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## PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

### GAMBLER'S RASH ACT.

**Chinese Actor Stabbed. A Buggy Thief Arrested. Snow Sheds Burned.**

### DECAPITATED BY THE TRAIN.

**A Gambler's Rash Act.**  
A well-known gambler named Frank Woolstead, alias Pete Olstead, shot himself twice with suicidal intent, in a pawn-broker's shop at Los Angeles, Cal. He asked for a revolver, and as soon as he got it placed the muzzle to his abdomen and fired. The bullet passed through him and struck a man named James Gillespie in the side, the ball ranging round and lodging in his chest. Gillespie is watchman at the Southern Pacific depot, and happened to be in the shop at the time trying on a coat. His wound is very dangerous. Woolstead fired a second shot into the floor, a third into the ceiling, and a fourth into his own head. Despite his terrible injuries he is yet alive, but is not expected to recover. He is about 33 years old. The supposed cause of his rash act is despondency, as he recently served a long sentence in jail for gambling.

### A Chinese Actor Stabbed.

Chun Fun, an actor at the Chinese theatre at San Francisco, was stabbed and probably fatally wounded by a highbinder, who afterwards made his escape. Fun was in his room when the murderer entered and demanded money. This was refused, and the assassin drew a knife and stabbed him in the neck, wrist and across the temple. The highbinder then ran away.

### Burglars Arrested.

The jewelry establishment of Wendell & Haller, at Chehalis, W. T., was robbed on the night of August 11th, and gold and silver watches, rings, chains and other articles valued at \$1,500 stolen. The thieves went to San Francisco to dispose of their plunder, and Detectives Dan Coffey, Hanley and Silvey arrested Wm. Dunlap and James Bartlett and placed them in the city prison. A portion of the stolen property was found on their persons, and in a valise in their room was stored the rest of the jewelry. Chief Crowley telegraphed the authorities at Chehalis, and the sheriff arrived and will take the burglars back on a charge of burglary.

### Decapitated by a Train.

Arthur Donnelly, who for some time has been in the employ of the Southern Pacific Company at San Francisco, was run over and killed by an outgoing Monterey train. While unloading a flatcar which stood alongside the main line, he slipped and fell on the track just as the train was passing. His head was severed from his body.

### Suicide of a Young Mother.

Mrs. Lizzie Holmes, 27 years old, committed suicide by jumping from a window of the third flat of an apartment house in Brooklyn, N. Y. The young mother left a family of three children, all under 4 years of age.

### A Conductor Killed.

Julius Steele, a conductor on the North-east freight of the North Pacific Coast railroad, was run over and killed near San Rafael, Cal. Several cars passed over his body, and it was badly mutilated.

### A Fatal Fall.

George Farlow, a Yolo rancher, fell from a railroad trestle, near Sacramento, Cal., receiving injuries from which he died. He had been at the fair in the pavilion, and started in the wrong direction. When he discovered his error he started to return to the city. He was walking down the railroad track when he fell. He was 60 years of age and well to do.

### Suicide by Taking Morphine.

Belle Johnson, a heart-broken woman, ended her life in the city receiving hospital at San Francisco. She died from the effects of morphine taken with suicidal intent. This was the third time she attempted to take her life. The woman was 27 years old and had been married, but her husband left her several years ago. Since then she has lived with her mother. She had grieved over her husband's desertion, and but a year ago tried to kill herself.

### A Buggy Thief Arrested.

A man giving the name of R. H. Crosey, has been arrested at San Jose, Cal. He had a small shop where he repaired and painted buggies, but the game he played was to go to the neighboring villages and wherever he found a convenient horse and buggy he would pick them up, drive to San Jose and paint and disguise the

vehicle, and sell it at auction. Twelve horses and four buggies have been recovered. His letters show he had several aliases.

### A Portland Boy Hunting his Sisters

Willie Hall, a bright looking lad, 10 years of age, was taken to the office of the chief of police at San Francisco, to be detained until his sisters, who are supposed to be living here, are found. The boy says his parents are dead, and that about two months ago he left his old home in Portland, Oregon, with his two sisters. They stopped over at Sacramento, had a few days later his sisters came to this city. Willie grew homesick and started out in search of his sisters. The police will endeavor to bring about a meeting.

### Killed by the Cars.

Frank Machado, a young Spaniard, while jumping off and on a freight train while switching, at Gilroy, Cal., fell under the wheels and was run over, and his ankle was so badly crushed that death resulted from the shock.

### Snow Sheds Burned.

Thirteen hundred feet of snow sheds burned a mile west of Truckee, Cal. The fire caught from a locomotive. Fire trains from Truckee and Summit soon arrived, but the sheds had burned completely.

### Fatal Result of a Dispute.

Stephen Johnson and Fred Balzac had a discussion which led to blows, at San Marcos, Cal. Johnson struck Balzac over the head with a stick. The latter drew a knife and stabbed his opponent, inflicting a wound from which Johnson died in a few minutes. The murderer at once gave himself into the hands of the officers.

### Strychnine for Sore Throat.

Neil Kelly, a 14-year-old, took strychnine at a ranch in Sutter county, Cal., and died in Yuba City. He had been putting out poison for gophers and claimed he took some to cure his sore throat.

### Fell Fifty Feet and was Killed.

At Little John's place near Sequel, Cal., Edward Merrill, a lumberman fell down a bank fifty feet, struck on his head, bounded into the creek thirty feet below, was picked up two hours later, gave one gasp and died. The deceased had been at a party at Little John's and had stepped out into the darkness when the accident occurred.

### Hanged Himself.

A marine named Fritz Oppinger, Vallejo, Cal., who has been confined for drunkenness at the Marine barracks at Mare island, hanged himself with a piece of his coat from the grating in his cell.

### Fire at Lakeport.

Fire broke out in Tully's merchandise store, at Lakeport, Cal., and in a short time that store, Mrs. Green's lodging house and Mrs. Bray's lodging house and restaurant were consumed, and Levy's two-story brick with a stock of merchandise was badly damaged. The total loss was \$13,000, insurance \$6,700.

### Saloon Keeper Fatally Wounded.

Theodore Medina, of Napa, Cal., assaulted Capt. Baxter with a knife, cutting him so seriously that he will die. Medina's wife frequently visited Baxter's saloon, and Medina accused him of giving her whisky and opium. An altercation following, Baxter chasing Medina and striking him with a billiard cue, the latter drew a knife and drove it into Baxter's lung. Medina claims the act was in self-defense.

### Fire in a New Residence.

Fire broke out in the fine new residence of Angus Mackintosh, president of the Merchants' National bank, at Seattle, W. T., supposed to have been the result of spontaneous combustion in a room where had been thrown by workmen a lot of greasy clothes. The fire was quickly extinguished and the damage was only about \$200.

### Killed by a Bursting Canon.

Thomas Bogan was instantly killed by the bursting of a canon at a democratic speaking at Tulare, Cal.

## TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

### Type-Writing Record Reduced.

Frank D. McGurran, of Salt Lake, champion type-writer of the world, gave an exhibition of his wonderful work at Chicago, and succeeded in putting down the record. The operator's first task was copying a newspaper article, reading it himself. In one minute he wrote ninety-five words. He then wrote from dictation, and in one minute he wrote 108 words, and concluded the performance by a blindfold effort, in which he succeeded in writing 107 words in one minute.

### Death to Marriage.

At Sandy creek, N. Y., Wm. Vandervort was to have been married to Miss Frankie Matteson, a highly re-

spected young lady, but before the hour arrived for the ceremony he shot himself dead.

### A Minister's Son Drowned.

John D. Caperton, a printer, son of Rev. H. C. Caperton, a prominent Baptist minister, and John Pearce, an old river man, were drowned in the Ohio river near Louisville, by the capsizing of a sail boat.

### Death of a Mexican War Veteran.

A fatal accident occurred at the Commercial hotel, in Phoenix, Ariz., by which Joseph B. Blackwell, a veteran of the Mexican war lost his life. He retired at night to a cot standing on the new veranda, on which no banister had been erected, toward morning he arose and walked off the veranda, fracturing his thigh bone and sustaining internal injuries from which he died. He was 72 years old, and a noted member of the Texas rangers during the Mexican war.

### The Lost Balloon.

Referring to the balloon found near Providence, R. I., with the name "Carl Myers," and the penciled words, "Met our death in the clouds," Madame Charlotte, who made a balloon ascension, says: "On the 26th instant Leon A. Dare and Charlotte, wife of Carl Myers, were to have had a balloon race from Syracuse. The name found on the lost balloon is that of my manager Carl Myers. I cannot believe Charlotte or Dare are hurt, though they may be. I have not heard anything in relation to the matter, which makes me think it can be neither of them. Perhaps I have not been telegraphed for fear I should be frightened."

### A Gigantic Wheat Steal.

W. G. Hanley, a commission dealer, of the firm of Peterson & Hanley, of Minneapolis, was arrested on a warrant charging him with stealing 150,000 bushels of wheat from the Minneapolis union elevator No. 2. It was first discovered that 50,000 bushels of wheat had been stolen by overloading cars. Hanley has been D. C. Moak & Co's cashier and bookkeeper. They are grain dealers, and have suspended, a large amount of their paper having gone to protest. Others are suspected of complicity, including well known wheat men, and it was said the announcement of the names would cause a profound sensation. By the advice of his attorney, Hanley refused to talk.

### A Convict's Fatal Leap.

Anton Blondler, while being conveyed to Joliet (Ill.) penitentiary, to enter upon a three years' sentence, escaped from the sheriff and jumped from the train. He received a fracture of the skull, which will prove fatal.

### Murdered in Wyoming.

Information has been received from Rock Springs, Wyoming, of the murder by unknown persons of S. M. Wall, of Philadelphia, and C. L. Strong of New York. Both were wealthy young men who had been spending the summer hunting. It is supposed that they were robbed by the guilty party.

### A Fall of Snow in the South.

There was a light snowfall at Harrisonburg, Va. The weather was very cold. Fiftal falls of snow fell at Pulaski City, Va., and there was a light fall in the mountains.

### A Spy in Camp.

A great scare has been caused in the war department over information to the effect that a young British officer, who has been in this country, has penetrated the secret of operating our torpedoes, upon which we mainly depend for coast defenses, and that he has secured complete drawing and forwarded them to England.

### A Sudden Death.

Among those who attended the funeral of the Mennonite bishop at Lancaster, Pa., was Henry W. Stehman, who married a grand daughter of Bishop Stehman. He noticed a pimple on his finger while listening to the funeral sermon, and he pricked it with a pin. Before the funeral was over he became so sick he had to be taken home. His hand and arm were swollen to twice their natural size before he reached home. The swelling spread over his entire body, and he died shortly after in great agony. Deceased was but 33 years old, but he had, through his own exertions, become the owner of seven of Lancaster county's finest farms. While acquiring this great property he also made himself a classical scholar by assiduous study. He took an active part in politics, and was president of the local club. He was looked on as the future farmer king of Lancaster county.

### A Salvation Army Man Killed.

A member of the Salvation Army named Tuttle boarded a passenger steamer at South Norwalk, Conn., and began preaching to the fireman of the steamer. The latter struck Tuttle on the head with a shovel, and Tuttle died from congestion of the brain.

## MARKET REPORT.

RELIABLE QUOTATIONS CAREFULLY RE-  
VISED EVERY WEEK.

### WHEAT—Valley, \$1 30@1 31

Walla Walla, \$1 20@1 22 1/2.

### BARLEY—Whole, \$1 10@1 12 1/2

ground, per ton, \$25 00@27 50.

### OATS—Mining, 32@34c; feed, 44

@45c.

### HAY—Baled, \$10@13.

SEED—Blue Grass, 14 1/2@16c; Timothy, 9 1/2@10c; Red Clover, 14@15c.

### FLOUR—Patent Roller, \$4 00

Country Brand, \$3 75.

### EGGS—Per doz, 25c.

BUTTER—Fancy roll, per pound, 25c; pickled, 20@25c; inferior grade, 15@25c.

### CHEESE—Eastern, 16@20c; Oregon, 14@16c; California, 14 1/2c.

### VEGETABLES—Beets, per sack, \$1 50

cabbage, per lb., 2 1/2c; carrots, per sk., \$1 25; lettuce, per doz, 20c; onions, \$1 00; potatoes, per 100 lbs., 40@50c; radishes, per doz., 15@20c; rhubarb, per lb., 6c.

### HONEY—In comb, per lb., 18c

strained, 5 gal. tins, per lb. 8 1/2c.

### POULTRY—Chickens, per doz., \$4 00@6 00

ducks, per doz., \$5 00@6 00; geese, \$6 00@8 00; turkeys, per lb., 12 1/2c.

### PROVISIONS—Oregon hams, 12 1/2c

per lb.; Eastern, 13@13 1/2c; Eastern breakfast bacon, 12 1/2c; Oregon 10@12c; Eastern lard, 10@11 1/2c; per lb.; Oregon, 10 1/2c.

### GREEN FRUITS—Apples, \$ 50

@ 85c; Sicily lemons, \$6 00@6 50 California, \$3 50@5 00; Naval oranges \$6 00; Riverside, \$4 00; Mediterranean, \$4 25.

### DRIED FRUITS—Sun dried apples, 7 1/2c

per lb.; machine dried, 10@11c; pitless plums, 13c; Italian prunes, 10@14c; peaches, 12 1/2@14c; raisins, \$2 40@2 50.

### WOOL—Valley, 17@18c; Eastern Oregon, 9@15c.

### HIDES—Dry beef hides, 8@10c

culls, 6@7c; kip and calf, 8@10c; Murrain, 10@12c; tallow, 3@3 1/2c.

### LUMBER—Rough, per M, \$10 00

edged, per M, \$12 00; T. and G. sheathing, per M, \$13 00; No. 2 flooring, per M, \$18 00; No. 2 rustic, per M, \$18 00; No. 2 rough, per M, \$20 00; clear P. 4 clear rough, per M, \$22 50; No. 1 flooring, per M, \$23 50; No. 1 ceiling, per M, \$22 50; No. 1 rustic, per M, \$22 50; stepping, per M, \$25 00; over 12 inches wide, extra, \$1 00; lengths 40 to 50, extra, \$2 00; lengths 50 to 60, extra, \$4 00; 1 1/2 lath, per M, \$2 25; 1 1/2 lath, per M, \$2 50.

### BEANS—Quote small whites, \$4 50

pink, \$3; bayos, \$3; butter, \$4 50; Lima, \$4 50 per cental.

### COFFEE—Quote Salvador, 17c

Costa Rica, 18@20c; Rio, 18@20c; Java, 27 1/2c; Arabica's roasted, 22c.

### MEAT—Beef, wholesale, 24@30c

hogs, dressed, 3c; sheep, 3c; dressed, 6c; dressed, 6c; veal, 5@7c.

### PICKLES—Kegs quoted steady at \$1 35.

### SALT—Liverpool grades of fine

quoted \$18, \$19 and \$20 for the three sizes; stock salt, \$10.

### SUGAR—Prices for barrels; Golden

C, 64c; extra C, 62c; dry granulated, 70c; crushed, fine crushed, cube and powder, 7 1/2c; extra C, 6 1/2c; halves and boxes, 4c. higher.

### Wife and Home Maker.

"The most perfect home I ever saw was a little house into the sweet incense of whose fires went no costly things. A thousand dollars served as a year's living for father, mother and three children. But the mother was the creator of a home; her relations with the children were the most beautiful I have ever seen; every inmate of the house involuntarily looked into her face for the keynote of the day, and it always rang clear. From the rosebud or clover leaf, which, in spite of her hard household work, she always found time to put beside our plates at breakfast, down to the story she had on hand to read in the evening, there was no intermission of her influence. She has always been and always will be my ideal of a mother, wife and home-maker. If to her quick brain, loving heart and exquisite face had been added the appliances of wealth and enlargements of wide culture, hers would have been absolutely the ideal home. As it was, it was the best I have ever seen."

### For bunions and corns, Cannabis

indicus and glycerine, equal parts, painted on the bunion or corn, bound around with Canton flannel, adding a few drops of the liquid to the flannel where it comes in contact with the affected parts, will soon restore to health.

## AGRICULTURAL.

DEVOTED TO THE INTERESTS OF FARMERS AND STOCKMEN.

In sowing grass for pasture, the best results are reached by sowing a mixture—for instance, of red top, timothy, Kentucky bluegrass, meadow fescue, and meadow oat grass—bearing in mind that a mixture of several sorts is more likely to afford herbage through the whole summer, and to be more permanent. In seeding for meadows, though, it is better to sow only one kind of seed, as the different kinds will very seldom be ready to harvest at the same time.

It is surprising what growth grape vines will make over an evergreen, if given a chance to run. With only moderately rich soil the vine will entirely cover the tree, killing it after a few years. Its tendrils cling to the slender stems of the evergreen foliage, and will not relax their hold. The higher the vine runs the finer the grapes and the harder they are to get. It is not a good way to give grape vines their will over any kind of trees. A low, neat trellis will cost but little, and be every way more satisfactory.

Mr. J. P. Lawes, whose opinion everybody respects, says he does not think the quality of a cow's milk is affected by the quantity of water she drinks. In other words, you cannot dilute her milk by making or letting her drink water. He, however, is of the opinion that thin and sloppy feeds may have the effect of reducing the quality of the milk. Doctor Voolcker is of the same opinion in regard to the water supply, and he agrees with Mr. Lawes in regard to the effect of poor, sloppy food on the quality of the food.

It has been said that a farm without a boy would soon come to grief; but what place would not come to grief without him? Who is it that "does the chores" and the bothersome errands? And what boy ever amounts to much who is not taught to do chores well and in time, and to do errands in an exact way? It is business every time, and fathers should remember that their methods are noted and copied by the boys, and if the hatchet, spade or rake is left to rust under the tree in the yard, he thinks that, if father does it, it must be all right.

On soils containing any clay or minerals a crust forms on the surface of cultivated fields after every rain. It is caused by the water of evaporation, leaving all its mineral elements on the surface, when it changes to moisture. This crust shuts out air from the soil beneath it, and it is very important that it be broken. Hence some stirring of the soil is needed after every rain, or corn and potatoes will suffer. While these crops are small, dragging over the surface breaks this crust and prepares the way to more thorough cultivation after the rows can be seen.

The tendency among the best farmers is toward an early harvesting of the hay crop. The old idea that grass when dried is too light and un-nutritious is disproved by the gains of milk in cows and of beef in other cattle when pastured upon it. The early cut hay does dry away in weight considerably, but what weight remains is nutriment. In grass that has been left to ripen and dry up the nutriment is too much like cord-wood. What was nutriment has turned to fiber, and in the animal serves mainly the purpose that cord-wood does in the stove—to maintain warmth.

A mule and two horses were observed looking over a rail fence into a tempting clover field near Baltimore the other day. In a minute the mule had made up his mind and placing his nose under the top rail he lifted it out. He then tried to jump over, but got stuck with his fore feet in the clover patch and his hind feet on the other side. Then one of the horses very deliberately backed up and letting fly his heels, planted them square on the mule, landing him clean over into the clover patch. The two horses followed in the gap thus made, and all three went to browsing, apparently well satisfied.

—When we are animated by evil thoughts or unkind desires, when we are prompted to revenge a wrong, to preach a falling, to say bitter words, or to do cruel deeds, then is the time for delay. Then may we wait, and suffer these baneful feelings to cool and better ones to take their place. But if there is any righteous deed to be done, any justice to establish, any kindness to express, any love to manifest, any joy to diffuse, let us hasten to give it form and voice, knowing that there is neither time to waste nor space to pause in the blessed work of doing good.—*Christian Union.*

## LIFE IN MANILLA.

How the Day Passes in the Capital of the Philippine Islands.

Probably the most novel feature of the early morning scenes on the streets are the groups, pairs and single natives coming to market with their loads of vegetables, fruits, nuts, herbs, etc. They have no horses, carriages, but carry very heavy loads on their shoulders by means of a strip of bamboo, at each end of which, suspended by thin ropes of bamboo fiber, is quite a large basket or woven bamboo tray filled with produce. One of these baskets carried in the arms would be a load for a very strong man, yet one of these Indians, by means of the elastic strip of bamboo, will carry two and trot along at a brisk rate. At each step the bamboo springs up and down, assisting the bearer quite materially by relieving him of half the weight for an instant.

A group of this sort is quite picturesque, the gayly-colored dresses of the women, their black, glossy hair streaming down their backs and being tossed upon the fragrant and cool early morning breeze; the colored shirts of the men, thrown open in front, showing their mahogany colored breasts almost to the waist; the rhythmic motion of their forms blending with the rich beauty of the tropical landscape outside the city.

When the sun is up there comes forth on the streets a myriad of peddlers of all sorts, from the Chinaman with a whole dry goods store dangling at either end of a bamboo pole to the scantily-dressed native woman with a broad bamboo tray on her head filled with "gobs" of rice paste, cocoanut and sugar, which she sells for "dos cuatros," or one copper per "gob." Then there are women with huge trays of luscious mangoes, the most delicious fruit in the world, and found in perfection only in the Philippines; women and boys with great baskets of boiled and roasted green corn, who sell four ears for a copper; women with cocoanut shells filled with rare guava jelly, selling four full shells for twenty cents; peddlers of all sorts of sweets in which rice is one of the chief component parts; peddlers of every conceivable thing used in housekeeping, and more bargains than you can count. When the sun begins to near the meridian the roar and bustle of traffic dies away, and by noon the streets are almost deserted, the heat driving almost every one under cover. A Sabbath day quiet reigns until about four o'clock, when the vehicles begin to roll again, the peddlers awaken from their midday siestas, and the beggars uncover their deformities and emerge into the open streets to frighten timid women and children and plead piteously with the pedestrians, who usually give them a copper or two to induce them to get out of sight. The beggars are a choice lot, and present some of the most striking malformations that you can imagine.

By six o'clock the streets are filled with carriages of all sorts, the horses racing along at full speed, and as they are largely occupied by ladies dressed in bright colors and with nothing on their heads but a bit of ribbon or lace, the scene is quite attractive. Every body's objective point at this hour of the day is La Luneta, a large, well-kept plaza on the shore of the bay, where a military band of sixty or seventy-five pieces discourses music that would not be discredit to Gilmore. Here many of the visitors leave their carriages and promenade up and down the smoothly graveled space about the music stand, but the majority remain seated and drive around the vast driveway with the immense cavalcade. Here all the fashion, youth and beauty of the city assemble almost nightly, inhale the bracing sea breeze and chat with their friends. At eight o'clock the music ceases and the hundreds of carriages whirl their occupants over the smooth roads to dinner. Everybody dines at eight o'clock, and from nine o'clock to twelve o'clock make or receive calls. At midnight the city is as quiet as a graveyard.—*Cor. St. Louis Republican.*

—Don't feel bitterly toward the world because you fell among thieves and got cleaned out. It is a kind, good-natured, forgiving old world, if you give it a chance to be forgiving. True, it doesn't always look that way to a fellow in trouble, because then the fellow is apt to look at the wrong people.—*Burdette.*

—Some people practically adopt the theory that they were made simply to be taken care of by others, and that the chief end of their existence is to be served and not serve anybody. They act as if they thought that mankind ought to thank them for the privilege of serving them. They are useless creatures, and when they die the world loses nothing by their departure.—*N. Y. Independent.*

—How lucky we should be if we could get out of discontent and envy into his habit of loving the good we have, but fearing to have all the good we desire! Well, we think, we really ought to have such and such a thing. If that is so, we shall have it. But we will not whimper meanwhile. We can put on the airs of Socrates, and congratulate ourselves that we can be jolly without it.

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