

Theodore Durrant Executed in San Quentin Prison.

San Quentin, Cal., Jan. 8.—When William Henry Theodore Durrant died on the gallows Friday morning for the murder of Blanche Lamont, he gave an exhibition of coolness and nerve as has seldom been seen under similar circumstances. Hopeful almost to the last that something or some one would intervene to save him, he walked to the scaffold this morning and made his little speech protesting his innocence as calmly and with as distinct enunciation as if he had been addressing an assemblage of friends upon some ordinary topic of the day. His face was pale, and his eyes were red, but his voice was firm and he stood as solid as a rock while he proclaimed his innocence and professed forgiveness to those who, he said, had hounded him to death. There was not a hitch or accident to mar the plans of Warden Hale in carrying out the sentence of the law. The noise was adjusted, the trap was sprung, the stout rope held and Durrant's dead body dangled at the end. The neck was broken by the fall of over five feet and 15 minutes later the murderer's body was cut down and placed in the coffin. In despite of the exciting event of last night, when Durrant was beset by newspaper reporters and talked to his parents till 11:30 P. M., he rested easily during the night and shortly after 6 o'clock he awoke and bade his guards good morning. Warden Hale had provided a neat suit of dark material for the occasion and those clothes Durrant quickly donned. He noticed the absence of collar and necktie, however, and knowing full well the reason for this omission, he asked for them, explaining that a turndown collar would not interfere with the noose. Then he sat down to an excellent breakfast and ate heartily. During the early morning hours, Durrant did not have much to say beyond expressing a desire that no newspaper men should be allowed to see him. This request was complied with. Consistent to the last, Durrant died professing religion. But he died, accepting at the last moment the comforts of the Catholic church, instead of the Baptist church, in which he was reared. Rev. Mr. Rader, a Protestant minister, had arranged to ascend the scaffold with Durrant, but the minister would not say that he thought Durrant innocent, and the condemned man declined his services until Rader professed belief in his innocence. Then it was that the once ardent Baptist turned to the Catholic church for consolation, and called upon Father Lagan, the priest who had frequently visited him in prison, to attend him. Father Lagan responded promptly and performed the last solemn rites of the church. Durrant remained in close consultation with the priest and seemed to be deeply interested in the impressive ceremony. As the hour of the execution approached the prisoner became somewhat restless. His father and mother were admitted to bid him a last farewell. The elder Durrant clasped his son by the hand and the younger comforted his mother. The grief-stricken mother was led to a private room where she remained until after the execution. The father, however, went to the execution room and, supported by two friends, saw his son meet his death. Warden Hale did not attempt to hurry matters, but allowed all possible time for the supreme court at Washington to take some action. Finally, when word was flashed across the continent that the supreme court had declined to interfere, the warden ordered the programme of the day carried out. At 10:34 o'clock, Durrant, accompanied by Father Lagan, appeared at the door of the execution room. He was followed by his father, a friend, Warden Hale and the guards. The father and his friend walked around the gallows, his legs and arms were pinned and the rope was placed upon his neck. The hangman was about to adjust the black cap when Durrant announced his desire to speak. Permission was given and the doomed murderer spoke as follows: "I desire to say that although I am an innocent man, innocent of every crime that has been charged against me, I bear no animosity toward those who have persecuted me, not even the press of San Francisco, which hounded me to the grave. If any man thinks I am going to spring a sensation, I am not, except it is the sensation that I am an innocent man brought to the grave by my persecutors, but I forgive them all. They will get their justice from the great God who is master of us all, and there I also expect to get the justice that is the justice of an innocent man. Whether or not the perpetrators of the crime of which I am charged are discovered, it will make no difference to me now, but I say this day will be a shame to the great state of California. I forgive everybody who has persecuted me, an innocent man whose hands have never been stained with blood, and I go to meet my God with forgiveness for all men." The words were delivered slowly and distinctly and without emphasis. The eager crowd of spectators grouped closer to the wooden framework that they might not lose a word of what was being said. Durrant finished and had barely ceased when the black cap was placed over his face. At the same instant, Hangman Lunt raised his hand, the trap was sprung, and with a rattle, Durrant's body shot through the opening. There was a sound as of a stout rope drawn taut, and a broken-necked criminal awaited to die for a moment. Then the body became motionless. Durrant was dead. In just 11 minutes and 28 seconds, all signs of life had vanished and the most noted criminal of the 19th century was officially dead. The body was allowed to hang for 15 minutes, when it was cut down and placed in a black coffin provided by an undertaker from San Francisco.

COTTON FOR THE NORTHWEST.

New Crop to Be Tried East of Cascades Other Plants Will Be Tried.

Oregon and Washington will raise cotton next season. Their cotton crop will probably not "bear" the market the first year, but there is no telling what effect cotton will have on the industrial conditions of the future. The cotton production of this year will be under the fostering care of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company, which has just opened an industrial department that will experiment with various things to develop the country reached by its transportation lines. This is a far-sighted scheme of President Mohler, H. C. Judson, who has had considerable experience in such matters in the East, has been put at the head of the department. He will be guided to a great extent in his operations by the agricultural colleges of Oregon and Washington. Cotton is successfully grown in the pan-handle of Texas, at altitudes ranging from 1,000 to 1,500 feet above the sea, where frosts occur in April. In some parts of Eastern Oregon frost has been absent through the entire year. Portions of Umatilla county are especially favored in this respect. The experiments with cotton will be made in the arid and semi-arid sections of Eastern Oregon and Eastern Washington—in Wasco, Sherman, Morrow and Umatilla counties, of Oregon, and Whitman and Adams counties, of Washington. While the cotton plant will stand a great deal of moisture, it can also endure drought. It sends roots deep into the ground. In many places where wheat is not a reliable crop, or cannot be grown at all on account of the lack of moisture, it is believed cotton will flourish. If so, it will solve the irrigation problem for those sections. A thorough test will be made the coming season. Among the other things in view by the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company's industrial department is the introduction of tobacco raising. A considerable colony of Cubans in Florida are negotiating to come out to the Pacific Northwest to raise and manufacture tobacco, and the parts of Oregon and Washington lying east of the Cascade mountains are believed to possess all of the conditions suited to the business. The destruction of the trade in Cuba has turned the attention of these people to other fields of operation, and they have sent agents here to look the matter up. Martinez, the great cigar man of Key West, examined the country east of the mountains recently, and he did not doubt that tobacco of a superior quality could be produced in the vicinity of Blalock, in Gilliam county. The production of forage plants in the Inland Empire will also engage the attention of this move for industrial development. Incidental to this will come a thorough investigation of the possibilities of dairying and raising livestock under different conditions than now prevail—conditions that will admit of a fuller development of the country. The effect of precipitation and moisture, so as to make arable areas now arid. Among the exotics is a tree that is said to have redeemed a portion of France from desert conditions ages ago—a gum tree that is a native of Assyria. It is reasonable to suppose that the tree would be valuable in the dry sections of the Inland Empire, and it will be given a trial there. The mechanical device of a Boise man for raising water from streams for irrigating purposes will also be thoroughly tested. It consists of a cylinder, on the outside of which are buckets that fold automatically, and the contrivance is said to work well in a current so slow even as two miles an hour. The excitement over gold in Alaska will bring thousands and thousands of men, many of whom will for the first time see the great natural advantages of the farming country and not go to the Yukon at all, stopping to plant their own vines and fig trees, under which they will repose in comfort and happiness, while the goldhunters suffer the hardships and uncertainties of the chase for sudden affluence. In speaking of the proposed enterprise a prominent business man said recently: "Many will go up the Alaska coast and return to Oregon and Washington to make their homes. Still others will go to the gold fields and then return to engage in more sober pursuits. Practically all will have to pass through the Northwest country, and the trip will educate them. A new era is opening for these states, and the far-seeing and energetic ones are preparing to meet the new conditions. Prosperity and progress are not in the dim distance, but are at the door, and it is common sense and business sagacity to take these steps for opening and developing the resources of the country." Northwest Notes. A Coos county paper says that there are a number of Chinese pheasants in the vicinity of Remote, in that county. The close of 1897 witnessed an improvement in Olympia trade of at least 25 per cent over the corresponding period of 1896. Garfield has shipped more than 20 carloads of apples to the mining camps this season, besides large quantities of pears and other fruits. Professor F. L. Washburn, biologist at the university of Oregon, has for some time been in correspondence with the commissioner of fish and fisheries at Washington, D. C., to secure an additional lot of Eastern oysters for Yaquina bay, and has just received word from Commissioner Brice to the effect that no more oysters can be supplied until further developments are made in the plant already located. Professor Washburn is of the opinion that the oysters already planted will thrive, and feels in no way discouraged. Collector of Customs Huestis has appointed Gilbert G. Chapin, of New York, tax inspector for Puget sound. The office pays \$1,800 a year. The war department has formally accepted the proffered title papers to the land for the army post at Magnolia bluff, near Seattle. Two minor objections were made. They, however, can be overcome. At the marriage of G. L. Brightwell and Mrs. S. J. Hedges, both residents of Platte county, Mo., a son of the groom acted as best man and a son of the bride stood up with her.

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Persons Worth Knowing. French's bust of the late General Walker, which was secured through subscriptions of undergraduates, was presented to the institute of technology, of Boston, on January 5, the first anniversary of General Walker's death. Forty musicians of Kansas City have conceived the design of giving practical expression to Shakespeare's opinion that music hath charms to soothe the savage breast, and will give a performance on each Sunday afternoon to the inmates of the workhouse.

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James Bain's Heroism. James Bain, chief engineer of the ill-fated steamer State of Florida, not only risked his life, but deliberately sacrificed it, to save a woman. The disaster was most pitiful. The steamer collided with a bark in mid ocean, and both vessels sank almost immediately. Only two men were saved from the bark, and only a handful of passengers and part of the ship's company from the steamer. Bain was safely in one of the life-boats, which was about to cast off, as there were so many people in it as it could hold. At that moment he saw a woman at the steamer's rail. She was too dazed to move. The steamer's deck was almost level with the water. Bain deliberately left his place in the boat, stepped onto the steamer's deck, lifted the woman over the taffrail, placed her on the seat he had occupied, cast off the boat, and went down with the steamer.—Every Day Heroism, by Gustave Kohbe in the January Century.

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Edward Marsden, a student in Lane Theological Seminary, at Cincinnati, is the first native Alaskan to receive an education in any of the states. He has studied law, theology, mechanical engineering and has learned the trades of carpenter, bricklayer, house painter, tinsmith, piano tuner, clock repairer, book-binding and typewriting.

Governor Bushnell, of Ohio, gave a pardon to Ralph Winter, a life prisoner, on the ground that he had served 20 years, and that he had not committed any crime during that time.

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San Francisco Market. Wool—Nevada 11@13c; Oregon, 12@14c; Northern 7@8c per pound. Hops—12 1/2@16c per pound. Millstuffs—Middlings, \$22@24; California bran, \$18.50@19.50 per ton. Onions—New red, 70@80c; do new Elgin, \$2.25@2.50 per cental. Eggs—Store, 32@34c; ranch, 25@28c; Eastern, 15@19; duck, 16c per dozen. Cheese—Fancy mild, new, 12 1/2c; fair to good, 7@8c per pound. Citrus Fruit—Oranges, \$4.00 a novel; \$1.50@2.50; Mexican limes, \$4.00@4.50; California lemons, choice, \$1.50@2.00; do common, 75c@1.25 per box. Hay—Wheat, \$18.50@19.50; wheat and oat, \$18@14.00; oat, \$11@13.50; best barley, \$11@13; alfalfa, \$11@11.50; clover, \$10.50@12. Fresh Fruit—Apples, 50c@1.25 per large box; grapes, 25@40c; Inabella, 60@75c; peaches, 50c@1 1/2; pears, 75c \$1 per box; plums, 20@35c. Butter—Fancy creamery, 28c; do seconds, 26@27c; factory dairy, 26c; good to choice, 24@25c per pound. Potatoes—New, in boxes, 45c@51c. The city of Rahway will soon possess the largest dome in the East. It is to be erected over the New Jersey state reformatory. The famous Louis XV drawing-room suite, composed of a sofa and six arm-chairs, with old Beauvais tapestry, has been sold in Paris to a London dealer for \$70,000. Peru balsam with nine times its weight of collonin is advised by Professor Klein for an elastic and waterproof coating for small wounds.

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