ASHLAND TIDINGS.

Friday,..... January 31, 1890.

Settle, Settle.

All persons having unsettled accounts with the undersigned will kindly call and settle the same either by cash or note without delay.

January 15, 1890. J. M. McCALL.

Weather Bulletin.

Wednesday morning, 29th. High water in Grave and Wolf creeks. Water rose seven feet at Merlin yesterday afternoon—track washing out. Rain all the way from Ashland to Redding, except at Siskiyou station, where snow is falling.

Stockholders Meeting.

A meeting of the stockholders of the East Ashland Ditch Co. will be held at City Council rooms, at 2 p. m., Saturday, Feb. 1st. All stockholders requested to be present. Business of importance. By order of

JACOB WAGNER,
W. H. ATKINSON,
Directors.

Marble Work.

Call at the Ashland Marble Works and see a choice and well selected stock of fine marble. Having a personal friend in the Vermont marble works, we are favored with the best grades and latest designs. We do our own work (and do not pay for smooth talk.) Turn over money at home and give us your orders. J. H. RUSSELL.

Paper Festival.

The "King's Daughters" will give a paper festival at the Congregational church Friday evening, Feb. 14th. Paper articles, useful and ornamental for both old and young will be for sale. "The Daughters" will appear in paper costumes. Supper will be served and there will be music and recitations during the evening.

Regular Militia Meeting.

All members Co. D. 2d Inf., O. N. G., will take notice that the regular monthly meeting of the company will be held at Granite Hill next Monday evening, Feb. 3d. Business of importance on hand, and a full attendance required. By order of

G. F. McCONNELL,
By F. D. WAGNER, Capt. Comdg.
Co. Clerk.

Notice

The board of directors of School District No 5, Jackson county, Oregon, will meet in the auditorium of Odd Fellows Hall on Jan. 31st, 1890, at 1 o'clock p. m., and continue in session during Friday afternoon and Saturday, Feb. 1st, 1890, for the purpose of equalizing the assessment just completed for said district.

W. A. PATRICK,
District clerk.

Death's Doings.

Mrs. Boyd, widow of the late Thos. P. Boyd, Sr., who moved from Ashland to The Dalles last fall, to live with her son there, died at that place recently, from pneumonia.

Irving Brown, son of O. T. Brown, of Plevna, died at Medford last Friday, of pneumonia, having taken cold after an attack of the grippe. Deceased was a son-in-law of John Van Horn and a nephew of Mrs. George Stephenson, of this place, and was buried in Phoenix last Sunday. He had recently gone into the blacksmithing business at Medford, and was an industrious young man, and a worthy citizen.

Mrs. E. F. Simon died at Eagle Point on Tuesday of last week, after an illness of only a few days, from inflammation of the bowels. Deceased was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Daley. She left to the care of the bereaved husband a little child less than a year old. Many friends of the family here and in other parts of the county join in mourning her untimely death.

A son of Jacob Conley, of Sam's Valley, died about two weeks ago from pneumonia, aged about 19 years.

The family of Q. N. Anderson, near Phoenix, has suffered a sad and heavy visitation of death within the past two weeks. The death of Mrs. Q. N. Anderson, her son Albert, and the son's wife, is reported.

Nothing Encouraging.

There are no encouraging reports from the railroad blockade either north or south. But little is heard from the south, except that, in addition to the difficulty from snow in the Mt. Shasta region, floods have been damaging the track further south. The work of clearing the track of snow is said to be steadily kept up, but little progress is made.

At the north there are slides and washouts between Grant's Pass and Roseburg. Wednesday it was raining hard in the mountains, and with 18 inches of snow at Wolf creek and a corresponding depth all along the line of the mountain section, the streams are booming. Yesterday it was learned that the water covered 100 yards of track at Wolf creek, and that if the creek got any higher in the canyon very serious damage would result. It is rumored that the Superintendent of the S. P. Lines in Oregon has ordered all trains taken off south of Roseburg till the blockade south of California state line is raised. This is probably not true. The train dispatcher has informed the railroad force at Ashland that no trains will be run south of Roseburg till the track is cleared of slides and other damages repaired, and telegraph communication established again, so that trains can be controlled from his office. Only a small force of men—the regular employes—is at work repairing damages in this section—between Grant's Pass and Roseburg. No doubt much greater efforts would be made to put trains through if the track were clear south of Ashland. It looks now as if we might not have a train to Ashland from either way for a week or more. It is rough on our mail service. A mail carrier even once or twice a week would be a great and highly appreciated convenience now.

Robbery of an Express Train in California.

Tulare, Cal., Jan. 21.—The southbound passenger train was stopped this morning by two masked men, seven miles north of Tulare. The robbers climbed over the baggage car and ordered the engineer to stop the train, which he did. The men then compelled the engineer and fireman to go with them and order the express messenger to open the door. The robbers made the engineer and fireman accompany them several hundred yards from the train, when they took their departure. A tramp who was stealing a ride was seen by the robbers while crawling out, and, mistaking him for a trainman, they shot him in the head. The wounded man is unconscious, but may recover. Engineer S. H. DePue says that the first he saw of the men they were coming down over the tender. Both had shotguns fastened to a strap over their neck and shoulders, so they could be used handily. The men were cool and determined. When the engineer asked the express messenger to open the door the robbers held the trainman between them and the car so that the messenger could not shoot. The messenger not making sufficient haste one of the robbers began counting, which caused the engineer to call out to the messenger to hurry up as the men are going to kill them. One of the men stood guard while the other rifled the express. The amount taken is reported to be $25,000. Officers are scouring the country looking for the robbers.

Visalia, Cal., Jan. 21.—The sheriff has dispatched six armed and mounted men from here in pursuit of the Tulare robbers.

Tulare, Cal., Jan. 21.—Special Officer J. F. Batchelder, with a posse on the trail of the robbers, tracked them to a swamp on Mill creek, where he lost trace, but is still hunting for them. Other officers are out in different directions.

Everybody knows that Moral Bros. is the cheapest place to buy dry goods.

BREVITIES.

See the "Last Load."

Clearance sale at Moral Bros.

Everybody goes to Hunsaker's *

Some good violins at Hunsaker's *

Hay is quoted at $14 to $16 per ton at Eagle Point.

Medford is to have a lodge of Knights of Pythias.

Two good second hand organs on easy payments at Hunsaker's. *

Mr. Barr sold fifty-one tons of baled hay at $13 per ton at Gold Hill Wednesday.

The snow was about 2½ feet deep at Lake creek in the eastern part of the county.

The wagon roads will soon be in very bad condition if the warm weather continues.

It was reported that two feet of fresh snow fell at Sisson last Monday night, but it has been raining there since.

J. W. O. Gregory was down the valley as far as Rogue river this week, and bought some hay at a reasonable figure.

Snow is all gone from the streets and yards in Ashland, except in shaded places, or where it had been piled or packed.

A class in the Business Course at the Normal will be organized next Monday. Anyone wishing a thorough business course should attend.

At the Presbyterian church next Sabbath the sermon subjects will be "The Royal law of Love," and "The Christian Endeavor Movement."

The cold rains of the present week have been rough on unsheltered stock—particularly if the animals were enfeebled from lack of sufficient feed.

Anyone wishing sewing of any kind done to order, please call on Mrs. Feldman. Dressmaking, tailoring, or family sewing. Residence opposite Sulphur Springs Hotel. 28

A number of sleighs, but little used—almost as good as new—can be purchased at a material reduction from cost price. They must be cleared out, to make room for spring styles.

A new company of the Oregon National Guard was organized at Medford on the 17th inst., with R. T. Young as captain; Horace Nicholson, first lieutenant, and George Barden, second lieutenant.

All the first-class passengers yet remaining here, en route southward, last Tuesday morning left on the train which pulled out for Portland. About thirty passengers with second-class tickets remained here.

The third elocutionary contest will be held at the Normal building tomorrow (Saturday) evening. This contest promises to be one of the most interesting. Admission free, and everybody invited.

The barn of Wm. French, of Little Butte, fell from the weight of snow on its roof, and caused him a loss of about $200. A pair of mules and nearly all of his chickens were killed, and a new wagon destroyed.

Medford agrees to stand by her offer of $7,500 toward the bonus for a railroad to Jacksonville, making the same offer to the persons now considering the project that she made in the first place.

The orchard case of Anderson vs. Hannon Bros., appealed from this county, is to be argued before the supreme court next Monday—at least that is the day set by the court for hearing the case.

There were seven burials at the Phoenix cemetery within about a week recently. This shows the fatal effect of the prevailing epidemic. The burials were not all from deaths in the immediate neighborhood of Phoenix.

Davis & France, proprietors of the flouring mill at Medford, have bought the Phoenix mill of P. W. Olwell, and intend to overhaul and improve it. They will operate both mills, Mr. Joseph France taking charge of the Phoenix mill.

The Medford *News*, a semi-weekly newspaper started last August by Ira A. Phelps and F. B. Ticknor, which was afterward changed to a weekly and subsequently sold to A. D. Dodson, suspended on the 9th inst., for want of patronage.

Co. D, O. N. G., will have much more pleasant quarters in Granite hall than in their former barracks. A large room in upper back part of the hall, heretofore unfinished, is being finished up for office and other quarters by the company.

Fred Hansen's "Table Rock Farm" with 18 head of horses and mules all the cattle, hogs, poultry, machinery, farm implements, household goods, hay, grain, etc, for sale, $25,000.—a bargain. Call on Fred Hansen, Ashland or Table Rock. [33-2m.

The snow at the summit of the toll road over the Siskiyou mountain is reported to be about fifteen feet deep. H. C. Dollarhide, proprietor of the toll road, says the deepest he has ever known it heretofore was twelve feet, one winter about eight years ago.

The failure of the trains interferes with local mail communication in this valley, and the contractors ought to be compelled to provide for local service through the valley, which they could easily do by hiring teams, if it costs too much to run the trains.

What enhances the beauty of fine features more than a clear skin? Even plain features are made attractive by a good complexion. To secure this, purify your blood with Ayer's Sarsaparilla. It has no equal. Price $1. Six bottles, $5. Worth $5 a bottle.

Eminent physicians everywhere recommend Ayer's Cherry Pectoral as the most reliable remedy that can be had for colds, coughs, and all pulmonary disorders. Ask your druggist for Ayer's Almanac; it is the best publication of the kind, and full of information.

"The Lost Load," a drama of unusual interest, will be presented at Granite Hall on next Wednesday, Feb. 5, by some of the best amateur talent in Ashland. No pains is being spared to make it a grand success. Admission 25 cents. Reserved seats, 40 cents.

The roan saddle and racing animal called "Sukie," that used to win many quarter races at the local fairs a few years ago, was killed by the fall of a barn upon the Cove ranch of Thompson & Butler recently. She was a valuable brood mare, and was owned by Mrs. G. S. Butler.

H. A. Case, who was badly hurt last week by a log rolling over him, is recovering from his injuries. The log rolled over his head, and Case was unconscious for a long time. Dr. J. H. Hall attended him, and reports that he had a narrow escape, the skull being subjected to a very severe strain, but not showing signs of fracture.

J. M. Tyler reports the snow to have been less than two feet deep at its deepest at his place on the Linkville road above Soda Springs. This is less snow than might have been expected at that altitude, considering the depth throughout the valley, but it is the deepest Mr. Tyler has known, and his experience runs back about seventeen years.

The greater portion of J. S. Herrin's sheep are at his ranch northeast of Ashland in their usual winter quarters, with plenty of hay. One band, which he sent over on Rogue River, were snowed in, and in a precarious situation for a time, but have since been supplied with plenty of good browse in the timber and are reported as doing well.

The Rummels boys came over from Antelope last Tuesday after supplies, and had hard work to get to their ranch. The amount of the mountain road for twelve miles had to be cut out, and they were at work cutting and breaking the trail for a day or two before they could get through. They found the snow drifted seven feet deep in places.

Orders of any kind for finished lumber or shop work will be received now at the Gilroy planing mill, and promptly filled. 28

In men's heavy woolen underwear Hunsaker has reduced prices to suit you. *

There is likely to be a sugar famine in Ashland before the freight trains run again, and we may have to make our coffee of beans and carrots, but the supply of flour and beef and bacon will hold out "till the robins nest again."

The rains of Tuesday and Wednesday raised Bear creek about 3½ feet east of Ashland and four or five feet at Talent Wednesday afternoon, but not high enough to do any damage at all, and yesterday it was falling. Ashland creek was scarcely raised at all.

Old homely Benn, the butcher, apparently wants the earth, and that summer followed, but while he is waiting for it, a few sheep, hogs, forty-eleven old hens, eggs a couple of times, sheep pelts, hides and butter to grease 'em will kinder ease him along. Yours etc., Billy Bowlegs, nee Doozenberry.

The snow plow which was disabled in the Siskiyous and sent to Grant's Pass for repairs, was put in repair and started back yesterday to Ashland. Whether it will immediately begin to "buck snow" up in the Siskiyous, the men here didn't know yesterday noon. A slide at Bloody run, this side of Grant's Pass, prevented the plow from coming yesterday. It is expected to-day.

The Butte creek country in Jackson county is the headquarters for a stock raising business of considerable proportions. Most of the year the cattle live on the common, mountain range and some winters great numbers of them pick up enough grass and browse on the lower, winter ranges to enable them to live with very little or no feeding from their owners. This winter some 8,000 to 10,000 head are being fed by the ranchers in that section, it is estimated.

Eight carloads of the iron water pipe for the new city water works have arrived here, and been distributed. A carload and a half of the same shipment is delayed somewhere between Albany and Ashland. This is all from San Francisco, furnished by Geo. C. Eddings. Mr. Eddings's contract calls for the delivery of about 20,000 feet of smaller pipe, besides this shipment of 9½ carloads, and then he will be through with his part of the business. When the pipe from the East will arrive, nobody knows.

The *Times* explained the absence of its usual column of one-week-late items from Klamath county by stating that it had received no correspondence from east of the mountains. The TIDINGS hadn't received the *Star* and *Examiner*, either. The *Times* might have dashed off a few items, anyhow, like that it had about the size of the audience at the play of "The Lost Load" in Ashland Wednesday—a play that was postponed, unfortunately for the accuracy of the *Times* item.

The mortality in this valley during the past few weeks from disease of the nature of pneumonia has been unusually large, as great, perhaps, in proportion to the population as in many places in the East where the people are making much ado about the serious effects of *la grippe*. Undoubtedly the same conditions or causes have produced the unusual prevalence of the disease here as in the Eastern states and Europe. Such a prevalence of pneumonia and kindred ailments has never been known in this part of Oregon before.

Of damage to buildings throughout the county by snow, the following were reported last week, in addition to those enumerated before: The big barn of J. M. Lofland in Jacksonville precinct, and the barn of C. Mingus, near Medford, went down. The roof of a stock shed on J. A. Louden's farm on Thompson creek fell and crippled several head of cattle, and the roof of the school house fell in—no one in the building at the time. The Jacksonville band wagon was damaged by the fall of the shed under which it was standing.

For a day or two, we hadn't even telegraphic communication with the world, except between Glendale at the north, and Sisson at the south, but there has been a chance for telegraphing in either direction most of the time since Saturday. The wires were thrown down for a long distance north of Glendale, by the great load of snow and ice which gathered upon them, and the heavy winds which have prevailed, but there is a large force of men at work there, repairing the damages as rapidly as possible, and endeavoring to keep communication open.

From Mr. Landers it is learned that important improvements are to be made in the Ashland Roller Mills, by the addition of new machinery. A new set of double rolls, new reels, scouring apparatus, bran-packer, etc., are to be added, and the mill will then have the roller process complete, and will be able to turn out flour even a little finer than its past product, which has enjoyed an enviable reputation. Mr. O'Brien, of Wagner & Co., San Francisco, will have charge of the work of putting in the new machinery, which will be shipped as soon as the railroad blockade is broken.

The weather has finally caused the suspension of operations at Dollarhide's saw mill in the Siskiyous. The men continued logging after the snow was more than three feet deep, but a big storm about doubled that depth in one night, and they were compelled to shut down the work. The ten head of logging cattle and seven horses were taken from the mill to the Toll House ranch, with some difficulty, last Friday, being driven through the railroad tunnel from the southern side of the mountain. The snow at the saw mill has been eight or nine feet deep, and on the old stage road in places about the summit and at the north end of the tunnel it is fifteen feet deep.

C. C. Walker came in the first of the week from Dead Indian. He reported half-a-dozen men at work slowly cutting a trail up east side of the dividing ridge, but making slow progress, as the snow kept drifting in at places almost as fast as they shoveled it out. A larger force of men were to go to work since, and J. R. Roper started Wednesday morning with several men to begin breaking a trail from Tucker's place up the west side of the mountain. The ranchers who are the shortest of hay can feed their stock for about a week yet, and it is expected that the trail will be opened within that time. The rain which began Tuesday has been a help to the trail-makers, by packing the snow. The depth of snow just at the summit of the road is about five feet, but at places on the eastern side it is six or seven feet.

The Medford *Mail* has assumed the role of an expert in civil engineering, and has condemned the Siskiyou pass as a railroad avenue. What the editor of the *Mail* doesn't know about the mountain passes in Southern Oregon would serve to fill up for years the weekly local-news vacuum in his paper. There is no occasion to complain about the Siskiyou pass. In this season of unprecedented snow and of general blockades, the railroad company has had no trouble in the Siskiyous to compare with that both at the northward and southward. The Siskiyous haven't figured at all in the blockade—a good snow plow would easily keep the track clear if kept at work. There has been no engine over the Siskiyous for two weeks now, simply because the road is blockaded south, and there is no use traveling the mountain section between Ashland and Klamath. The Siskiyou pass is the lowest in this whole region, and the cuts directly among it, so that the distance through the deep snow altitude is reduced to a minimum. The *Mail* says an examination will be made next summer to find a better pass. It is suggested that right now would be a good time to make this examination—the snow will speak for itself, and facts are better than opinions in such matters.

Go to our store, east side of Plaza, for paints, oils, varnishes, brushes, artists' materials, and wall and building papers. Estimates made on painting, paper hanging, interior decorations, etc.

EVANS & DUCNK, Ashland, Or.

A shocking affair is reported from Dunsmuir. The foreman of a gang of men at work in the snow on the railroad, Mr. Winting, was killed by a snow plow. His body was to be sent to Redding for burial, and the casket containing it was deposited in the freight warehouse. The warehouse fell beneath the weight of snow on its roof, and the casket and body were crushed. The remains were removed from the wreck, and re-coffined, and deposited in a snow drift on a freight car, to await an opportunity for transportation to Redding.

Maj. H. F. Barron and sons are the largest cattle-raisers in this part of the country, and are well fixed to pull through the winter in ordinary times all the cattle they can handle on the fine mountain range they control, but the poor crops of last season and the present severe winter have made them do considerable rustling for hay. They have bought considerable at different places. Some of their cattle are up at the Cove ranch, being fed, and a large number have been fed at the Dunn place. The latter lot—about 200 head—will probably be driven to W. J. Gregory's place, east of Central Point, where George Barron bought a good bunch of hay this week at $12 per ton.

One of the passengers of the blockaded party here, W. C. Roberts, was arrested by officer Mayfield last Monday, upon a telegram from the sheriff of Multnomah county, who subsequently telegraphed the warrant of arrest, which charges defendant with larceny. Roberts claimed that he knew of no reason why he should be arrested, and was satisfied there was some mistake in the matter, and applied for legal assistance to the law firm of Phillips & Bartenshaw. The attorneys sued out a writ of *habeas corpus* and Roberts was taken to Jacksonville Wednesday by officer Mayfield, and the hearing resulted in Roberts being turned over to the custody of Sheriff Birdsey to await the arrival of an officer from Multnomah after him. In default of $2000 bail, as fixed by the justice in Portland, Roberts was committed to jail. A Portland dispatch in the telegraphic news columns of the TIDINGS throws some light on the case.

Money is evidently as scarce at Ashland as anywhere, as $800 was bid in at the last meeting of the A. B. & L. A. by a party who bid over four years' interest in advance.—*Jacksonville Times.*

If a flavor of melancholy and disappointment be detected in the above item it may be explained, perhaps, by the fact that at the last loaning of money by the Ashland Building and Loan Association, a prominent business man of Jacksonville—in the newspaper business—was a prominent bidder by proxy. For him a bid of 48 months' interest in advance was made. Another man bid one month more—49 months interest in advance—and took the loan. This does not indicate any unusual stringency in the local money market, however. It simply shows that people who have studied the matter, realize that a heavy discount, or advance interest deduction, may be paid for a long-time loan in a building association, and yet the stockholder who takes it will do better than to borrow money from year to year at ordinary interest, payable annually. The bids for B. & L. funds in other places prove this—as high as fifty-six months advance interest having been reported in Portland, the interest being eight per cent.

The trains which should have met near Roseburg last Wednesday night had a rough time getting through the mountain and canyon country between Grant's Pass and Roseburg. Train 15, that left Ashland going north Wednesday evening, stuck first at tunnel 10, and kept sticking in from three to five feet of snow—and no snow plow—all the way from there to West Fork, where it finally passed the other train. Train 16, which left Portland Wednesday evening for Ashland, stuck first at Robert's Hill, a few miles south of Roseburg, where the debris of a slide had to be removed from the track, and then was fenced in for two days or more by fallen timber, at West Fork. Supt. Brandt, with his private car, was with the train, and finding obstructions ahead, he ordered the train to back into the side track at West Fork station. The train pulled up to pass the switch, but found a big tree across the track just a few feet too near the switch to allow the train to go ahead far enough to get on to the side track. Then they concluded to run onto the siding from the north end of the switch, and backed the train till the engine was beyond the north end of the side track. They could have taken the switch all right then, but concluded to back a little further, to the water tank, and take water first. Before they were through with that job, a big tree fell across the track just in front of the north end of the switch, and the train couldn't reach the side track, after all. It pulled in, however, as far as it could on the main track, and as it did so another big tree fell across the track back of the train, just missing Supt. Brandt's car. There happened to be provisions enough at West Fork Station to feed all hands, and the lady of the house treated them in the most hospitable manner during their enforced stay of two days.

PERSONAL.

John F. Brittsan went down to Jacksonville to make final proof on his homestead claim west of Ashland last Saturday.

Dr. C. E. Loomis, special agent of the Land Department, was in the valley last week, investigating some complaints about government land being enclosed unlawfully.

Mr. C. N. Potter, of Salem, whose wife and daughter have been spending some weeks in Ashland, came out last week, for a visit here.

C. W. Ayers, who went down to Albany some three weeks ago, to look after a building contract, has as yet failed to return home—caught on the wrong side of the blockade.

Judge Tolman and family will move into town next month, and occupy the residence formerly owned by Thomas Eubanks house—later the Swift residence—on Main street.

George Brown, of Eagle Point, is at Portland on business.

Mr. "Boots," a cigar drummer from New York who furnished lots of sport for "the boys" at The Oregon during his stay in Ashland, started yesterday morning for Roseburg with one of Kyle's teams in charge of Dave Ralph. The trip will cost him $50 to $60, but he doesn't care for expenses.

Dr. Kahler, of Phoenix, is reported seriously sick.

Mrs. Joseph Rapp, of Talent, who has been seriously ill, has been better, but was reported worse again yesterday afternoon.

Uncle Isaac Constant, of Central Point, was very low Wednesday, and there were fears of a fatal termination of his illness. He had taken cold after at attack of the grippe.

So many people have been ill with the grippe and bad colds that the TIDINGS will not undertake to enumerate them. There are no serious cases in Ashland.

Real Estate Transactions.

L. D. Fuller has sold his handsome cottage on the Boulevard to S. B. Galey, who will occupy the place as his own residence soon. The price is $4,000.

C. B. Watson has sold to John P. Walker, his cottage on north side of the Boulevard; consideration, $1800; also, to Fred D. Wagner, a fractional lot on south side of Boulevard; con, $75.

The sale of property in northwestern part of town belonging to the Shearer estate; by M. L. McCall, administrator of the estate, last Saturday was not very well attended, and the property sold low. The house and lot, purchased by S. M. Rhodes, brought $1050 and the other lot was sold to R. A. Payne for $300.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Special to the Tidings.

The First News from the Outside World since Jan. 22.

STORMS AND FLOODS IN CALIFORNIA.

News from Washington—Canada has a Sensation—Crimes and Suicides.

THE LATEST FROM THE RAILROAD BLOCKADES NORTH AND SOUTH—C. P. R. R. STILL BLOCKED.

Atlantic Steamers are Having Stormy Passages.

LATEST FROM SISSON AND DUNSMUIR AND THE RAILROAD NORTH.

DUNSMUIR, Cal., Jan. 30.—The situation here remains unchanged. The plow gangs sent north and south had met several land and snow slides and have not yet reached Mott or Sims. Other slides are reported on the track since these gangs went out. No time can be set when a train can come up. The weather is mild and cloudy, with indications of more storm. A hog engine, which has just been overhauled in the round house, will be turned loose in the yard to-morrow, to clean up. Everybody is cheerful, but provisions are running short.

SISSONS, Cal., Jan. 30.—The snow plow from Edgewood has reached a point about five miles north of here and is coming south surely, but slowly. The work crews are making considerable fuss in complaints about the engineers of the big engines (the hogs) refusing to run with full speed against the snow. They say the engineers reverse their engines just before striking the snow, to avoid danger, and that they are not making the progress they should. The snow plow from the south has not reached Mott yet. Don't know what is the matter.

GRANT'S PASS, Or., Jan. 30.—River and small streams going down. Snow on the level of the town almost gone, and melting. Appears to be plenty more in mountains, however. Weather warm and cloudy.

A very bad slide has occurred at Bloody Run, three miles south of here. The section men are at work on it. Can't hear anything from the north.

THE STORMS AND FLOODS.

The Big Blockade in the Sierras. Storm and Flood Notes from Various Places in California.

MOUNTAINS OF SNOW.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 29.—The following is the latest from the snow blockade in the Sierras: The weather is very menacing this evening. No snow is falling, but much is drifting. The snow is piled mountains high, and ready in a hundred places to slide into cuts and completely undo the work of two weeks' hard labor. A high wind and threatening clouds warrant the fear of such a disaster. Railroad men just from the front say there can be no certainty about the road being opened, or kept open, until these immense piles of snow through which the plows have cut a passage way have melted down, as they are ready to topple over into the cuts at any moment.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 30th.—This is the sixteenth day of the great snow embargo in the Sierra Nevadas. Very little was accomplished yesterday towards the moving of the seven trains still at Wadsworth, Reno, and Truckee, and the situation was still further complicated by a fresh snow storm, with high winds, threatening snow slides and drifts. Reports are recieved of the condition of the passengers in the train now delayed at Reno. A number of interviews with them have been obtained. Dispatches from Truckee deny the rumors of diphtheria. Snow was reported falling again at Cisco at midnight.

BEGUN RAINING AGAIN.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 30.—Once more the skies have assumed a threatening appearance, and at the moment when many of the water-soaked districts were beginning to believe that the continuous bad weather had ended, the rain has begun again. High winds from the storm quarters are blowing, and in several localities the streams are reported to be rising. It is feared that if the rain of yesterday continues, more inundations may be the result. Several storms are also reported in the mountains. Weather here very cloudy and indications of rain.

GILROY INUNDATED.

GILROY, Cal., Jan. 25.—A serious flood here. Both creeks have overflowed, and the southern and eastern portions of the city are inundated.

AT IONE.

IONE, Cal., Jan. 25.—It is raining constantly and heavily, and water has risen till many houses are flooded.

MORE INUNDATIONS.

WOODLAND, Cal., Jan. 25.—Report comes from Knight's Landing that the river is rising rapidly. At Winters Putap creek bank full, some places running over orchards and vineyards. The water is two feet deep in dwellings on some ranches. Near Black's six hundred feet of the railroad track is washed out.

TO BUILD UP THE LEVEES.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 26.—The river this afternoon is twenty-one feet, four inches above low water stage, and still rising. An order was issued today by the city authorities to employ five hundred men on the Y street levee. It is proposed to build the levee higher in some places, and strengthen it in others.

The situation on the railroad in the mountain section this evening is very serious. At Alta a very heavy snow slide took place this morning, and it will take the hardest kind of work all night to remove it. It is snowing in the mountains now.

SUBSIDING AT STOCKTON.

STOCKTON, Cal., Jan. 29.—The flood in the lower part of the city is subsiding, and no more damage or danger is anticipated.

OLD PROBS'S OPINION.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 29.—The weather probabilities for Northern California up to 8 P. M. Thursday, (30th) are rain, with southerly winds, brisk to high.

MINING STOPPED.

VIRGINIA, Nev., Jan. 28.—All work on the lode has stopped, except in a few mines, on account of the impossibility of moving ore trains and the scarcity of fuel for steam plants. A beef famine is likely to be experienced here, unless the blockade is raised soon.

JEFFERSON, Or., Jan. 30—The Santiam is 8 feet higher than high water mark at this place, and rising four inches an hour.

He had Died in the Mountains.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 28—The body of telegraph operator, John Coglan, who died of pneumonia at Cascade station, was brought to the city to-day. The remains had been preserved perfectly by their sepulture in the snow.

Sullivan Has Been Taken in Again.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 29.—John Sullivan, one of the six prisoners who escaped from the county jail, about which so much fuss has been made, was discovered this morning on a German ship just above to leave port. He was taken back to jail.

THUS ENDED HER LIFE.

Gertie Fillman, wife of a man who lived off her earnings in a life of shame, ended her troubles by shooting herself through the heart this afternoon.

Escaped from the Pen.

FOLSOM, Cal., Jan. 24.—Thomas Merry, serving a sentence of ten years in the penitentiary for burglary in San Francisco, escaped from the prison here yesterday, and has not yet been recaptured.

A Sporting Item.

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 27.—Joe Choynski, the Japanese wrestler and boxer, knocked out McLarney, the Irish giant, in two rounds Saturday night.

He who is in Jail at Jacksonville.

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 27.—Wm. C Roberts, cashier and book keeper of Wm. Dunbar & Co., shipping and commission house, is missing, as is the cash book, also. Amount of defalcation is unknown.

A Murder Case.

STOCKTON, Cal., Jan. 29.—In the trial of Mrs. Polsky and son, who killed Robert Kennedy, the mother was discharged to-day as a defendant, but held to testify against her son.

Shut in by Snow.

AUSTIN, Nev., Jan. 27.—All travel is impeded in every direction, and affairs are serious here. Flour, and food of all kinds, is getting scarce. Sheep are dying by the hundreds in the many bands in this section of country.

FROM WASHINGTON.

An Exciting Scene in the House—Speaker Reed and the Republicans Prevail.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 29—The most exciting scene witnessed in the House of Representatives for many years transpired to-day, and the House resembled in appearance the French Chamber of deputies in its stormy times. The contested case of Smith vs. Jackson was presented for consideration. The Democrats endeavored to prevent action by the old dodge of refusing to vote, and claiming there was not a quorum present. On the roll call 162 Republicans voted, and only two Democrats. Democrats claimed no quorum. Speaker Reed then directed the clerk to record the names of all Democrats present who had not voted. Reed named Blount, Bland and Breckenridge of Kentucky. Breckenridge ran down the aisle and in a loud voice and dramatic manner denounced the Speaker's action as revolutionary. There were cheers and yells from the Democrats. Other Democrats also violently protested as the Speaker named them and the clerk recorded them, but the entire list was gone through, nevertheless, and the record made to show a quorum present, as was the fact.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 27.—President Harrison to-day nominated Louis Gottschalk, of California, to be U. S. consul at Stuttgart.

Excitement at Oklahoma.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Ind. Ter., Jan. 29.—The greatest excitement prevails in this city over the jumping of claims in the town. Last night a mob tore down and burned a house rented by one who proposed to contest a Main street lot. To-day a house on California Avenue was torn down from a contested lot. Threats are made that to-night a large number of contested lots will be visited by the vigilantes, and the houses thereon burned. The only thing that can restore peace and quiet is a speedy settlement of all controversies regarding the titles to city property.

Swift Skating.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—The five mile skating race in the national association was won by Joe Donoghue in 17 minutes, 44¼ seconds.

Poisoned a Family.

POINT PLEASANT, W. Va., Jan. 29.—A negro woman has poisoned eight members of the Hargraves family here. Four are dead.

Want to be Annexed.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—Indians of the San Blas coast, who have a large trade with the United States, have attempted to annex themselves with the U. S. government by raising the American flag and defying the Columbian authorities.

REVOLTING CANADIAN SCANDAL.

Great Sensation in The Dominion Parliament over a Duplicate of the West End Scandal in America.

OTTAWA, Jan. 29.—The Dominion government has just been made acquainted with a most revolting revelation. The matter was unearthed in connection with the "woman's and girl's purity bill," introduced in parliament this session by Sir John Thompson, Minister of Justice. A prominent member of parliament a few days ago received a letter from a justice of the peace in the province of Ontario, giving a detailed account of the occurrence. This letter was immediately handed to the Minister of Justice, who brought the matter to the notice of the government. The letter contained a sworn declaration to facts, and charged a young Church of England clergyman of a prominent parish in the western portion of Ontario with crimes similar to those alleged to have been committed in the West End of London, England, the revelation of which has raised such a sensation. In four cases the charges were dismissed, but in the last case the clergyman was found guilty and sentenced to three months in jail—this being the severest penalty the law provides for. Parents of the victims refused to prosecute. Details of the affair were whispered around among members of parliament yesterday afternoon and created a profound sensation. The Government intends to take the matter in hand at once, and appoint a commission to take all the evidence in every case. Sir John Thompson admitted to your correspondent that the particulars given are quite correct. He was of the opinion that the knowledge of the facts of the case will insure the passage of the purity bill, which provides as a penalty for such offenses the flogging of the parties found guilty.

England vs. Portugal.

LONDON, Eng., Jan. 29.—The *News'* Berlin correspondent says of the England-Portugal affair: The signatory powers to the Berlin treaty have replied to Portugal's note, declining to take united official steps, as requested.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24—The German steamship, Selavina, en route from New York to Hamburg, was abandoned at sea in a sinking condition on the 13th inst. By great good fortune, all hands were saved.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Jessie Williams, formerly well known to the theatre-going world as the child actress, committed suicide to-day by shooting herself through the heart, in the presence of her husband.

WOODSTOCK, Va., 25.—Ex. U. S. Senator Riddleberger died this morning. His case was announced as hopeless several days ago, and he has been steadily sinking since, till death occurred.

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—The steamship Adriatic, arrived here to-day after a very stormy passage from Europe. Five seamen were injured and one frozen, on the voyage.

LIVERPOOL, Eng., Jan. 24.—The steamer Sardinia, just arrived from New York, had a most tremendous voyage. Two foremen and an engineer were crushed to death by the heavy seas shipped; her saloon was flooded, and boats lost, and the passengers and owners of the steamer are congratulated over the almost miraculous escape of the vessel and people from serious disaster.

The Treaty a Success.

OTTAWA, Jan. 29.—Sir John Thompson, Minister of Justice, says in reference to the new extradition treaty between Great Britain and the United States, that he thinks it is a satisfactory solution of a long-vexed problem.

A special from Topeka says W. L. Eglesson, the Topeka man who is endeavoring to induce the negroes of South Carolina to emigrate to Oklahoma, has already succeeded in settling 800 negroes there, they are mostly from Topeka, and have left during the past six months. They have established a colony near Kingfisher, and are opening farms and building houses. Eglesson seems to be acting on his own responsibility. Influential colored men here think that he will go to Oklahoma himself and there endeavor to become the leader of the political negroes.

BORN.

MATSON.—In Ashland, to Mr. and Mrs. Matson, on Jan. 17th, a son.

LITTLE.—In Ashland, Jan. 21st, to Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Little, a son.

DIED.

SIMON.—At Eagle Point, Jan. 21, 1890, Francis, wife of E. F. Simon, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Daley.

ANDERSON.—In Phoenix, Jan. 17th, 1890, Albert Anderson, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Q. N. Anderson; aged about 24 years.

HAMMOND.—At Central Point, Jan. 20, 1890, of pneumonia, Bertha G., daughter of Ass and Alice Hammond; aged 16 months and 11 days.

RIEBERSTEDT.—In Chimney Rock precinct, Jan. 8, 1890, Loretta, daughter of Alvin and Elizabeth Rieberstedt; aged 3 weeks.

WOODFORD.—At Central Point, Jan. 17th, 1890, Laura, daughter of Mrs. Woodford; aged 4 years, 9 months and 12 days.

LANDQUIST.—In Central Point, Jan. 17th, 1890, Britta Landquist, a native of Sweden, aged about 61 years.

Mrs. H. E. Moore. Mrs. S. E. Coe.

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