

# Big Jail Break at Folsom Prison

## Thirteen Desperate Convicts Escape

### OVERPOWER GUARDS AND CAPTURE THE ARMORY

### Two Guards Killed in the Break and Two Murdered Later---Jail Birds Make For Mountains

(Special to the Coast Mail.)

Folsom, July 27—One of the biggest breaks in the history of Folsom prison occurred this morning at 7 o'clock as the line of prisoners were marching out of prison to go to work.

About 300 of them were out when 13 who were in a lunch in the line made a run for the guards' office where Warden Wilkinson, Captain Murphy and other officers were.

Each desperate man had a knife made of a file. They cut at the men, and Warden Wilkinson had a narrow escape, his clothes being cut through. Joe Cochran, W. E. Cotter and E. H. Foley were all cut, the former two seriously and these will not live.

Then the men marched to the armory, taking Wilkinson, Capt. Murphy and other officers and guards, all closely guarded by convicts with knives. At the armory they helped themselves to guns and ammunition, each convict having a rifle and pistol.

During this time other guards who had the crowd covered with guns could not shoot because of the free men.

After leaving the armory the party moved across the prison grounds, there being at that time 13 convict and 13 free men. After going a short distance the free men were forced to disrobe, the convicts putting on their cloths, and the guards were forced to get into the convicts' garbs.

Some of the free men were then allowed to return to the prison. They were Warden Wilkinson, Capt. Murphy, Harry Wilkinson, C. H. Jolly and C. H. Warm. Later L. C. Vertess escaped.

Other free men who are still with the convicts, now in the woods about 10 miles above Folsom, are General Overseer J. G. McDonough, Guards J. Da'an, Thos. Sever, W. Hopkins, W. T. Brown and G. Jeter. The convicts bear considerable ill feeling towards some of these who have been mean to them, and it is feared they will be murdered.

The convicts who made the break are all desperate characters. The break probably had been planned for many months. When the break was made the convicts inside the building became wild, and there was great commotion. A convict, named Joe Casey swung a bolt at the inner gate or there would probably have been many more prisoners gone.

John L. Wood is a life term from San Francisco, and Joe Theson, also a life term from San Francisco, said to be his leaders. Others participating are

Ray Fahey, life timer, Sacramento; Frank Miller, 12 years, Fresno Co.; Harry Eldridge, 30 years, Alameda; Fred Howard, 15 years, Sacramento; Ed Davis, 33 years, San Francisco; John Allison, 4 years, San Jose; Joe Murphy, 14 years, Contra Costa; Albert Zavash, 25 years, Sacramento; Jas. Roberts, 20 years, San Francisco; R. M. Gordon 45 years, Sacramento; Frank Case, life timer, Los Angeles.

Great excitement prevailed here. Several posse are out from Placerville and a company of militia has been sent for.

Later—the convicts captured a four horse team and headed for Bald mountain in Eldorado county. Guards Cochran and Cotter are dead.

Later reports are that the convicts are in the neighborhood of Clarksville and two of the captured guards have been murdered.

## JEFFRIES LEG IN BAD CONDITION

(Special to the Coast Mail.)

San Francisco, July 25—Word was received here this afternoon from Harbin Springs, where Champion Jeffries is in training for the fight with Corbett to the effect that Jeffries has been compelled to suspend training work owing to the serious condition of his left leg. At appears the bad condition of his leg is due to a serious accident.

Joe Kennedy in a scuffle with Jeffries recently kicked him on the leg between the knee and ankle. A pet bear also bit the member, and while training he gave it a bad wrench. The physicians advised the champion to give the sore limb perfect rest.

## POPULIST-- BI-METALLIST-- SOCIALIST

(Special to the Coast Mail.)

Denver, Colo., July 25—The movement to combine the Populist, Bi-metallist, Socialists and other elements into a national political organization promises to receive a new impetus at the conference to be held in Denver early in the coming week. Leaders of the move-

ment predict a large attendance. Some of those who signified their sympathy with the aims and objects of the new party are George Fred Williams of Massachusetts, Clarence S. Darrow of Chicago, former Governor Poynter of Nebraska and Edward Atkinson, of the Anti-imperialist League.

## TO BE TRIED FOR MURDER AND CANNIBALISM

### Tiburon Island Indian Maneaters

### To be Tried at Tucson Arizona

(Special to the Mail.)

Tucson, July 25—Indian prisoners have been brought from Guaymas to Tiburon Island and will be tried for murder and cannibalism. A party of Mexican prospectors which were at Tiburon several weeks ago were attacked, killed and partially eaten by the natives.

Governor Sonora sent an expedition after them and in a severe fight many of the Indians were killed. The prisoners are splendid physical specimens.

## GERMAN CITY IN PAWN

(Special to the Coast Mail.)

Berlin, July 25—Today occurs the strange ceremony of taking out of pawn a city of importance. The city is Wismer on the German coast of the Baltic sea. Being hard pressed for funds in 1893 Sweden, the owner of the city of Wismar, pawned the city to Mecklenburg-Schwerin for 1,258,000 reichsthaler. With the city went the district of Poel and Neuluster, both on German territory. The city was to be redeemed in 100 years for the sum loaned, plus 3 per cent. interest. This now amounts to a matter of \$23,000,000. As the sum is large and as Germany would look with much disfavor on Sweden's possession of a part of her territory the city will be formally transferred to the loaning duchy.

### He Yelled

(Eugene Guard)

What is it about baseball that cause a man to yell? At the game Sunday there was a man with his wife and three little babies in the stand. The man had one of the youngsters in his arms. He was apparently from the country and looked like an honest tiller of the soil. A brilliant play was executed and the man threw his wife the baby he was holding, jumped up in his seat threw his hat in the air let out a whoop that puts to shame all the other rooters in the stand. Then he seemed to come to himself and looked shamed-facedly about him, gathered up his offspring and his hat and probably felt a near kinship to the well-worn trio of ten-cent pieces. Such is baseball.

## YACHTS ARE STILL TRYING

### Reliance Shows Best Qualities

### Beating Constitution 4 Min. 23 Sec.

(Special to the Coast Mail.)

Highlands, July 25—Shamrock III crossed the line today only three seconds ahead of the old boat. Both yachts were beautifully handled. The Challenger reached Sandy Hook Light four and a half minutes from start, and one minute and ten seconds ahead.

Lipton will go to West Point as Gen. Corbins guest, in time to witness this evenings parade of the cadets.

While still a mile from the starting line Shamrock III took in sail on both boats at New York. The Challenger was one minute and forty seconds ahead when the race was abandoned.

Newport, July 25—The Reliance was constantly in the lead and in the race between the other two it was close, but the Constitution having the best of it. At the second mark the Columbia in luffing lost her top mast.

The men were immediately sent aloft to clear the wreckage. The Constitution at that time was half a minute ahead. The Reliance finished the race. Official time 2:59, beating the Constitution 4 minutes and 23 seconds.

### Historic Land Mark Gone

(Gardiner Gazette)

The first fire in the oldest town, except Jacksonville, in Western Oregon occurred on Wednesday, July 15. Two buildings were destroyed. One was the saloon building belonging to Gus Mitchell, the other the old building known as the Patterson Hotel. The hotel building was an ancient landmark. It was built in 1850 by Mr. Scott after whom the town was named. The lumber used in its construction was sawed in one of the old time sawmills then in operation at or near the town.

This building was older than Roseburg, Portland, Salem, Eugene or Ashland. Oregon City was then a very new frontier Oregon town. Jacksonville was a lively mining camp. Joseph Land was then Governor of the Territory of Oregon. The county seat of Umpqua County was then at Green Valley, Underwood's Ranch. A few years later, about 1861, Umpqua county was by popular vote, attached to Douglas County. From Scottsburg there way only a pack trail through the wilderness of forest and prairie to the Willamette and Rogue River Valleys. More than 500 Indians then lived between Scottsburg and Kelloggs.

The old building was once owned by Mr Lyons who established the Gazette the first New paper ever printed in the Umpqua Valley. Some 16 years ago,

Mr Patterson bought the house and used it as a hotel, afterwards selling it to Mr Copeland—Quite recently Mr Garrison purchased the property, and to him comes the loss of the old landmark.

## HENRY KELLER KILLS HIS WIFE THEN SUICIDES

### Jealousy Gets The Best of Him

### Two Children Left Orphans

(Special to the Coast Mail.)

Langlois, Curry Co., July 25—This morning the citizens of this quiet little hamlet were horrified by the murder and suicide of Henry Keller, and Mrs. Keller, his wife, the husband killing the wife in cold blood and then taking his own life.

The cause for the shooting is not known but it is supposed that Mr. Keller, who was intensely jealous of the attentions paid his wife by a young man named Adolphson and that the matter had preyed upon him until it became unbearable and in this condition he committed the terrible deed.

Mr. Adolphson was sought, but being unable to find him, returned, shot his wife, killing her almost instantly then turning the gun on himself ending life immediately. He was 33 years of age and Mrs. Keller, (nee) Miss Amelia Appleby age 24. Two small boys survive them. It is expected the coroners verdict will be murder and suicide.

Mr. Adolphson, the young man who was suspected of intimacy with Mrs. Keller, was unmarried, but has been in this neighborhood for some time.

Those who know Mr. Keller best are much surprised at the act, knowing him to be a man of very quiet demeanor, kind and loving disposition and indulgent to his family, and especially to his wife and children.

## BIG COAL TRUST

### Pacific Coast Mines Enter Combination

### Beaver Hill Mine in the Pool

A San Francisco dispatch says—Another step in the formation of a trust to control the coal supply on this Coast, was taken when the Western Fuel Company was appointed wholesale distributor for the Beaver-Hill Coal Company. This means that the Western Fuel Company now controls the output of the Beaver-Hill mines in Oregon and that the retailer will henceforth be compelled to pay for the coal such prices as the Western Fuel Company may dictate.

The western Fuel Company now is a merger of four different companies. It was formed six months ago, when three local coal companies pooled their interests and issued stock. The companies which combined were the John Rosefeld & Sons' Co., G. C. Wilson & Co. and John L. Howard, and the mines controlled by the company were those owned by the Rosefelds at Nanaimo. The Beaver-Hill Coal Company owns mines near Coor Bay, Or. John D. Speckles is the

president of the company, and W. C. Stafford has been the distributing agent in this city. The company operates the steamer C. G. and the barge company located at Howard-street wharf N. 2.

The news of the change in the control of the output of the Beaver Hill mine came out when one of the Western Fuel Company's wagons carried a load of coal from the Howard-street bunkers.

W. C. No cross, the secretary of the Western Fuel Company, admitted that the Beaver-Hill coal is now controlled by his company.

"We are the wholesale distributing agents," said he. "Yes, but practically means that we control the output of the mines. The Beaver-Hill Coal Company has not been absorbed by the Western Fuel Company, however."

"Is it the intention of the Western Fuel Company to pool all the coal interests on this coast in order to control the local market?" was asked of No-cross.

"Such a report is unfounded and is only the imaginings of people who talk much and know little," was the reply.

Despite the denial of an intention to form a trust, there is a persistent rumor abroad that a number of coal companies on the water front have been asked to join their interests with those of the Western Fuel Company. The independent wholesale coal distributors were reticent when questioned concerning the formation of a trust.

### BIDS ACCEPTED

### C. L. & T. Co. will Light State Institutions

The State Board of Building Commissioners held a meeting Wednesday and, after hearing the bid of the Citizens' Light & Traction Company, formerly, the Salem Light, Power & Traction Co., the only one submitted for the lighting of the Penitentiary, Asylum, Capitol building, and the Blind School, under consideration, and after a long consultation with local managers J. W. Springer and J. H. McNary, the company's attorney, decided that the bid submitted was at the lowest bedrock rates and that for the time being it would be cheaper to contract at these figures than to erect a plant for the state. It was definitely decided upon, although the contract has not been drawn up, to enter into a four years' contract with the company.

The new rate offered by the company will effect a saving of about \$4000 per year over the rate of the present contract and, although a much cheaper rate was quoted on a ten-year contract, the board did not consider it good policy to tie the state up for that period.

### LIVING ON BREAD AND WATER

### A Former Goos Bay Citizen Living on Angel's Food

E Dole, who was arrested last spring at Waldport for selling liquor in violation of the law, was convicted in Judge George's court and fined \$200. This fine Dole refused to pay, and the commissioners court ordered that he should be compelled to work the roads until the law was satisfied. He was turned over to Supervisor J. J. Hill, who gave him the choice of working or a bread and water diet. The prisoner took the latter, and at present Lincoln county is spending the munificent sum of 6 cents per day for his board. How long he will hold out on this bill of fare is merely a matter of conjecture. He is a tough character, and has given the authorities in different parts of the state considerable trouble.

### Only Colored Folks

On the outskirts of a certain town where a lot of negroes lived, a citizen had a house to rent, says an exchange. A young darkey, married, called on the citizen to bargain for the house and the following conversation took place: "When were you married?" "Bout three months ago," replied the darkey. "How many children have you?" "For de lawd's sake, boss, we'se only culled folks, we'se no Belgian hares."