

THE PACIFIC SLOPE.

The Wrecked St. Stephen Found.

Discovery of the Hull of the North Star.

Death of One of the Victims of the Ilwaco Trouble.

Casual Bee Will Make an Effort to Save Hong Di.

A Mass Meeting to Advance Sacramento Interests.

Favorable Reports From the Alaskan Mines—Vain Appeal of a Counterfeiter's Wife.

Special Dispatches to the Chronicle.

PORT TOWNSEND (W. T.), May 25.—The United States revenue cutter *Olive* returned to-day from a four-days' cruise along the west coast of Vancouver island in search of news concerning the ship *St. Stephens*, which sailed from here on March 20th, loaded with 2200 tons of coal for Seattle for San Francisco. The cutter arrived at Klaskanquot sound last Sunday night. Father McCoy, a Catholic missionary, who reported recently that the Indians had found a trunk and other articles belonging to the ship, resides here. His services were secured when he immediately dispatched several parties of Indians to Cape Cook and other Indian villages in quest of more definite information concerning the wreck.

The party sent to Cape Cook returned at an early hour on Monday and reported that during a heavy storm which had prevailed at that point on April 9th. The cutter departed for Klaskanquot harbor, a few miles south of Cape Cook, where an Indian village was found. Personal letters, the ship's accounts, three boats, the after-house, pilot-house, the compass, ships stores and oil paintings belonging to the captain's daughter had washed ashore on April 10th, so the Indians reported. One whitehall boat which was carried on the after-house was being used by the Indians, it having come ashore uninjured. The other two boats appeared to have been crushed by waves against the sides of the vessel when the crew were endeavoring to leave the ship.

A shoal nearly twenty miles long and three miles from the shore, which forms a most dangerous reef, exists directly in front of this sound, which the sea barely covers at low tide. It was on this reef that the *St. Stephens* was wrecked during the heavy southwesterly gale which prevailed during the early days of April. The theory advanced by Captains Glover and Bryant is that the vessel was derailed soon after the bark *Enoch Talbot* overboard her in distress off Cape Pelee. A strong ocean current exists along this coast, consequently the ship was carried a distance of 160 miles to Cape Cook, where she stranded.

Captain Williams and Captain Bryant, Hull Inspector, offered a reward of \$1000 to the Indians for information leading to the recovery of the bodies of the crew, and Indians were employed to search the beach for traces. Nothing more was found excepting that some domestic geese had come ashore at the time of the wreck. A portion of the hull was seen protruding alongside the reef, indicating that she was carried down after springing a leak on the reef by the immense weight of coal in her hold.

On Tuesday, when the cutter started on her return voyage, a brig appeared to be the *North Star* was found with keel up off Portland point. Owing to the heavy swell coming in a boat could not be lowered. The word *North* could dimly be read through the glass. This brig was lumber laden from Seattle for San Diego.

The hull of the brig *Irene* was found on Heaquit point with timbers broken and house and main gone. On the passage from Cape Cook to Cape Flattery thirty-one wrecks were found and an immense quantity of lumber was strewn along the shore.

The ship *St. Stephen*, Captain Douglas, was a fine clipper ship of 1392 tons, built at Bath, Me., by Chapman & Flint in 1877. She was owned by B. P. Flint, and after discharging a cargo from Hongkong she left San Francisco March 31st under charter to the Oregon Improvement Company to bring coal from Seattle.

The *North Star* was a brig of 389 tons, built at Boston in 1867. She was owned by J. H. Moorehouse and others of this port. Captain Traynor was in command of the vessel when she left the sound.

THE ILWACO TROUBLE.

One Man Killed and Another Seriously Wounded.

ASTORIA, May 25.—Reports just received from Ilwaco show that further trouble there has resulted in the killing of one man and the wounding of another, possibly more. The circumstances are as follows: Close to the village of Ilwaco is a space about two acres in extent, now covered with web, tarred and drying, for use in the traps. Last night about 11 o'clock A. E. King, partner of B. A. Seaborg in the Aberdeen Packing Company, Al Green and Archie Ross, owners of traps, went out to watch the web, fearing that it would be fired and thus destroyed; probably the town, too.

In the darkness they saw the dim outline of two men. They shouted, ordering the intruders to halt, but they turned and ran. King, Ross and Green followed, still calling "Halt!" "Stop!" "Who are you?" and "What do you want?" Suddenly from several directions out of the darkness came the report of shotguns. King fell wounded in the left side, neck and wrist, and Ross fell struck with six balls. He lingered in great agony and died at 2 o'clock this morning. Green escaped unhurt.

Further on a Deputy Sheriff saw a man strike a match, and he shouted "Stop!" The man fled. The Deputy Sheriff fired fourteen shots from his revolver. The man returned the fire and the Deputy Sheriff's cartridges gave out and he returned. The surgeon from Fort Canby was called to attend King. He probed his neck and found the bullet within an inch of the jugular vein, and King is in no immediate danger.

The worthy Sheriff Turner of Oysterville was sent for and he sent a telegram to Governor Semple asking for assistance. There is but little expressed excitement in Ilwaco. There is said to be an organization to meet the murderers to-night if they come from Ilwaco in the rendezvous of the attacking party. A woman was seen to throw traps saturated with blood from a window, and it is thought that some of the fourteen shots fired by the Deputy Sheriff took effect. Blood was found in the locality toward which he fired.

Archie Ross was a native of England, 27 years of age, and was well known here. He was a resident of this place till lately.

A prominent lady of this city received a letter this afternoon from a relative at Ilwaco, which, if correct, puts a very different phase on the matter. She says guards were placed by Fred Calbert in his absence to protect the drying tarred web from possible mischief; that these guards were the men that were by these guards. Green saw and was by these guards, and he fired that killed Ross and wounded King, and she concludes the letter by saying that it appears that had they stayed away no trouble would have resulted; that each party thought the other composed of murderers and that the whole thing was simply a dreadful mistake, the darkness making it impossible for them to see that they were friends and not enemies.

Ross will be buried at Ilwaco to-morrow. There are many rumors, but the foregoing is believed to be as near as possible a report of the affair as present circumstances will admit. Prominent leaders of the Fishermen's Protective Union earnestly disavow the remotest connection with the raid or killing, and say had they known of it they would have opposed it, and they are totally unconnected with the Executive Committee of the association. The officers of that body assure your correspondent that the union is not concerned in it and does not in any way countenance depredations of any character.

BUILDING AT BENICIA.

Prospects of a Lively Summer Among the Contractors.

BENICIA, May 25.—The Board of Trade at its meeting last evening considered the subject of obtaining certain water front here for a wharf and warehouse company. The owners were waited on and promised to dispose of their privileges and rights at a very nominal figure. It is well known that one company is anxious to obtain this property, and now that they can do so almost their own terms there is no doubt

but that they will. The near future promises to be a busy season at this port and large warehouses and wharves will soon be erected. Work on the new Catholic Church has been commenced and the foundation is being laid. The edifice will cost in the neighborhood of \$25,000.

Bids for the erection of the new Masonic Hall will be received in a few days and work will be commenced immediately. One of our prominent ranchers who owns 400 acres of land, partly improved, near Santa Rosa, is anxiously awaiting the advent of the new railroad, and the \$15,000 appropriated by the city towards its construction lies in the coffers untouched, ready for any company which will build. Things are brightening up and taking on a lively air, and this summer will no doubt be one of the best Benicia ever experienced.

HONG DI'S CASE.

Consul Bee Preparing for the Chinaman's Defense.

SACRAMENTO, May 25.—Colonel F. A. Bee, Chinese Consul at San Francisco, came up from that city this morning on his way to Oroville. A *Bea* reporter talked with the Consul shortly after his arrival regarding the murder of Mrs. Billou by the Chinaman Hong Di, now in the hands of the Butte authorities.

"My business in Oroville," said Colonel Bee, "is to get at the truth of Hong Di's part in the killing of Mrs. Billou. We showed our good faith in wishing to assist justice by offering a reward of \$400 for his capture and by keeping a detective searching for him ever since. I see they have heard from him that Mrs. Billou and the man Weaver had been criminally intimate. I knew the facts three weeks ago, but thought Hong Di might do so as so many of his countrymen do when sorely pressed by trouble and never breathe a word in that event we would never have breathed a word to disgrace Mrs. Billou, but would have let her go down to the grave with her. Even now we have not said a word, the awful report coming from the half-started prisoner himself.

Weaver's friends about St. John's contributed money enough to send him away to St. Louis as soon as he was able to move after the shooting. My detective had a talk with him before he left. Weaver appeared very indignant at the killing. He did not know he was talking to a detective, and said with much warmth: "They ought to hang him up as soon as they catch him, and not give him one moment's time." Colonel Bee, continuing, said: "Now that Hong Di has told the story of Mrs. Billou and her affair let them send for me and clear who alone can vindicate her fair name."

"From the information we have we feel sure that he never intended to kill Mrs. Billou, but was after Weaver. Now, all we ask, after the revelation that has been made, is fair trial for the unfortunate Chinaman. We do not want to have him taken to Colusa, for we fear he would never reach the jail. That is probably the reason why a writ of habeas corpus has been taken out in Oroville. I can't say who procured it for the Chinaman, but presume it may have been obtained through the aid of his friends. Hong Di would be mobbed if he undertook to take him to Colusa. I believe now that Hong Di never intended to shoot the lady at all. I would like to get the facts from Chinese who know who we are. We will do our best to keep Hong Di out of Colusa, and all we ask is, after the startling statements now made, that he have a fair show."

OROVILLE, May 25.—Consul Bee and a prominent member of the Six companies arrived here this evening to interview Hong Di and make arrangements for his defense.

ORLAND, May 25.—The citizens of this vicinity have read with indignation the statement of Hong Di regarding the intimacy existing between Weaver and Mrs. Billou. Mrs. Billou was known by all the people in this vicinity for a quarter of a century, and they believe in her qualities of purity and virtue and in her high Christian character, and they revere her memory in the face of all this. The heathen states a vile falsehood that she was a prostitute, and she is respected, and our people are justly indignant.

Immediately after the murder very harsh feelings were entertained against the murderer, but the feeling then does not compare with the indignation now. Weaver, too, was above reproach, and those who have treated him as a Chinaman with nothing but kindness. His story in other respects contradicts the facts in many particulars. The belief is entertained by the people here, and is perhaps the correct one, that the Chinaman intended to kill all but the young girl, outrage her, ransack the house, and then shoot her. He had a number of opportunities to shoot her, but he confined his firing to the others.

CHICO, May 25.—Charles Papat a few days ago received a letter from W. H. Weaver, the man shot by Hong Di at the time of Mrs. Billou's murder, in which Mr. Weaver says that his left arm is still useless and that the fear of the doctor's treatment has done him more harm than anything else. His story in other respects contradicts the facts in many particulars. The belief is entertained by the people here, and is perhaps the correct one, that the Chinaman intended to kill all but the young girl, outrage her, ransack the house, and then shoot her. He had a number of opportunities to shoot her, but he confined his firing to the others.

A PECULIAR SUICIDE.

A Sacramento Man Hangs Himself to a Door Knob.

SACRAMENTO, May 25.—L. P. Stelmel, proprietor of the Apollo Saloon, at Seventh and I streets, committed suicide this afternoon by hanging himself in his room. The body was not found until 7 o'clock this evening, but it was evident he had been dead some hours. He committed the deed by placing a short leather strap about his neck and then over a door knob. He then threw himself on the floor and death resulted from strangulation. He had on only his undershorts, and \$105 was found in his pants' pockets. The deceased was unmarried and about 44 years of age. He had been drinking and doubtless committed suicide while temporarily insane.

ALASKA NEWS.

Encouraging Reports From the Juneau Mines.

PORT TOWNSEND (W. T.), May 25.—The steamer *Olympia* arrived this evening from Alaska ports with the following news notes: Nearly \$20,000 worth of real estate has changed hands in Juneau during the past week. Twenty miners left last week for the upper Yakon country from Juneau and every man entering that country is compelled to pay a royalty to a tribe of Indians who command the road for the privilege of passing through the country. About 2900 men have departed this season from Juneau for there, and the men who return have been rich and some rich. Some rich quartz ledges have been discovered in the town of Juneau, where some fine mineral specimens have been obtained.

The term of the United States Court, which adjourned in week in week in nearly fifty persons for various crimes. The most prominent party indicted is ex-Collector John McCallister, for publishing a libel against Judge Dawson in the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*.

H. E. Hayden has succeeded A. L. Lewis as ex-Clerk of the Court. The gentlemen are returning to California in the company of ex-Collector McCallister.

Large shipments of gold bars from the Pals mine was made on the steamer *Plina*, valued at \$20,000 for each of the eight bars.

Reports from the Silver Bar district continue to indicate that a large amount of mineral is being obtained from the mines.

Captain H. F. Beecher returned on the *Olympian*.

A COUNTERFEITER CONVICTED.

His Wife Pleads in Vain for His Release.

PORTLAND, May 25.—James Oley, a blacksmith of the Dalles, was convicted in the United States Circuit Court today of making counterfeit money. The defense offered was that the bogus coins were not well enough made to deceive. W. P. Davis testified that Oley told him that he had procured a lot of bogus greenbacks from the East which were no good and that he passed every one of them. Oley's wife pleaded for him, saying that she had helped him which she would not do to support if her husband went to the penitentiary. The fact that she was dressed in rich silks and velvets and wore a valuable diamond ring, a gold chain, etc., destroyed the effect of her pleading.

HAPPY FIREMEN.

A New Bell Presented to the Modesto Fire Department.

MODESTO, May 25.—Today was a gala day for the Modesto Fire Department, the occasion being the hanging of a new fire bell purchased by the City Trustees. It was cast by the Cincinnati bell foundry and weighs 2200 pounds. It has a splendid ring, and was presented by City Attorney T. T. Minor, in behalf of the City Trustees, to the Modesto Fire Department, the lower floor being occupied by the Modesto Hose Company. After the presentation the hose company invited the hook and ladder company and the city assessor officers to a banquet spread in the upper floor of the building. Over 300 people partook of the banquet, and speeches were made by City Attorney Minor, W. H. Hatton, ex-Sheriff Falkert, Judge Whitby and many others.

MEMORIAL DAY.

How the Occasion Will Be Observed in the County.

SANTA CRUZ, May 25.—Memorial Day will be appropriately celebrated in this city by a procession and literary exercises. General W. H. L. Barnes of San Francisco will be the orator.

OROVILLE, May 25.

Sherman Post will observe Memorial Day by appropriate exercises and services in one of our churches.

SANTA ROSA NOTES.

The Resignation of District Attorney D. R. Gale.

SANTA ROSA, May 25.—D. R. Gale has resigned as Assistant District Attorney. His reasons, though not stated by him, are said to be the conduct of affairs in that office since the present incumbent, George Pearce, assumed his duties. Several propositions have been carried on, it is said, on information, without the Grand Jury

being allowed to investigate. No convictions have resulted, except in one case, in which the defendant was unable to employ a counsel, but in two other cases where pleas of guilty were entered and light sentences imposed.

The case of the people against Joseph Baker, a Cloverdale farmer, charged with assault with intent to murder Isaac Staley last March, which has occupied Department of the Superior Court since Tuesday, was submitted to the jury this forenoon, and at 5 o'clock in the afternoon a verdict of no guilty was returned.

LOS ANGELES NOTES.

Contest Over a Valuable Piece of Real Estate.

LOS ANGELES, May 25.—The case of Hall vs. Perret, now on trial before Judge Omelevy, is a contest over property at the northeast corner of Spring and Third streets. It is claimed by Mrs. Hall that relatives of Mr. Cota induced Mrs. Valonzuela Foster, just previous to her death, to transfer valuable property to the exclusion of rightful heirs. Mrs. Foster was between 75 and 80 years old at her death. It is claimed that her mind was weak and while in this condition she signed documents that placed Mrs. Perret in possession of the estate.

Word was received at the office of Galloway & Chesnut attorneys, this morning, that Henry N. Galloway, the senior member of the firm, died Monday on the train near Peach Springs on the Atlantic and Pacific road while en route to his home in Columbus, O. The deceased was a young man about 30 years of age, and had been a resident of this city a number of years.

THE NORTHERN PACIFIC.

The Commissioners Arrive at Tacoma to Examine the Road.

TACOMA (W. T.), May 25.—The three United States Railroad Commissioners, to examine the last section of the main line of the Northern Pacific Railroad from Ellensburg to Tacoma, arrived in this city to-night, accompanied by J. J. Mitchell of Chicago and General Adam Anderson, second vice-president and chief engineer of the Northern Pacific Railway. They are B. L. Smith of Chicago, J. A. Cox of Ellensburg, U. T. and W. K. Carlisle of Wichita, Kan. They are compelled to walk a quarter of a mile on the mountain. There is still a gap of 4300 feet between the tracks, which will be closed up in a few days, when the commissioners will return. The Executive Committee of the Chamber of Commerce has mapped out a big programme to celebrate the completion of the line.

SAN LUIS OBISPO BUTTER.

Large Increase in Southern Shipments.

SAN LUIS OBISPO, May 25.—The change in the direction of the butter shipments from this county is quite remarkable. In the beginning of the year about one-fourth went to Los Angeles and San Diego and the bulk to San Francisco. From the first the southern market has been continually increasing, and now about three-fourths of the butter shipments are from San Luis Obispo. The shipments from the county are from Cayucos, 113 boxes south and sixty boxes north. Dolymen pickle butter when the price is below 20 cents a pound, but now say very little will be picked this year. They intimate that silk-edge butter will bring 80 cents a roll to-morrow. The shipments from the county amount 6000 to 8000 boxes of 200 pounds each a month.

BOOMING SACRAMENTO.

A Big Meeting and an Improved Association Formed.

SACRAMENTO, May 25.—A call was issued this morning for a meeting to be held to-night in the Board of Trade rooms to organize a City Improvement Association. It was signed by many of the prominent citizens of Sacramento, including N. D. Kildout, E. J. Gregory, Joseph Stehlin, Albert Gallatin, Newton Booth, Charles R. Parsons, George W. Chesley, William M. Petrie and many others. The meeting to-night was largely attended and great enthusiasm was manifested in the plans for promoting city improvements and the advancement of local interests generally. Speeches were made by many prominent citizens, and it was resolved to name a committee of twenty-five, they to form an association to look after the city's welfare and to see that this section is not left behind in the march of progress.

WARMLY WELCOMED.

Governor Semple's Cordial Reception at Olympia.

OLYMPIA (W. T.), May 25.—The reception tendered Governor Semple last evening was largely attended by both Republicans and Democrats. His Excellency cordially received his visitors in the west reception-room of Columbia Hall, after which he entered the hall and participated for some time in the dancing. Excellent music was furnished by Vaucin's String Band. At midnight lunch was provided in the Carlton House for a number of invited guests. The number of visitors from other cities was rather small, among whom were U. E. Wilks and Deputy Collector Hicks of Tacoma and their wives, Colonel Allen of St. Paul, and George O. Nilly and N. Portman of Tacoma.

FAST TIME.

The Olympian Breaks the Record of Alaskan Steamers.

TACOMA (W. T.), May 26.—The steamer *Olympian* arrived here to-night, seventy-four hours from Sitka, Alaska, the fastest time on record. Among the thirty passengers was Barton Atkins, United States Marshal of Alaska, with Herbert A. Williams, sentenced to three years' imprisonment for the attempted murder of W. D. Mills, a prominent merchant of Sitka. Williams will be taken to the penitentiary on M. Nell island to-morrow. Williams was captain of the marines at Sitka. He became involved in gambling and attempted to rob Mills' store, striking the latter with a slugsheet and firing two shots at him.

JUDGE S. M. BLISS DEAD.

The Venerable Jurist Passes Away at Marysville.

MARYSVILLE, May 25.—Judge S. M. Bliss, a prominent attorney and an occupant of the bench of Yolo county for thirty-five years, died this afternoon after a lingering illness. An abscess in the head was the cause of his death. He was a member of the First Court of Sessions of this county; also County Judge for thirteen years, District Judge of the Tenth Judicial District for four years, and District Attorney for two years. He leaves a very small estate. At one time he was wealthy. A meeting of the bar will be held to-morrow to pass resolutions and make arrangements for the funeral.

An Unknown Man Killed.

DAVISVILLE, May 25.—The body of an unknown man was discovered beneath the trestleworks beyond Springle station yesterday evening, who had evidently been killed by a passing train. A partial search of the body was made last evening by Constable Johnson, but nothing found upon his person gave any clue to his identity. The man is past middle life, roughly dressed, and without money, which leads to the conclusion that he fell from a brake while stealing a ride.

A New Railroad Incorporation.

NAPA, May 25.—Articles of incorporation of the Santa Rosa and Carquinez Railroad Company have been filed here, with the following Board of Directors named: Leiland Stanford, Charles F. Crocker, C. P. Huntington, S. D. Gage and Mark L. Macdonald. For some time past they have had a corps of engineers surveying between here and Sontoma.

The Felton-Sullivan Contest.

SAN JOSE, May 25.—The count of the Fourth precinct in the Felton-Sullivan contest developed fifty-three Republican votes. He asked by red pencil lines. Henry Barton, a Republican worker, swore that he had marked these ballots so as to know them. As these are marked ballots within the law, Felton loses fifty-three votes.

They Want Some Soldiers.

VICTORIA, May 25.—An Ottawa special says: The Dominion Government applied to the Imperial Government for 100 men of the British army reserves to form a nucleus for C Battery for Victoria. This is done owing to the limited recruiting field in British Columbia, and to guarantee an efficient permanent corps there.

Rain in Arizona.

TUCSON (A. T.), May 25.—There was a hailstorm here this morning, the hail being half an inch in diameter. Over a quarter of an inch of rain fell in fifteen minutes, with the appearance of a general rainfall. Rain in May was unknown in Southern Arizona in past years.

Fire at Modesto.

MODESTO, May 25.—The new fire bell had just been placed in the proper position when an alarm was sounded for a fire in Chinatown. Four houses were burned; loss about \$200. The fire was caused by the explosion of a lamp.

Notaries Appointed.

SACRAMENTO, May 25.—The Governor has appointed notaries public as follows: John W. Willey, Stockton; L. A. Morgan, Mendocino; F. W. McClellan, Milton; Calaveras; W. F. Master, Susanville, Lassen.

New Cannery for Healdsburg.

HEALDSBURG, May 25.—William Van Allen has purchased the plant of the Windsor Cannery and will establish the same in Healdsburg. Van Allen has 100 tons of peaches on his own fruit ranch.

A Brewery Burned.

VICTORIA (B. C.), May 25.—The Empire Brewery burned early yesterday morning. Loss, \$20,000; insurance, \$10,000.