INTEREST PICKED FROM HE WEEK'S DISPATCHES.

ental Steamers for Portland-Rallond Franchise on Stockton's Streets-Mine Accidentally Killed at Sheep Rauch-Washington to Build Roads.

James Wickham was accidentally killed in the Sheep Ranch mine near Ban Andreas. He was hit by falling timber while at work at the 800-foot level. He fell backward and went down the shaft 400 feet to the bottom. Every bone in his body was fractured. He leaves a widow and six children. His

George Staffler, a capitalist and promment citizen of Santa Cruz, died suddealy recently of heart trouble. had resided there for over 80 years and for a long period engaged in the furni-ture business. Mr Staffler was a native of Germany, aged 62 years.

W. J. Westlake of Martinez, horticultural commissioner, who has been in vicinity of Pacific Grove for the past month studying a newly discovered parasite of the Monterey pine with a view of introducing it into California rchards to destroy scale, has com-leted his investigation. He finds that while the parasite is an absolute de-stroyer of all kinds of scale known to California orchardist, it cannot be put to any practical use because it is found in such small numbers and its natural increase is so very slow.

The county commissioners of King county, Wash., called a special session for February 19 for the citizens of that part of Kings county which abuts on Tacoma. They will vote on whether Tacoma. They will vote on whether they will be annexed and become a part of the county of Pierce and of the city of Tacoma.

The anti-sa'oon league of Santa Cruz presented to the supervisors an ordi-nance prohibited saloons in Santa Cruz The matter will be given a aring on February 6.

Edwin Lewis, an insurance solicitor of San Francisco, is in jail charged with forgery. Lewis forged a deed to some property. It is supposed he wanted to mortgage it to raise money.

Bids received recently for the construction of the courthouse for Contra-Costa county have been rejected owing to the high figures. Other estimates are

Former Postmaster E. B. Dainger-eld of Pacific Grove, was accidently while the two were out pigeon shoot-ing. The shot entered Dangerfield's ing. The shot entered Dangerness and neck, but did not inflict seriwounds.

Albert E. Kent, a pioneer business man of Chicago, died in Genoa, Neb. Deceased was a large property holder in Marin county where he had resided

The Sacramento and San Josquin Valley railway company has been granted a franchise on West Weber avmue on condition that the company compaces actual work within six onths and the road including a drawbridge across Stockton channel be completed to Sacramento within three years. Captain Cross, president of the ad, has secured nearly all the rights way to Sacramento.

Some time ago an prominent capitalist offered to build and operate a smelter in Portland if he should be guaranteed 100 ters of ore per day. Traffic Manaroad and Navigation company has an-nounced that the guarantee has been alled by mining companies operating along the line of the Oregon Railroad and Navigation company.

It has been decided that the new Oriental steamship line, in connection with company will be operated by the Port-land and Asiatic Steamship company. The first of the four 10,0.0-ton steamers to be delivered to the new company will be the Indrapura, which it will re ceive at Hongkong on February 21.

Mrs. Avy Austin, a resident of Vallejo for over 50 years, died recently. She was the wife of Ira Austin, who owned and farmed a large tract on the northern side o: Vallejo and was one of the original owners of the townsite. Austin was a native of Canada.

· Captain Baranoff, a pioneer settler of Bitka, Alaska, was shot and killed recently by Indians. The shooting was and his victims.

Registration of students at Stanford ractically completed last week. The rumber of men and women enrolled as 1016, which is a slight advance over the figures of the second. of last year. orbitality.

The handsome pleasure yacht Mowawk was sank in Vancouver harbor B. C., recently by a heavy fall of snow. The snow hoze and the boat could no hold up the weight. Only recently (35,000 had been spent on the boat in fixing her up. She cannot be raised.

It has been found that 60 marriages that have been performed by the town recorder having no legal right to perform the cerimonies.

Alfred Mace, an English evangelist, is preaching the gospel in Chicago, and intends to travel throughout the United States. He is the son of Jem Mace, the once tamons pugilist.

The body of Jessie Brodersen, chicken dealer, was found, in his yard at his home near Haywards. He had been shot and the place robbed.

William Kellner, Dr. Arnold A. Graham, Alfred Hargraves and Merrick Palmer, pioneers of Shasta county, died a few days ago. HOW DOES IT SEEM TO YOU!

It seems to me I'd like to go Where bells don't ring nor whistles blow For clocks don't strike nor gongs don't so And I'd have stillness all around.

Not really stillness, but just the trees'
Low whisperings or the hum of bees
Or brooks' faint babbling over stones
In strangely, softly tangled tones, Or maybe a cricket or katydid Or the songs of birds in the bedges hid Or just some such sweet sounds as these To fill a tired heart with ease.

If 'tween't for sight and sound and smell, I'd like a city pretty well.
But when it comes to getting rest
I like the country lots the best.

Sometimes it seems to me I must
Just quit the city's din and dust
And get out where the sky is time
And say, Now, how does it seem to you?
—Eugene Field.

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BY M. QUAD.

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thief was the parlor maid. I knew it from her actions, and three months after I left the house she was caught in a similar offense and owned up to the first theft. However, the crime was laid off on me, and because 1 made indignant and perhaps impudent protest I was flung out of the house at half an hour's notice and refused a character. I was idle for the next three months. The first thing de-manded when I applied for a place was a character. As soon as it was learned that I had none it was useless to talk further. It was for this reason that I finally paid a fee to an intelli-gence office in Margate street and was at length sent for to take a place at general housework. It was an old man named Dyson who wanted me. He was willing to take me without a character because he would have to pay less wages and because, as he grimly asserted, there was nothing lying around loose in his house for one to steal. As we sat face to face I sized him up as mean and penurious had an aged and lufirm wife, he told me, and I would be the only servant.

It was not for me to pick and choose

I must have a place and hold it long enough to get a character again. I with him miles and miles out on the Holborne road, and we at last ar-rived at the cheaply built and cheap looking cottage he occupied. It was a place devoid of almost all conveniences and had been selected for its cheap rent. I found the old wife deaf, almost blind and palsied, and it was apparent become childish and petulant, and before I had been in the house half an hour Mr. Dyson whipped her with a strap for saying that she was hungry. As he whipped her I saw him look at her in a way to give me a chill. In the course of three or four days I made up my mind that he regarded her with detestation and abborrence and was hour-ly hoping for her death. I wondered that he had not pushed her down stairs or found other means to bring about an 'accidental" death, but the old man was full of craft and cowardice. I soon had evidence that he was in love with a widow in the neighborhood, or at least he desired to be free so that he could marry her. The man had no oc-cupation and seldom left the house. During my first two weeks in the place he never allowed me to see the wife except in his presence and found fault except in his presence and found fault if I cooked anything extra for her or expressed my sympathy. He had a way of whispering to himself, and a dozen times over I heard him say:

"I've waited for five years, but I won't wait much longer. I'll get rid of her and be happy."

My natural impulse on finding out how he felt toward his wife was to fly the house, but I have explained how I was situated. And, too, I soon got the feeling that I ought to stay to protect the poor old woman. I figured it out that, while he might thirst for her death, he would not proceed to extremitles while I was in the house. It seemed as if he would have lived on alone, as he had done for the last two one of the most enthusiateally well anything of alone, as he had done for the last two months, if he meditated apything of that sort, I didn't know the depth of his craft, however. He had brought me there to work he depth of me. The first thing I suspicioned this way was one morning when he asked me to help her down stairs. The stairs were steep and shaky, and he had pried one of the steps loose, that it might slide from under our feet. As a matter of fact, it did give way, but I caught myself and saved the woman. When old Dyson saw the failure of his plot, he looked chagrined and savage

he declared that the cellar was full of rats and gave me money and company," manded me to buy arsenic. He recom-mended me to go to a store miles away and to say that I wanted it for my complexion and to give my own name I went to a drug store only two blocks away and gave his name, and when he discovered this he was highly indignant for a day, and I rather expected to be thrown out. However, in the course of three or four days he developed another plan. After coaching the the first time, and she begged me to get her some laudanum for toothache get her some laudanum for toothache Now, more in a great her some laudanum for tootha conched what to say, and I refused to have conched what to say, and I refused to have been days later, as I was preparing her a soup, I had to "you must think me cruel! I would not say 'Here lies,' That was one of his say 'Here lies,' That was one of his in the and I will not follow him. was preparing her a soup, I had to eave the kitchen for a minute. When I returned, the soup was giving out a faults in life, and I will not follow him with the accusation now that he has "there are a faults in life." There is a fault in life, and I will not follow him with the accusation now that he has the husband had poisoned it, I of course threw it away. He scolded

about my waste, but when I looked him square in the eyes he dropped his and had no more to say. I had been with the Dysons five

weeks when the climax came. The old

woman was holding her own, if not

getting better, and the husband's impatience had a savage edge to it. Their bedroom was on the north side of the house. All along on that side was a deep excavation for a factory, and the cellar was full of stones and water. From the bedroom window the dis tance to the cellar bottom was all of 30 feet. I slept on the west side, with two rooms and two doors between us, but so poorly built was the house that if voices were raised above a whisper they could be heard, Aid there were also many cracks and crevices to peer also many cracks and crevices to peer through. At 10 o'clock one night I lay wondering if he really meant to take her life and how he would finally ac-complish it when I heard a half suppressed scream from his room. I got softly out of bed and went to the farther door, and, looking through a crack, I saw that the window was up and that he stood before it with his wife in his arms. She was hanging on to him with fingers of steel and making a My mistress in Gainsborough road heavily and snarling and growling as had lost a \$5 note in the house, and the he tore her angers loose, but I did not thief was the parlor maid. I knew it know what he planned to do till of a audden he staggered to the open win dow and flung her out. She screamed as she went to her death, and in my fright I echoed the scream. I re-member the man rushing across the room at me, of his dashing open the door, of his striking me down, and then came darkness which lasted for weeks He struck me with a piece of iron and fractured my skull. He then carried my body down stairs and bore it a quarter of a mile away and flung it into another excavation. Before takhat and cloak, and thus it appeared to those who found my unconscious body next morning that I had been coming home the night before and fallen into the pit. As to his wife, he gave the alarm and brought the police and made out that it was a case of suicide. While he was fast asleep, as he claimed, she had stolen to the window and

leaped to her death. His story went, and it was seven months before there was any contradiction. I had a fractured skull, brain fever and pneumonia and for weeks and weeks lay as one dead. When I mended, my memory was confused, and it was seven months before I told my story and put the police on the track. Long before that Dyson had married the widow and sailed for America, and, though efforts were made to find him, nothing come of them. Never did a man deserve the hangman's rope more, and yet, if living today, he is free and has no fear

Steed on His Dignity.
A few years ago John Best, the eminent organist, a very dignified man, was present at a great public dinner at Liverpool, and it was understood that he would contribute a short organ recital to the harmony of the evening. "The organ will now play," was the curt style in which the mayor, who was in the chair, chose to announce the performance, and Mr. P-st sat still in his place, taking no notice whatever of the observation. The mayor repeated the words in a louder tone of voice, and still the great musician made no sign.

A waiter came and whispered to Mr.
Best: "Didn't you hear his worship,
sir? The organ will now play." Mr.
Best merely looked up with a surprised
and injured air. "Confound the orand injured air. "Confoungan!" he said. "Let it play!"

The message was duly conveyed to the mayor, and then the mayor rose again. "Our distinguished f townsman, Mr. Best," he said. ngain. now very kindly oblige us with a selec-tion of music on the organ." Then and not before Mr. Best arose and entertained the company.

The late G. W. Steevens gives an example of "Bahoo" English in his book "In India." It is an effort to express admiration for the speech of Pundi

plot, he looked chagrined and savage of his month in quick succession, proand presently found excuse for cuffing ducing a thrilling impression on the au the poor wife's ears.

In the course of a couple of weeks there is magic in his eye, and he is one there is magic in his eye, and he is one

> Respected His Memory.
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> She entered the office of the tombstone company, and the clerks immedi-"Is there anything I can do for you?"

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LONDON, January 13 .- The war office as received the following dispatch from Lord Kitchener:

"PRETORIA, January 18 .- About 1400 Boers crossed the line, attacking both Zaurfontein and Kaalfontein stations, but were driven off. They are being pursued by a cavalry brigade."

Lord Kitchener reports also several skirmishes at different points with trifling British losses and adds: "Three agents of the peace commissioners were taken as prisoners to De Wet's langer, near Lindley, January 10. One. who was a British subject, was flogged and then shot. The other two burghers were flogged by De Wet's orders."

George Roberts, director of the mint at Washington, in his annual report, shows that the coinage of the past year was in excess of any previous year in the history of the service, aggregating \$141,351,960, as compared with \$136,-855,676 in the last fiscal year.

LONDON, January 11.—The situation in South Africa grows worse rather than better. Lord Kitchener's dispatches are more laconic than those of Lord Roberts, little else of importance is allowed to come through.

"Five thousand Boers, supposed to be trekking west from Vryburg," says the Cape Town correspondent of the Daily "are now making their way into the heart of Cape Colony. The sup-position is that they have captured several small garrisous upon the way.

Other dispatches report that a small party of Boers carried off cattle close to the east fort at Pretoria. Nine hundred Boers, under Commandant Kritzinger, are 15 mile from Richmond, in the direction of Murraysburg.

Rumors are spreading at Porterville that the rebels have joined the Boers in the Celvini a district.

LONDON, January 12.—It is understood that Lord Kitchener now holds ecurely all the railroad lines in South Africa, having recovered possession of Delagoa bay line, which had been cut

According to a Pretoria correspondent, Lord Kitchener is now organizing a force of 30,000 irregular horse, which will occupy some weeks. When this operations.

Meanwhile the invasion of Cape Colony looks more threatening. The news that Commandant Hertzog has two guns s rather startling, as it was formerly eserted that the invaders had no guns.

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P. of A.—Court Mt. Pitt No. 24, meets in Por-esters' Hallevery Wednesday at 8 p. m. G. W. Streminson, Chief Hanger, 1, L. Pundun, Financial Secretary.

I. O. O. F.—Lodge No. 83, meets in I. O. O. F. hall every Saturday at at 8 p. ni. Visiting brothers always welcome.
J. H. STEWART, Rec. Sec.

I. O. O. F. — Rogue River Encampment, No. 30, meets in I. O. O. F. hall the second and fourth Wednowdays of each month at 8 p. m D. T. LAWYON, C. P.

Olive Rebekah Lodge No. 28, meets in I, O. P. hall first and third Tuesdays of cach month. Visiting sisters invited to attend.

Mus. ETTA SHEARER, Rec. Sec.

Mus. Martha Wellis, N. G.

A. F. & A. M.—Meets first Friday on or be fore full moon at 8 p. m., in Masonic hall. N. L. NAHREGAN, W. M. W. V. LIPPIRCOTT, Rec. Sec.

K. of P.—Talisman lodge No. 31, meets Mon day evening at 8 p. m. Visiting brothers at ways welcome. EUGENE OHE, C. C. 8 12. COLE, K. of R. and S.

Knights of the Maccauces.—Triumph Tent No. 14, meets in regular review on the 1st and rd Mondays of each month in A. O. U. W. Hall at 750 p. m. Visiting Sir Knights cordial-ly invited to attend. W. T. YORK, R. K. S. B. PETZ, Commander.

A. O. U. W., Degree of Honor—Risther lodge No. M, meets every second and fourth Tuesday evening of each month, at A. O. U. W. hall, Mrs. Calmir M, Chouch, C. of H. Mrs. Delia Dodge, Rec.

A. O. U. W.,—Lodge No. 98, meets every fire and third Wednesday in the menth at 8 p. m in their hall in the opera block. Visiting biothers invited to attend.

J. W. LAWTON, M. W. N. RREGAN, Recorder.

Woodmen of the World—Camp No. 40, meets every Friday eventag in Adkins-Deuel block, Medford, Oregon.

JOE SHONE, Clerk, W. H. MERKER, C. C. Chrysanthemum Circle, No. 8i, Women or Woodcraft.—Meels second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 7.30 p. m. in Woodmen hall. Visiting sisters invited.

ADA M. MILLS, Clerk,

W. R. C.—Chester A. Arthur Corps No. M meets second and fourth Monday of each month at wo'clock p. m., 'n Woodman's hall. Visiting sisters invited. J. H. Whitman Pres. Mast. P. Rervas, Sec.

G. A. R.—Cheater A. Arthur Post No. 47 meets in Woodman's hall every second and fourth Mouday night in each month at 7:30. Visiting Comrades cordially invited to attend. D. R. ANDRUS, Com. F. M. STEWART. Adutant.

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O E S.—Resmes Chapter, No. 66, meets see ond and fourth Thursday's of each month at Masonic Bisti, Mediord, Oregon, Vesting ets lers and brothers always welcome, Mrs. Mary E. REEVES, W. M. MRS. HATTIR GOLE, Secretary.

OHURCHES OF MEDFORD.

Sain, Marks Rpiscops, Hunday School merts at Episcopal Church every Sunday morning at 10 o'cock; divine service every first and third Sundays at 7,20 p. m. Key, Chas. Booth, Rec.

Methodist Episcopal Churen—W. B. Mocre, paster. Preaching every Sabbath at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a.m. H. L. Gilkey, supt. Class meeting every Sabbath at close of sermon. Levi Faucett, leader. Epwarth league every Sabbath evening at 230. G. Faucett, prest. Regular weekly prayer meeting every Thursday evening at 7:30. Ladies' sewing circle every week. Missionary society meets the first Friday in each month.

Presbyterian Church—Rev. A. Haberly, pas-tor. Preaching at 11 a.m., and 7:30 p.m. Sun-day school at 10 a.m. Y. P. S. C. E., 6:30 p.m. Junior Endeavor Seciety at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 7:30 octock

Baptist church—Rev. T. L. Crandali, pastor, sabbath services: Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.: Sabbath school 10 a. m.; H. Y. F. U. 6:30 p. m.: praye meeting Wadnesday at 7:30 p. m.; overnant meeting at 2:20 p. m. on Saturday preceding that sabbath.* Strangers and friends always welcome.

Christian church—Corner of Sirth and I streets. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7. p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m., Junoir Endeavor at 1 p. m.; Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:39 p. m. Prayer meeting every Thursday evening. Laddee Masionary Auxiliary to C. W. B. E. first Thursday 7:30 P. M. each month Choral Union every Friday at 7:39 p.m. The people welcome. O. J. Gist pastor. Resides at the church.

Mathodist Episcopai Church South—Rev. E. F. Wilson pastor. Freaching every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.; Sunday set ool at 10 a. m.; Epworth League, prayer and praine meeting each Sunday at 6 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesevening at 7 o'clock; Woman's Home Mission Society meets first Thursday in each month at 2:30 p. m. Mrs. E. B. Pickel, president.

Administratrix's Notice.

THE undersigned has been duly appointed and qualified as administratrix of the estate of Noah R. Johnston, late of Jackson County, Oregon, deceased.

All persons having claims against and estate are notified to present them, duly verified, to the undersigned, at her residence in Mediord, Joregon, for allowance, within six months from and after the date of this notice.

Dated this 12th day of December, A. D. 1999, MARTIA M. JOHNSTON, Administratrix of the Estate of Noah R. Johnston, Deceased.

Win. S. Crowell, Attorney for said Estate,

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Land office at Roseburg, Oregon, December 1, 1900. Notice is hereby, given that the following named settler has flied notice of his threation to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Gis New bury, county elerts of Jacksan County, Oregon, at Jacksonoville, Oregon, or Jacksonoville, Oregon, at Jacksonoville, Oregon, or January 26, 1901, viz: GEORGE W. KINCAID,
On H. E. No. 6835, for the E15 NE14, Sec. 20, Tp. 23 S., R. 2 East.
He animos the following witnesses to prove his said through the sendence upon and cultivation of the county of the county of the county of the county, J. T. Briotza, Grovell, of Mecford, all of Jackson County, Oregon.

J. T. Briotza, Register.

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He minus the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence tipon and cultivation of said land, viz.