

A Southsayer's Warning of a Suicide and a Seaman Who Drowned.

Seaman John Fascal has received a letter from Allak, Alaska, giving an account of the suicide of Francis James, an able seaman who shipped on the Merom when she left here about six months ago for the northern canneries.

"Perhaps you remember," said Fascal, "that a young man named Lawrence fell overboard from the Merom when the bark was sailing through the Golden Gate."

"Lawrence's death and the suicide of Francis James recalled to my mind a very strange coincidence—a happening which occurred the night before the Merom sailed."

"We agreed to his proposition, and he started in by saying that Lawrence would die before the month was out."

"You may think I am telling you what is not true," said Fascal, "but all this occurred as sure as I am talking to you."

"Lawrence fell overboard, as you know, and here is a letter from Alaska saying that James committed suicide by shooting himself through the head. I have no further particulars, but surely it is a strange case, and I am anxious to hear what motive led to the latter taking his life."—San Francisco Call.

THREE GIRL TRAMPS.

Without Means They Started Out to Beat Their Way to California.

It appears that a number of women have taken to the road as tramps and are traveling toward California. They are said to be honest women who are in search of employment.

Accordingly they sallied forth and climbed to the top of the first freight train they came to, and sealing themselves on the edge of a box car they allowed their feet to dangle along the side and waited for the locomotive to roll away.

"Where are you going, my pretty maids?" he politely asked and gallantly lifted his hat.

The girls told him plainly that they were going to California; that they had no money to pay their fare, and that they did not propose to be put off the train.

None of the train crew interfered with the women. At various stations the girls went about and begged food. At one place, it is reported, a tramp insulted one of the women, and the three walked in together and gave him a trouncing that he will remember for many and many a day.

Pathetic Willingness.

It is probable that two wills were never made under more distressing and peculiar circumstances than those executed at the City hospital of Wilmington, Del., by John Bolo and Dinizno Dinatale, the Italians who were blown up and terribly mangled in an explosion of dynamite at Woodale recently.

An Interesting Decision.

An interesting case was tried before Justice Payne of Charleston a few days ago. The suit was brought by James King against John Bryant for the recovery of \$225 paid by King to Bryant for worthless blank paper.

A Funeral Tax In Paris.

Paris is threatened with a deficit in her budget, and the municipal council proposes to provide for it by an increased tax on funerals.

Stamps Instead of Tickets.

A new plan of railroad tickets will be adopted by the railway in December.

THE SO-CALLED "CRANK"

More Dangerous Than the Outright Lunatic and Should Be Made Harmless.

In some respects the crank is more dangerous than the outright lunatic. The latter usually gives warning of his intention, and he makes his assault on the set man with a gun.

Whenever a man is known to have made threats against any one, whose ever menacing letters are traced back to him, whenever he is shown clearly to be of unusual mind and possessed by delusion, he ought to be placed under some restraint or surveillance, and whenever he carries his persecution to the length of murder the community should be rid of him.

The insanity defense has done its work by saving a few real madmen from the scaffold, to drag out the rest of the living death that life is to them in asylums.

SAVED BY THE BABY.

The Crying of a Child Aroused the Father and Saved the Escapist from Cremation.

A 23-month-old baby saved the lives of six people early yesterday morning and averted the neighbors and saved the property of his father from destruction by fire.

At 3 o'clock in the morning Mr. Holdsworth, Jr., was awakened by the cries of his child, and smelling smoke he aroused his wife.

Carlew Rings Every Night.

Like many of the old New England towns, Newburyport, Mass., retains some quaint customs.

Storms in the South.

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VOORHEES' ATTITUDE.

Tariff Barons Given Cold Comfort by the Senator.

A Chinese Wall Wanted.

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"If protection were a Chinese wall," said the senator, "you manufacturers who believe in it would not be satisfied with any height to which it might be raised, but would keep the demand for an increased elevation."

"This is only a specimen of the importunities to which I am subjected. Many people who are engaged in manufacturing enterprises throughout the country and in other industries affected by the tariff call upon me daily and many more write to me."

Kuklux Law Revived.

CHATTAHOOGA, TENN., Jan. 15.—A Kuklux indictment was returned today by the grand jury against William Sylvester Harris, alias Dick Jones, the highwayman, charged with the murder of W. W. Ingersoll.

An absolute Tennessee statute of the acts of 1869 and 1870, passed during reconstruction days, and known as "a part of the Kuklux laws," will be revived. This law declares assault with deadly weapon by one in disguise or masked an assault with intent to commit murder in the first degree and is punishable by hanging.

A Life for a Cent.

OSAMA, Neb., Jan. 15.—Ellsworth De France was sentenced for life to the United States prison at Folsom, S. D. He robbed a wheel containing United States mail at Gordon, Neb., in October and secured only 1 cent for his trouble.

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MILITARY TROUBLE.

Colonel Lovell is Short in His Cash Account.

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HIS RETURN TO PORTLAND.

Soon after his escape from the penitentiary he secured a situation here as advertising solicitor, in which calling he quickly attained a high standing.

WANTED TO REDEEM HIMSELF.

After serving out his time, Stage returned to Portland and he came back to Portland. As but few persons outside of the officers of the court knew him, he thought he would remain here; that he would settle down, engage in legitimate business, and by an honest, upright course redeem himself.

STAGE'S WATERHOUSE.

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LETTERS ISSUED FOR THE COLORED MITCHELL CONTEST.

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A Daring Bank Robbery.

CITY OF MEXICO, Jan. 11.—The National Bank of Mexico is the victim of a remarkable robbery. Tuesday one of the tellers was consulting on the coin by pulling up the sacks of silver, each containing \$1,000 silver dollars, when a well-dressed young man snatched in to the room, and while attention was directed elsewhere, picked up one of the sacks and stroked out. Bookkeeping to a burlesquer, who was waiting on the street corner for a job, he handed him the sack and leisurely led the way along the crowded street for a block to the nearest street-car line.

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ATTORNEYS REMOVED BY COURT.

DEVELOPER, JAN. 12.—Judge Hallett, in the United States court, granted the petition of the Union Pacific for the removal of Wells, McNeal and Taylor, as attorneys for Receiver Trumbull, of the Gulf system.

STROKE OF REPUBLICAN POLICY.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—The executive committee of the republican national committee today laid what it considered a fine stroke policy by passing resolutions—first, for the admission of Utah to the Union, second, for the admission of all territories to the Union as states.

THERE ARE MANY APPLICANTS.

PORTLAND, Jan. 13.—Internal Revenue Collector Henry Blackman is being besieged with verbal and pistol applications for places in his office, so soon as he assumes actual charge.

THE COLORADO LEGISLATURE.

DENVER, Jan. 12.—The senate took a vote today on the question of adjournment, the majority taking up a motion to adjourn the house and take up the vote which for immediate adjournment the vote stood 39 to 28, but was lost lacking the necessary two-thirds.