the reports of the great profits to be made in coffee-growing are incorrect. The cost of getting a plantation into bearing is greater than represented and the yield of coffee is very much less.

Senator Thurston replied to Senator Stewart's open letter asking him to furnish proof of his statement that Bryan was in the pa of the American bi-metallic league, or in lieu of it, an apology, by stating that he has done nothing more than quote an editorial in the Chicago Chronicle making such charges and calling upon Mr. Bryan to explain. Senator Thurston suggests that the Chronicle be given an opportunity to explain the editorial.

The latest theory in connection with Durrant is that he was insane at the time he committed the murders of Blanche Lamont and Minnie Williams, in the Emanuel church. Some time previous to the murders, he was sick and confined to his room for six weeks, being delirious part of this period. His friends now say he had not recovered from this attack at the time he committed the murders. It is still uncertain when the supreme court will consider his appeal, which is now formerly before that body. Durrant's attendants at the county jail ridicule the idea of insanity.

PLANING MILL IN ASHES.

G. L. Schermerhorn's Planing Mill Fuel for Mad, Destructive Flames.

Loss to Building and Machinery About \$4000, Insurance \$2200 Will Rebuild at Once.

Once again the chronicler of local events for this column is called upon to gather facts, figures and general information surrounding another fire. While the devastation of the last conflagration is looked upon with a feeling of fellow sympathy for the unfortunate loser it is not surrounded with that terrible nightmare of horrors which surround a fire known to be of incendiary origin. There is a feeling akin to ones own hearthstone when the fiend who touches the match to inflammable structures is known by his work to be among us—a feeling that says to us "it may be our time next."

The fire to which the above is a preface occurred last Saturday and was the destruction of G. L. Schermerhorn's planing mill. At about the hour of 9:30 when many of our people had retired for the night's rest hopeful only of an awaken at the accustomed time for the commencement of another day, and still others of our people were yet doing their trading about the city, an alarm of fire was sounded, and not three minutes of time had elapsed ere the streets were thronged with people madly rushing to the scene of the conflagration, which had by that time made its location known by a flame of fire reaching higher than any of the surrounding buildings. It was G. L. Schermerhorn's planing mill, located on North D street; and to that point did the excited crowd find its way only to discover, upon reaching the scene, that no service of especial benefit could be rendered other than that of saving the near by dwelling houses. The fire boys, brave and willing lads, which they are were on the ground as quickly as their most fleet movements would permit and it was not long ere a stream of water was playing on the flames, but their efforts availed very little as the fire spread so rapidly that the entire building was soon one solid mass of fire. Attention was given to saving the several thousand feet of lumber which was in the yard adjoining the mill, much of which was saved, but a much greater amount was burned.

Across the street from the fire stand the residences occupied by Mr. Schermerhorn, Rev. Crutchfield, Wm. Churchman and J. A. Smith, the tinners, and these were at all times during the hottest fire in great danger of being ignited, but by the fire boys deluging them with an almost continuous stream of water, as well as the efforts of a well organized bucket brigade, they were saved.

The fire is supposed to have started in the engine room, where was stored a quantity of oil and about which there was a considerable amount of shavings. Mr. Schermerhorn, owing to the great amount of work on hand, had not shut down the mill until eight o'clock or thereabouts, and upon closing he was especially cautious in making his round of inspection to know that all was safe. However, a spark or coal was smoldering in some hidden quarter and from it sprang the destructive flames.

The loss to Mr. Schermerhorn aggregates about \$4000, on which there was an insurance of \$2200. Other losses on lumber and carpenter tools which were in and about the mill and which is borne by divers persons will reach an aggregate of about 1200, on which there was no insurance. Mr. Schermerhorn states that just as soon as the insurance is adjusted he will begin the erection of another mill and will be ready for business in as short a time as possible. He had a large amount of work on hand, owing to the number of new buildings in process of construction in Medford, and the destruction of the mill will prove a great disadvantage to those depending upon the work being done at this place. He had but recently added new machinery and made other improvements, preparatory to a good long run, which fact adds to his misfortune.

FIRE NOTES OF VARIOUS NATURE.

Engineer Carder has been looking after the fire hydrants, and reports them all in good working order.

Had there been a wind at almost any point of compass there would surely now have been many other buildings in ashes.

The escaping steam and possible chance of an explosion of the boiler in the burning mill caused a scattering of onlookers in very short order.

Ernest Langley came down from Jacksonville on the railroad velocipede, and he was heard to remark that he only hit a few of the high points.

The presence of a night engineer at the pumping station was fully appreciated Saturday night. There was no waiting fifteen or twenty minutes for a good pressure of water.

Cinders were scattered about nearly every home in north Medford, but the waterfalls of the respective places of ash scattered water plentifully about and no danger resulted therefrom.

There were some sixty odd thousand feet of lumber in the mill and yard, which was either wholly destroyed, or badly damaged. Of this Mr. Lindley lost 1200 feet of flooring and Max Muller \$200's worth of various kinds.

To say that H. E. Boyden is somewhat of a climber is not more than half stating the facts. The way he scrambled up on the front porch roof of Schermerhorn's residence would put to shame the champion Italian and his bear.

Insurance amounting to \$1800, carried by a company represented by J. E. Eoyart, has been paid in full to Mr. Schermerhorn, save \$25, salvage on engine and boiler. The remainder of the insurance \$400, was carried by a company represented by M. F. Parker, and this amount has also been paid in full.

125 pounds pressure to somewhere in the neighborhood of 300, and cause a breach in the mains in two places—one on Seventh and one on C streets. The damage was repaired the next day and all is now as good as new.

There are a whole lot of people—in fact all of them—who are saying how deucedly sorry they are because of the fire. Mr. Schermerhorn had just gotten his mill in shape for a good run of work—and was getting the work to do—and to be thus cut off so abruptly after an almost continuous outlay of money is just a little harder luck than the average of us fellows care to encounter. When his new mill is up and in operation he will wager that all hands will pull for him—to get him started again.

A. C. Nicholson was about the luckiest man at the fire—in one sense of the word. He was one of the first of the firemen to reach the hose house and took a position on the tongue of the hose cart, and the rope was attached to Wm. Ferguson's ("Bill Nye") buggy, and when all was ready "Bill" started up in a dead run, and after going about half a block it became evident to those on the tongue of the cart that they could not keep up any longer, and Nicholson attempted to jump out from between the buggy and cart, but "fell short" and was knocked down and one wheel ran over his right arm badly bruising it, but luckily no bones were broken. He was taken to Hotel Nash and after recovering from the shock he went to Dr. Wall's residence and had his injuries dressed. It was a close call, and he will be laid up for several days.

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One bay mare, supposed to be about twelve years old, right hind foot white up to ankle and a little white on the left hind foot. Saddle and harness marks. No other marks or brands perceptible. Also one mare, about one year old; color, sorrel, right hind foot white up to the ankle and a little white on left hind foot, small star in forehead. Appraised by A. C. Howlett, J. P. Eagle Point district, Jackson county, Oregon, at \$20 and \$15 respectively.

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