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TELEGRAPH NEWS.

Horrifying Record.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 21.—San Francisco, London and Paris show an alarming increase of suicides within the past six months. Students of psychological subjects are trying to fathom the reasons, but no light has yet been shed upon the subject. Coroner Hawkins, of this city, has had more inquests over suicides since January 1, than were ever held in San Francisco during an equal period. Since he took charge of the office 7½ months ago, 94 suicides have come to his notice, being nearly as many as occurred in 1893 or 1894. The following is the number of suicides each month of 1895:

January, 5; February, 9; March, 12; April, 12; May, 14; June, 14; July, 15; to August 21, 10; total 94. There were but 112 suicides in 1893 and 125 in 1894, but if the same rate continues to the end of the year, the coroner's record will show nearly 170 suicides for the year.

Coroner Hawkins' rain has thus far been noted also for an excessive number of murders. There have already been 29, while there were but 28 during all of 1893 and but 33 in 1894.

Silver Men Routed.

SPRINGFIELD, O., Aug. 22.—The democratic ticket nominated at the state convention today is:

Governor, James E. Campbell; lieutenant-governor, John B. Peaslee; state auditor, James W. Knott; state treasurer, William Sholer; supreme judge, William T. Mooney; attorney-general, George A. Fairbanks; member of the board of public works, Harry B. Keefer; clerk of the supreme court, J. W. Cruikshank.

The nominations were all made without opposition. The convention was in session from 10:10 a. m. to 2 p. m., and the nominations were completed in a half-hour after ex-Governor Campbell had been drafted for the standard-bearer. The ballots were all on the minority report, on credentials and resolutions, the time was consumed between the gold and silver men. The gold men, headed by Senator Brice, had claimed that there would be less than 300 and probably not more than 200 of the 800 votes for free silver. The silver men claimed they would have no less than 300 and perhaps 350. It developed that there were 270 free-silver delegates. It was a fighting minority, but it would not carry the fight further than on the platform. The nominee for member of the board of public work, is said to be the only free-silver man on the ticket, although lines were not drawn on the candidates.

There was considerable enthusiasm over Campbell's nomination. He defeated ex-Governor Foraker in 1889, and was defeated in 1891 by William McKinley, Jr., the present incumbent. The nomination of Campbell means an aggressive campaign in Ohio, where McKinley is now recognized as a candidate for president. Foraker for senator, and Bushnell for governor. It is generally understood that Campbell was induced to make the race by promises of support for the presidential nomination in the event of his success next November, in which contingency he would again confront his old opponent, McKinley, should the latter be nominated. In co-operating with Senator Brice for a democratic legislature, ex-Governor Campbell is also again confronted with his old opponent, Foraker.

Thrilling Narrative.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 22.—The trial of the score Durrant will be resumed today after a delay of nearly a week, caused by the illness of Judge Murphy. The prosecution accepted the delay as an opportunity to take up the thread of several minor stories dropped by the demand to secure more vital clues. Absolutely nothing has been left undone to make the evidence against the accused conclusive. Charles L. Hedemark and his wife were visited again by the prosecutors and repeated the remarkable story they related soon after Durrant's arrest. This story, so little thought of at the time, has gained significant interest in the last few days, particularly in relation to an important statement made by the police. Captain Lees and associates have said that they will show beyond the power of contradiction the movements of Durrant during every hour of the day on which Blanche Lamont disappeared.

It is believed that they have a witness who saw Durrant near the church between 6 and 7 o'clock on the evening of April 3. The dramatic story told by Hedemark and his wife tells what followed. In the shadows of the church they saw a man moving from place to place. As the darkness of night deepened they saw him in the galleries of the

deserted place, guided in his terrible work by the light of a candle. At first the moving light behind the great church window made them think the church was on fire, but closer watching quieted their fears, and they concluded that someone was preparing the sanctuary. They had no suspicion that they were watching the last gruesome detail of a horrible crime.

The man whose shadow they saw was hiding the deadly record of his crime. He was busy among the rafters of the steeple, gazing now and again down upon the body of the girl whose life he had taken. Subsequent events gave an intense interest to the part which Hedemark and his wife played.

That is one reason why they have again told their story to the prosecution. Every detail was repeated. It was shortly before 7 o'clock that Mrs. Hedemark called her husband's attention to the light in the church window. She is able now to recall the incident for several reasons. April 3 was her sister's birthday, and Mrs. Hedemark had paid her a visit on that day. She had returned to her home somewhat late and was sitting with her husband in the dining room when her attention was drawn to Emanuel church. The Hedemarks live directly opposite the Emanuel church. Between their home and the Bartlett street church there is no obstruction. Mrs. Hedemark saw the moving light in the church at dusk. She thought it strange and, watching it for a moment, called her husband to the window. Together they traced the shadows on the church windows. The man was in the gallery of the church. Now and again he would stoop and the light would flicker. He moved slowly from that part of the gallery into which the door opened toward the belfry. When he had made slowly the journey ending at the foot of the tower, the light disappeared. Mrs. Hedemark waited a few moments and then left the window. She and her husband had watched the shadow of a murderer, but thought they looked at the reflection of some workmen in the silent church.

Whether or not Hedemark and his wife will be summoned by the prosecution remains to be seen. While their testimony possesses a singular dramatic interest, it tells nothing of the identity of the murderer. What other witnesses might tell, Hedemark could say nothing on that score. They did not even see the light in the belfry.

A Great Iron Trade Boom.

NEW YORK, Aug. 22.—The Iron Age says of the iron and metal trades that it looks as though the enormous wire industry of this country will soon be entirely controlled by a series of associations closely affiliated with one another.

So far as raw material is concerned, the central West is again on the upward move. There may have been heavy sales of Bessemer pig for delivery during the remainder of the year and for the first quarter of next year. The leading Chicago interest and two large Ohio steel works have been the most conspicuous features. Steel billets are firm, and display an upward tendency. Chicago records sales of 30,000 tons of steel rails this week, and it is understood that an 18,000-ton lot is under negotiation. Some car orders are coming up in the same territory, and a pretty large tonnage of bars is being placed. In the east the trade is less inclined to operate with cyclone vigor. In fact, it may be justly said that there is a distinct lull, which some welcome as affording a needed breathing spell, while others use it as a pretext for gloomy forebodings. The great majority, however, are inclined to believe in a further advance. Copper is very firm. This week the first lot of American copper ever sold on European account has arrived from Liverpool.

Women to Serve as Jurors.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Aug. 21.—Judge Sauley, of the 13th judicial district, will hold court at Lancaster, and says that he will hear the case of W. U. Stivers against Miss Catherine West for breach of promise, notwithstanding the compromise in the lower court, and that he will have a jury of six women and six men to try the case.

England and France.

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., Aug. 23.—The expected stoppage of the railway by French warships has caused great excitement. It is felt that it is a crucial point, in which England must make a determined stand against French aggression or sacrifice Newfoundland's property, which chiefly depends upon the development of internal resources made available by the completion of the railway. Premier Whiteway has started for Bay Islands, where trouble is expected to arise.

The British gunboat, Buzzard, leaves tomorrow to reinforce the flagship Cleopatra, now near the disputed coast. Considerable correspondence is taking place between the local ministry and the

Salisbury government relating to the matter. England's course is watched with anxiety.

The Hawaiian Cable.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 23.—Colonel Z. S. Spaulding, who was recently voted an annual subsidy of \$40,000 by the Hawaiian government if he would lay a cable from Honolulu to San Francisco, is anxious to secure the co-operation of the United States in the undertaking. To that end arrangements have been made to hold a special meeting of the chamber of commerce today to consider the best plan of laying the matter before the government. Vice-president Craig of the chamber of commerce has received private advices from the islands giving further particulars of the conditions under which the Hawaiian government gave Spaulding a franchise to lay a cable to this country. Spaulding is granted an exclusive franchise for 20 years "to construct a land cable upon the shores of the Hawaiian group and a submarine electric cable or cables to or from any point or points on the North American continent, or any island or islands contiguous thereto." The first cable must, however, have its terminus in San Francisco, and it is for the maintenance of this that a subsidy will be paid by the Hawaiian government for 20 years. The agreement is hedged with further conditions, among them, one that the United States shall join in the undertaking "by the grant of substantial assistance to the contractor." If this assistance be not granted, or should the contractor fail to comply with the conditions of the agreement, then the Hawaiian government will have the right of cancelling the contract 60 days after service upon the banking house of Bishop & Company, at Honolulu, a notice of its intention so to do.

After the cable has been laid penalties will be fixed for interruption of the service, except by the government, for a longer period than 90 days, and should the interruption continue one year, then the entire contract may be canceled. A free right of way across all government lands, and exemption from duty on all materials and from taxes and port charges, is granted to the contractor for 20 years, as well as the privilege of condemning and appropriating such property or rights of way as may be necessary for the operation of the cable. If the government should desire to assume control and ownership of the interisland lines at the end of one year after the completion of the system, it reserves the right to do so on payment of the cash cost of the land, stations, lines and equipments, free of all incumbrances and liens for bonds or interest on bonds.

The contractor is required to give bonds to the amount of \$25,000 for faithful fulfillment of his contract.

What Mr. Spaulding expects the United States government to do will be outlined by him at the meeting of the trustees of the chamber of commerce.

Spanish Atrocities.

KEY WEST, Fla., Aug. 22.—Reliable advices from Cuba indicate that the Spaniards in their efforts to suppress the rebellion are perpetrating atrocities as horrible as those attributed to the Kurds in Armenia. A few days ago Captain Garrido, a Spaniard operating with a company of 200 men in the province of Santiago de Cuba, discovered a hospital where nearly 100 wounded insurgents had taken refuge. Garrido ordered the helpless men put to death in the most cruel manner. He refused to allow them to be shot, but made his soldiers chop up the victims with swords. The wounded insurgents were literally disemboweled the Spanish butchers. This atrocious act, together with the execution of Captain Domingo Magica, at Matanzas, July 20 has greatly inflamed the people against the Spaniards, and many prominent Cubans, heretofore loyal to Spain, are now joining the insurgents.

The insurgent leaders, it is said, have resolved to retaliate for these butcheries, and will put to death all Spanish prisoners and order that no prisoners be taken hereafter.

Insurgents think the execution of Magica indicates that Spain is resolved on a "no-quarter" campaign. Magica was captured about three miles north of Jovellanos, and was shot as a traitor to Spain. He was about 28 years old, and came of one of the best families in Matanzas. A private dispatch received here states that Magica died like a hero, shouting "Viva Cuba Libre" as the Spanish soldiers fired.

The insurgents are now in possession of that part of Cuba lying between Colon and Cape May. Martinez Campos apparently realizes the hopelessness of the situation, for, in an interview with General Arderies, his brother-in-law, he stated that he feared Cuba was lost. Campos said he did not have the money necessary to carry on the war, and that his troops were poorly fed and completely demoralized.

The town of Santa Espiritus is completely deserted. Every able-bodied man has left and joined the insurgents under Roloff and Sanchez. Business throughout the city of Havana is stagnant. There is but little tobacco in the market, and the prices charged are exorbitant.

An Alleged Murderess.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Aug. 23.—Mrs. Nora Perkins was arrested late last night and charged with the murder of her sister, Mrs. Louise Hawkins, to obtain \$7,000 life insurance. Mrs. Hawkins died August 9, four hours after the overturning of a lamp near her bed where she lay ill. The police refuse to disclose their evidence. The sisters were widows.

Two policies were taken out on April 9 in Mrs. Perkins' favor. It is understood that the state expects to prove that the bed clothing was saturated with oil and ignited, and the lamp overturned to conceal the crime. On the other hand the defense claims to have an ante-mortem statement from Mrs. Hawkins to the effect that she overturned the lamp herself, accidentally.

Dueling is Inhibited.

CITY OF MEXICO, Aug. 23.—A section of the penal code relating to dueling provides that when any person is wounded or killed in a duel the conditions of which are favorable to one of the combatants, the challenging party shall be punished by 10 years' imprisonment, and the recipient of the challenge six years. The challenger's seconds are, in such cases, subject to the same punishment as the principals, and it is urged here that this law will apply in the Romero-Verastegui case now on trial if it is proved that the latter was the challenging party and the duel was unfair. The seconds in this case expect to escape with sentences of nine months' imprisonment to be commuted at a shilling a day.

The French Incensed.

PARIS, Aug. 23.—Le Temps publishes a letter from Tamatave, Madagascar, which says the French are incensed at the commander of the American cruiser Castine, for refusing to salute the garrison and to accord other customary courtesies on the ground that America had not recognized the French protectorate. The Americans have also caused irritation by persisting in a personal investigation of the Waller case. The Tamatave letter adds that the commander of the Castine consulted United States Consul Weller is not saluting the garrison.

Commander Price all Right.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—The navy department has been informed by Commander Price of his action in not saluting the French flag at Tamatave. His course meets the approval of the department. Tamatave is not a French port.

Vice-President Stevenson at Tacoma.

TACOMA, Aug. 23.—Vice-President Stevenson and party arrived from Alaska this morning. They are guests of John A. Parker, at whose residence in this city an all-day informal reception is being held, the public generally being admitted. The party starts east tomorrow morning over the Canadian Pacific railroad.

A Satanical Act.

BUTTE, Mont., Aug. 23.—An attempt was made last night by unknown miscreants to blow up the 10:30 o'clock east-bound Northern Pacific train by placing a stick of dynamite in a frog at a junction half a mile east of the city. Nearly the whole train passed over the dynamite before it exploded. The last coach filled with passengers was badly shattered, but no one was injured.

Ball At Long's.

About 50 young gentlemen and 40 young ladies enjoyed a social dance at John Long's last night. The music was furnished by Collis' new ideal orchestra, which is reported as excellent. A grand supper was had during the evening to which ample justice was done by the terpeichoreans votaries of that locality, and their friends from this city. It is reported as one of the most pleasant affairs of the kind, not one incident occurring to mar the festivities of the occasion.

Our local prune growers should be up and doing and see to it that Douglas county prunes receive the encomiums of thousands of visitors at Atlanta, and be recognized as the peerless prune of America. It may be years before such an opportunity occurs again, and no extraordinary effort is necessary to take advantage of it.

All parties desiring first-class lumber, sash, mouldings, window frames and door frames, fruit boxes, etc., at lowest cash prices, call at Bear Creek mill. C. A. Briggs.

BREVITIES.

From Thursday's Daily.

If you want good ice cream and ice cream soda in any quantities go to Niece's.

School District No. 4, Roseburg district, has 707 pupils enrolled and drawing public money.

W. Elmer Spoon, one of Douglas county's popular teachers, begins his labors at Brockway, Aug. 26.

With regard to the condition of things concerning the water works, the company is as whist as a mouse and the city dads are whister, and all is serene.

It may be relied upon that the present board of city trustees will not budge an inch from the stand it has taken on the subject of water supply for fire purposes.

The Weekly PLAINDEALER is furnishing its readers more reading matter, both local and foreign news and choice literary matter, than any other paper in Southern Oregon.

Our esteemed friend, J. Hunt of Oakland, who came down on business yesterday returned home today on the freight. Mr. Hunt is one of the solid farmers of this county, and a man "you can tie to" on all occasions. Like all true republicans he believes in the use of as much silver as can be kept on a parity with gold.

D. Looney, the marble and tombstone agent, returned yesterday from the south end of the county where he has been on business connected with his agency. He reports harvesting completed upon Cow Creek valley and that crops are good and the people correspondingly happy. We were sorry however, to learn that our old and esteemed friend, C. Lehman, is in poor health, from the effects of a fractured limb several years ago.

From Friday's Daily.

Mr. Sherman Clark, of Butte, Montana, is in the city.

John Shaw of Oakland is registered at the Van Houten.

L. L. Buil, of Crescent City, is a guest at the Van Houten.

A. B. Camp of Deer creek was in the city today on business.

Congressman Sherman went to Oakland today on the local.

J. F. Rice and C. W. Kirk went to Rice Hill today on the local.

J. J. Farquar is opening a second hand store at his place on Main street.

W. Batt and Geo. Marsh of St. Paul are registered at the Van Houten.

Mrs. Story Sheridan and family returned yesterday evening from Bandon.

S. D. Stephens has raised some very fine peaches this year of the early Crawford variety, for which he gets the highest price in the market.

S. A. Miller of Milton has raised two tons of prunes on 22 trees. They are Hungarians, and he sold them for one cent a pound on the tree.

C. L. Hadley, one of the best tenors in Oregon, is about to open parlors in this city again. Look for his card next week in this paper.

Mr. J. L. Grimes, of Looking Glass, is storing his wheat with the Roseburg Milling Company, with which he can make easier terms than selling now.

Lieutenant Leuseren has resigned his commission in A. Company O. N. G. The company thus loses a good and energetic officer and affable gentleman.

Manufacturers of wool are doing better than growers of wool. The manufacturers have protection. The wool-growers have free trade. Great is "tariff reform."

The committee of seven raised by the citizens' meeting to confer with the city authorities and the water company, report progress but are not yet ready to make a final report.

Parties having engaged excursion tickets to Grants Pass are requested to call on F. M. Zigler and pay for same, as the money must be deposited with the railroad company at once.

About 400 hop-pickers have gone to work in Dr. H. A. Davis' big hop-yards near Harriensburg. These are early hops. In most yards picking will begin in about 10 days or two weeks.

F. M. Zigler, who has been taking in the sights at Astoria for the past two weeks, returned on yesterday's local. He reports Astoria as a lively town just now, with plenty of money in circulation.

Mrs. James Denholm and children are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Easton this week on their return home to Parkersburg, Coos county, from Oregon City, where Mrs. Denholm has been on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rintoul. Our readers will doubtless remember Mrs. Denholm, who resided on Mill street

until the disastrous floods destroyed the woolen mills the winter of 1890, in which Mr. Denholm was a part owner.

There are in Douglas county, as reported by the assessor, Jas. A. Sterling, 2331 men subject to military duty. In the three precincts of Roseburg, Deer creek and Umpqua there are 331 possible soldiers.

W. W. Caldwell, attorney, has filed a motion for change of venue to Josephine county, the case of Andy and Albert Pool jointly, and of Albert Pool singly. The case will be argued at next term of court before his honor, Judge Fullerton.

Theron Waite came into town today on business. He has finished harvesting and is now looking over the prospects for marketing his crop. He has raised several acres of beans which he says will give a fair yield, and he hopes he will be able to realize a remunerative price for them.

Married, Aug. 15, 1895, Elder W. C. Ward united Mr. Arthur F. Kinsel and Miss A. C. Peterson in marriage at the home of the bride, where they will remain a few days and then move to their own home in the neighborhood. We hope that many happy days are before this young and energetic couple.

In the matter of the estate of S. Marks, deceased, upon the petition of A. C. Marks, the court cited the administrator to appear Monday, September 23, and show cause, if any, why the prayer of the petitioner be not granted. The petition sets out that the undertaking of administrator, Asher Marks, is insufficient and asks that additional surety be given.

D. Jackson, the city gun smith, is doing a swimming business now. The open season makes a demand for sportmen's outfits. These gunners now go out into the country and kill the grouse, quail and pheasants that the farmers have been feeding the last two months, and have got in good condition. All the expense these gunners are to, is an occasional repair of a gun and a little ammunition.

Mr. F. Martin, representative of the Oregon Fruit Union, will load a car of Bartlett pears here Monday, furnished by the fruit growers of this vicinity. There pears will be shipped to such points East as will offer the best market. This system of marketing fruit affords the best prospect of disposing of our surplus fruit of any yet devised. It affords a means of concerted action without which good results are not attained.

Charles Harmon has a patent for an improved stove oven. The patent is for a rotary bottom to the oven so arranged that the cook can, by the turn of a thumb screw on the outside turn a loaf, pie or roast in the oven without taking them out as is the old way. Also if the bottom of the oven becomes too hot, the cook can by the turn of a thumb screw elevate the loaf so as to prevent burning or scorching. It is truly one of the most convenient devices for the purpose ever invented. The model is on exhibition at A. L. Harmon's saloon. Charles Harmon, patentee.

Roseburg.

Travelers visiting Roseburg, after taking observation of the different towns through which they have passed, concede that Roseburg is one of the thriftiest towns in the state, and her people about as enterprising as can be found elsewhere. The country tributary to the city is noted for its fertile soil and its great diversity of resources, and the energy and intelligence of the people will compare favorably with those of any other locality. Scarcely anywhere can there be found a more picturesque and varied landscape than is embraced within the territorial limits of Douglas county, while many beautiful mountain streams flow onward through its various valleys to the sea. The future of Roseburg seems to beam brightly with promise of enhanced business activities, and she is destined to be the great commercial emporium of Southern Oregon. Let her citizens be fully awake to the realities of the present, and then, with a spirit of enterprise worthy an intelligent citizenship, put their shoulders to the wheel, and push on the car of progress to the fulfillment of her bright destiny. Honest, persevering work will tell, the time is full of opportunities, and let all make the most of what they have to do with. Let every business man do his best, and he who does his best under the circumstances does well.

It is currently reported that the water company is making a thorough canvass of the city with the view of controlling the next board and renewing the old contract.

At Henry Eastons you can get 16 and 17 pounds of sugar for \$1, and other groceries proportionally cheap.