

# UNDER CONTRACT TO FIGHT RATES

## Identity of Bay City Champion Not Disclosed—Steel Men in Line.

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Dec. 22.—Members of the Merchants exchange are speculating upon the identity of the new manager who has been selected by the executive committee to come to this city to lead the traffic bureau in its fight against increased freight rates. Joseph Durney, a director of the exchange, who was empowered to make the selection, said today that the name of the new manager would not be announced until Christmas day. Durney added, however, that the new manager was a man of world wide reputation and a master of the intricacies of traffic and tariffs. It was announced today that the California steel and iron manufacturers have decided to join in the resistance against the proposed freight rates increase by the transcontinental railroads traversing the state. The manufacturers represent an equipment of \$12,000,000 and an annual production of \$12,000,000.

# DISTINGUISHED DUCK HUNTERS WADE BACK

(United Press Leased Wire.) Berkeley, Cal., Dec. 22.—After causing his family and friends grave anxiety on account of his prolonged absence

on a hunting trip in the San Joaquin river marshes, Dr. Frederick D. Taft, a third cousin of President-elect Taft, and a prominent dentist of Oakland, returned to his home in this city this morning telling a story of an accident that made him nearly 48 hours late in making his way back 15 miles to railroad and telegraph communication with the rest of the world. Dr. Taft and a friend, Walter J. Watson of Sebastopol, Sonoma county, left this city Friday afternoon to spend the week end on the marshes. It was their failure to return on Sunday that caused their friends worry and sent the police in search of them. Aside from the extra work necessitated in the breakdown of their boat the hunters suffered no ill effects from their experience.

# FATALLY WOUNDED BY HIS BROTHER

(United Press Leased Wire.) Oakland, Cal., Dec. 22.—Lorenzo Shiman, elder son of the late J. Lorenzo Shiman, a San Lorenzo pioneer, was shot three times and fatally wounded last night by his younger brother, William J. Shiman, proprietor of the Eagle saloon, in which place the tragedy occurred. The shooting was the outcome of a long succession of disputes over money matters and the sheriff's office inclines to the view that the crime was a cold blooded matter, based on the younger brother's desire to get control of the father's estate. Immediately after the shooting William Shiman was disarmed by a stranger who ran into the saloon, snatched the revolver from his hand while he was leaning over his brother's prostrate body, and fired the two remaining cartridges into the floor. Young Shiman then walked to the old family ranch and kissed his mother goodbye, declaring he intended to give himself up. The wounded man was hurriedly removed to the county infirmary at San Leandro. It is announced that he has no chance to recover.

# PLANT SECURED FOR JETTY WORK WATER RATES

## Lane Would Bond for \$200,000 to Secure Siuslaw Improvement. City Authorities Will Await Vote on Charter Amendments Next March.

(Special Dispatch to the Journal.) Eugene, Or., Dec. 22.—I. B. Cushman of Acme has received word from Congressman W. C. Hawley that the chief of engineers of the United States army has secured from the secretary of war the loan of the government machinery now at the mouth of the Coquille river for the building of a jetty at the mouth of the Siuslaw river, in Lane county. Some time ago the Lane county court made application for the loan of the plant, the understanding being that the work of building the jetty was to be paid for by bonding the county for the necessary amount. Efforts are now being made to secure an appropriation from congress to equal the sum which is expected to be raised by the bonding act. The county will probably be bonded for \$200,000 if a bill looking to that end is put through the next state legislature.

Water rates will not be decreased until after next March, when a number of charter amendments will go before the people. One of these will provide that all the large distributing mains be paid for by general taxation and that the cost of the smaller connecting mains be charged to the water fund. If this amendment should carry, the water board would need all the money the present revenues bring in, and if the water rates were cut in two at this time the water department would be up against a deficit. Chairman Rushlight of the ways and means committee of the council, takes the view of the situation as stated at the session of the committee yesterday afternoon. "The people voted for the new meter and assessment district system under a misapprehension," said the chairman. "They thought they were voting for a second Bull Run pipe line and most of them didn't know that upon this charter, amendment were tucked in. I see nothing ahead but interminable litigation, if this assessment district plan is carried out by the water department," said City Attorney Kavanaugh, "but I think the water board should be given as much latitude as possible in the matter of fixing rates." R. B. Lamson, of the water board, said that in deciding to cut down the rates the board had only taken the charter as they found it. "We can't allow for future changes in the charter," he said, "and in arranging our schedule of rates for 1909 we have aimed to secure just enough revenue to pay for the cost of operation and the payment of interest on bonds."

### Old Man Sandbagged.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Redding, Cal., Dec. 22.—Frank Ager, father-in-law of Ed Zeich, the ice king of northern California, was sandbagged and robbed of his gold watch and a considerable sum of money yesterday. Ager is 70 years of age and his injuries are so serious that he is not expected to recover.

### DEPUTY AND PUG SWAP BULLETS

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Dec. 22.—Deputy Sheriff J. P. Fennell is in a city hospital dangerously wounded and Patrick McGee, a former prizefighter, is in the city prison charged with shooting Fennell. They both tell different stories of their encounter. With Fennell at the time of the shooting was Assembly elect F. J. O'Neill, who partially substantiated Fennell's story. The shooting occurred yesterday morning. McGee declares he recognized Fennell and sought to protect him from a suspicious looking man he thought was going to rob him. He says O'Neill told him to mind his own business and that Fennell rushed at him, making a movement toward his hip pocket. He then fired at Fennell and at the hospital it was discovered that the bullet struck and fractured Fennell's skull but did not penetrate it. O'Neill and Fennell say McGee twice accosted them and when ordered away became abusive. A fight followed during which McGee fired his revolver twice, one bullet going wild.

# VALLEJO SANDWICHES SWARMED WITH GERMS

(United Press Leased Wire.) Vallejo, Cal., Dec. 22.—George Widason, a marine hospital steward at Mare Island navy yard, has announced that he has completed a bacteriological examination of the beef served at the memorable launching of the collier Prometheus, and as a result of his work, he has found the food full of those germs which are common to decomposed meat. Widason's testimony will probably be used in the coroner's inquest into the death of James Reynolds, a waiter, who died of the cholera in 1907, a few days later in San Francisco. The inquest will be held in San Francisco tomorrow morning and a large number of government officials, city officials of Vallejo and guests at the luncheon will appear as witnesses. Leon Colin, the caterer, will also give his testimony.

# LONG SILENT MISSION BELL TO RING AGAIN

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Leandro, Cal., Dec. 22.—The old cathedral bell that hangs in the tower of St. John's Catholic church will peal its joyous message on Christmas morning. The bell has for many years been hanging silent in the belfry of the old mission. It was moved to the church yesterday. The bell was presented to the St. Leandros' mission long ago by Senor Luis Peralta, holder of large grants of land from the Spanish crown. It was secured from a Spanish mariner by Don Peralta. The bell was obtained from a British cathedral. Its hanging in St. John's belfry was attended with simple ceremony. The blessing upon the bell was spoken by Bishop Da Silva, uncle of the late King of Portugal, assisted by Rev. Father O'Mahoney and Rev. Father Sauso.

# COEUR D'ALENE MINES

### Big Investments Being Made by Portland Men.

Dr. P. L. Austin has just returned from an inspection of the mines of the Potlatch Mining company near Delta, Idaho, and is much interested in the many new rich strikes made in that immediate vicinity. He has much to say of the improved conditions of the mines in general. He said: "It would surprise the uninitiated to visit this section of the Coeur d'Alene and learn of the number of new rich strikes made this past summer. A mine that is producing \$20,000.00 or \$40,000.00 monthly is looked upon as a small affair and unless you have from \$2,000,000.00 to \$5,000,000.00 blocked out in your mine, you create little interest in the public. Regarding our properties, I am more than pleased, for we are now sacking silver and ore from a small vein of a value between \$50.00 and \$100.00 per ton. This is taken from a drift 120 feet from the portals of the tunnel, which is now in 249 to 250 feet from the present breast of the tunnel. Tunnel No. 5 is in good free milling condition and containing a value of about \$45.00 per ton. We have opened up a bedded vein for 4800 feet, and none of it averages below \$25.00 per ton. It is impossible to estimate accurately the tonnage at this time; but we are safe in saying that, with a reasonable amount of development, we can easily expose, available for treatment, several hundred thousand tons of this ore. We are now building a large boarding house, and as soon as this is completed, so that our men can be well cared for, we will commence the construction of a mill to treat the free milling ore from No. 5 and adjoining properties all owned by the Potlatch Mining company."

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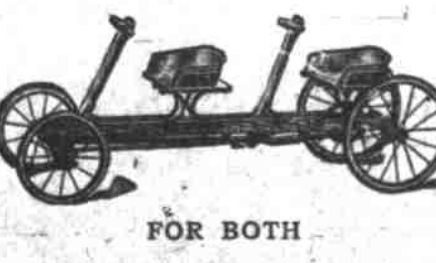
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### Dan Cupid's Busy Day.

(Special Dispatch to the Journal.) Ames, Iowa, Dec. 22.—Three members of the faculty of Iowa State college will launch their backs upon the sea of matrimony tomorrow, which will be the first day of the winter vacation. Professor Webster will wed Miss Loretta Williams of this city, and at almost the same hour Professor C. H. Ford will be married to Miss Clara Galloway of Marshalltown, and Professor R. H. Porter will lead Miss Essie Eitley to the altar in Pawhuska, Okla. The three professors selected the holiday season for their weddings in order that they might not lose any time from their college work.

License to Aged Couple. (United Press Leased Wire.) Fresno, Cal., Dec. 22.—A marriage license was issued yesterday to the oldest couple that ever came to the city clerk's office. Jacob Hansen, 81, and Rosa Backlund, 71.