

the pot holes on the Colorado river, about fifteen miles above Yuma, Arizona, on a novel plan. Dredging machinery has been anchored on two large flatboats and a system of sluices is placed on others. The debris from the bottom of the river is scooped up and run through the sluices, which are placed a little below the surface of the stream.

Ex-United States Senator Ozora Pierson Stearns of Minnesota died at Pacific Beach, near San Diego, Cal., Monday, of pneumonia. Ex-Senator Stearns came west last October for his health, he and his family having spent the past four winters in California. Deceased had a highly honorable war record and has held the position of circuit judge at Duluth for many years. The remains will be taken to Los Angeles for cremation.

A certificate of incorporation of the Alpine Land and Reservoir company was filed Friday afternoon. The principal place of business will be Carson City, and the incorporators are Governor Reinhold Sadler, O. A. Livingsburg, George W. Keith, William M. Thornburg and George I. Lamy. This company will develop land now waste for want of water and construct storage reservoirs to irrigate arid lands in Nevada.

James Cushman, 60 years old, until recently employed in the railroad shops at Mojave, Cal., committed suicide Friday by taking an overdose of morphine. Cushman lost his wife about a year ago and never recovered from the bereavement. He took the utmost care of her grave, and frequently passed the entire night weeping over the lonely mound on the desert. He took to drink to drown his sorrow, and finally ended it by killing himself with morphine.

The Fresno, Cal., supervisors have obtained legal advice on the subject of compelling Sheriff Scott to work the prisoners on two meals a day. The legal opinion given them was that they had no right to order the sheriff to starve the prisoners, and that the sheriff's duty is to see that the prisoners in his charge receive humane treatment. The strike of the chain gang has not yet ended. They refuse to work on two meals a day, and the sheriff refuses to punish them for not working. The supervisors had ordered the sheriff to starve them into submission.

The coroner's jury Wednesday brought in a verdict that E. A. Harley, who was found dead in his room Tuesday night, came to his death from excessive use of alcohol. He was formerly well known as a scientist, and when quite young accompanied the government scientific expeditions to Central and South America. He was an extensive traveler in Europe and other countries. He was 41 years old. Of late years he has lived in Fresno, Cal., being employed as an expert accountant, civil engineer and assayer.

August Breig, a German, attacked a bear in the mountains along Laramie river, Wyoming, on Saturday. Breig was armed with a pick, and was giving bruin the worst of it, when the pick point was plunged deep into the animal's hip, and Breig was unable to get it out. Then the bear started after

Breig, who broke into a run. Once started, it was hard for the German to stop, but when he did so he found that the bear had not followed him far, but had turned in the opposite direction, and Breig saw the animal disappear over the hill with the pick still fastened in his flesh.

Word comes from Calico, Cal., that that mining camp has been cleared of gamblers. Recently sports had been coming into the town from all directions, and the result was seen two weeks ago, when Scollard shot and killed Roland in a gambling house. The indignant citizens decided that things should go no further and ordered the gamblers to move on. There had not been a murder in Calico before for years and the decent element of the town accordingly served notice on the sports not to stand upon the order of their going, but to go at once. They went and the most of them are now at Daggett, a station on the Atlantic and Pacific.

On Friday J. E. Woodward was sent to San Quentin for one year for perjury, he having sworn to a warrant for the arrest of a man for robbing him, when, as a matter of fact, he was in the Fresno jail at the time he claimed he was robbed at Red Bluff. He has served many months in jail for malicious lying. He once telegraphed Mrs. Downing at Oakland that her husband, who was in Fresno, had just died, and the whole family came to Fresno to find it false. Again he started a report that the wife of Professor Sanders had committed suicide, and again he personated a soldier fifty years older than himself and tried to get his pension. He is twenty-one years old.

Saturday morning a gang of striking fishermen, concealed on the Oregon bank of the Columbia river near the little settlement of Clifton, Oregon, attacked two boats, each containing two men, returning from a drift for salmon. The weapons used were Winchester rifles, and over forty shots were fired at the non-union men. One of the boats was riddled through and sank almost immediately. The two fishermen who occupied it at once struck out for the other boat and scrambled safely aboard notwithstanding the constant shower of bullets that hit the water on all sides of them. The remaining boat managed to get safely to the other shore, sinking just as its occupants reached the bank.

Another victim has been claimed at "Death's Curve," as the railway crossing at the foot of Goss street, Oakland, Cal., is known. Larry Moore, aged 9 years, is the victim. Larry, in company with a younger brother, stood watching the overland train just before noon Monday, as it approached him from the direction of the Sixteenth street station. They were on the Berkeley track, and the overland train made so much noise that they did not hear the Berkeley train coming behind them. As the local rounded the curve the younger brother caught sight of it and sprang from the track, but not before Larry had been caught and hurled some distance from the pilot. The boy was dead when picked up.

Frank Wheeler, a convict in San

Quentin prison, Cal., escaped from that institution at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon. As Wheeler, who was employed in the jute mill, was leaving the mill to go to his cell, an accomplice of his started a fight among the convicts, and Wheeler, taking advantage of the officers' attention being centered on the fight, immediately took flight. The prisoners were immediately looked up and a thorough search made for the missing convict, but no trace of him was found. The guards continued their search until 6 o'clock next morning and then searched the surrounding country. They are now positive that the man is within the walls. Wheeler was sent to San Quentin for burglary in March, 1888, and two weeks later made his escape and was not recaptured until 1895, when he was found in Chicago.

Upon motion of United States Attorney Foote the famous suit of the Interstate Commerce Commission against the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad company and others, which attracted considerable attention in its day, but has been buried in the court files for years, was dismissed Monday at San Francisco. Recently the United States Supreme court decided a similar case, so that there was no further need of perfecting the appeal which had been prepared in this case. Clerk Monckton of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals has the record of the case up to date. It is contained in ten large volumes, numbering in all about 5,000 pages. Whole tariff schedules and time tables are given. Had the appeal been perfected the printing of the record would have cost something like \$2,000. That is about the amount of money in dispute in the suit.

John P. Harmons, alias Karl the Tramp, who found the \$50,000 which train robbers Brady and Browning stole of Wells, Fargo & Co.'s express about two years ago, was sentenced at Sacramento on Monday to three years' imprisonment in Folsom penitentiary. He seemed to be surprised at the sentence, but said nothing. His attorney, Frank S. Sprague, made a plea of leniency before the court passed sentence. He said that Harmons was not a criminal, and showed none of the characteristics of a criminal. He was a poor man, struggling for an existence, and had come upon a large treasure buried in the ground near the Sacramento river. He had done what ninety-nine men out of one hundred would have done under the circumstances and appropriated the money to his own use. Judge Hinkson replied by saying that he could readily understand the prisoner's temptation under the circumstances, and that there was nothing in the evidence to show that he was a criminal. "At the same time," the judge said, "you had ample opportunity to reflect and to seek out the rightful owner of the property. When the property was traced to you you made all the reparation in your power, but you had spent a portion of the money and could only return a part." Harmons was camping in the brush in Yolo county on the night of October 11, 1894, when the overland train was robbed, and it is believed that from his rude couch of