

covered in the act they manage to make good their escape before an alarm can be given.

Two bold and daring stage robberies is the record of the past week in California, and not since the well remembered days of Black Bart, has such nerve been displayed by masked highwaymen. The first robbery occurred on the Boonville stage road in Mendocino county, the robbers securing the express box containing about \$2,000. They were evidently desperate men though new to the business, for they did not hesitate to shoot when their commands were not promptly obeyed, as one man who was sitting along side of the driver can testify in another world, for he received sufficient attention from one of the bandits to sever all his connections with this life. After securing the contents of the express box, they made a successful getaway and all the efforts of the sheriff and his posse, with man-hunting bloodhounds, have failed to get the slightest clue to their whereabouts, though it is supposed they are in the city by this time and the search will be continued here. The second robbery took place on the road between Milton and Angel's Camp, in Calaveras county, and is probably the most desperate piece of work of the kind ever attempted. Three stages were held up by two men in the same spot within a space of thirty-five minutes, and the passengers were politely relieved of their money and valuables in true Jesse James style. The driver of the third stage had trouble in checking his horses when the command to stop was given, and to assist him, one of the robbers shot two of the horses in their tracks. Two passengers also received slight gunshot wounds. A notable incident of the last holdup, showing that one of the robbers was of the philosophical turn of mind, was on taking a revolver from one of the passengers, he unloaded it and handed it back with the advice, "Never carry a gun unless you know how to use it." The officers of Calaveras county have shown no disposition to make a search for the bandits, and public opinion is very much against them.

Driven to desperation by the action of his wayward daughter, an insane father fired two shots with telling effect, and is now confined in the city prison, charged with the attempt to commit murder, while his 19-year-old daughter, the victim, is at the receiving hospital in a critical condition, though the physicians in charge entertain some hope for her recovery.

A man-eating shark was caught last week in San Francisco bay by two Italian fishermen after a terrific struggle that lasted for three hours before the monster was finally killed. The man-eater had become entangled in the fish nets and on being hauled to the surface, began splashing and darting about in the water, in a furious and desperate attempt to release itself. The fishermen were without weapons and momentarily in danger of being capsized, but they undertook to kill their captive as they appreciated the value of their enormous catch. With the oars of the boat the only handy weapons they managed to keep the monster at a safe distance and prevent being upset, at the same time delivering blow after blow upon his dark and struggling body, until finally exhausted, succumbed and was towed ashore. Sharks of the man-eating variety are not frequent visitors to these waters, the last one of record being twelve years ago. An examination shows the last capture to be about ten feet long, and weighing over five hundred pounds. When dissected his stomach revealed any quantity of curious things he had swallowed but was unable to digest.

In the western addition of this city

a light earthquake shock was felt about 9 o'clock Saturday morning. The shock appears to have been local as it was not felt except along the coast. It did not cause much surprise as the weather indications have been favorable to earthquakes. No damage is reported beyond a few shattered lamp chimneys.

By public contributions raised through the efforts of the Daily Examiner the Children's Hospital now has an eye and ear ward that in itself is a monument that this city can feel proud of. The building, which cost \$20,000, adjoins and has been made a part of the Children's Hospital, completely equipped and furnished for the special treatment of the little ones whose sight and hearing is afflicted. The institution will be free for those who cannot afford to pay for treatment. The necessary money to build the ward has been raised in the last two years by entertainments given by school children, the school children's issue of the Christmas Examiner, theatrical benefits, baseball tournaments and private donations. Since its completion it has been turned over by the trustees to the board of lady managers of the Children's Hospital.

The architects of the world at large have been invited to enter a competition for plans for the new buildings of the University of California to be erected at Berkeley. The invitation that has been issued is in the form of a pamphlet embodying all the conditions and requirements of the contest. Those have been distributed all over the world. Rich prizes will be offered so as to repay competition for their pains and the selection of the plan for the university from those submitted will be in the hands of a competent jury.

After defending the featherweight championship of the world against all comers, for many years, during which time no less than fifty-eight battles were fought, George Dixon met defeat Monday night in a twenty-round contest, at the hands of Solly Smith, of Los Angeles. Dixon defeated Smith about four years ago since which time the latter has improved wonderfully but he has always been anxious for a return fight as he felt confident of gaining the decision that was rendered Monday night. Both men were in good condition and entered the ring to fight to win, but Smith demonstrated early in the game how the battle would end, as he landed almost when and where he pleased on the colored boy's anatomy. Dixon appears to have lost his old time vim and the effects of continual training are clearly perceptible in the hard-drawn lines of his face and body, while his arms seem to have lost their old-time driving power. Nevertheless Dixon takes his defeat philosophically and the decision seems to give general satisfaction.

Three teams have entered the field for the football laurels for the coming season, which opened October 2nd with the Reliance of Oakland lined up against the University of California. The score proved rather a one-sided affair, the former winning by 10 to 0. With the Stanford University team, The winners will play next Saturday the third member of the league. Little interest has been shown in the game as yet by the public, as all attention is centered in the meeting between the rival college elevens, consequently nothing definite can be said of the merits of any of the players on their showing up to date, as they are evidently keeping something in reserve until the rival college teams face each other on the field, when the battle will be on in earnest.

The wild game season opened October 1st and the slaughter has begun in dead earnest by enthusiastic sports-

men that delight in bringing sorrow to the feathery denizens of the marsh and hillside. All kinds of game are reported plentiful. The available hunting grounds are pretty thoroughly taken up in private preserves.

The socialist labor party has secured quite a firm foothold in San Francisco and like the Salvation Army, they go forth into the streets to proclaim their principles, and from the crowds that congregate at their street meetings an occasional convert to the cause is gathered in. Up to the present time the spreading of their doctrine has been entrusted to men with strong lungs, but of late a young woman, barely past her teens, has sprung up among them, like a Jean d'Arc, to lead their forces on to imaginary victory, or any old place. Her name is Anna Strunsky, a student of the Stanford University at Palo Alto. Her lectures on the ethics of socialism show clearly that she is familiar with the subject, though she is not thoroughly grounded and seems to get confused in open debate; but as she has just recently been introduced to the public, her inability to hold her own may be due to stage fright and time will improve her. What next will woman attempt?

Horsemen are beginning to arrive in the city with their strings of racers to take part at the winter racing meeting which opens about November 1st. There is a rumor afloat that this will be the last racing meeting held in San Francisco, as the social prophets predict a crusade against the sport and its deathblow in San Francisco, as has been the case at Chicago and other cities.

Commander Ballington Booth of the Volunteer of America has arrived in the city accompanied by his aide de camp and secretary. He is on a tour of inspection having come by way of the Sound cities where he reports all branches of the Army in flourishing condition and increasing rapidly.

Mr. Callingwood Schrieber, deputy minister and chief engineer of railways in Canada, arrived in this city last week from the north, on his private car, accompanied by a party of distinguished Canadians. He went north in connection with the proposed construction of a railroad into the Klondike, and he expresses confidence in seeing the road built early next spring. Two surveys for the proposed road have already been made, one by the government and the other by the Canadian Pacific Railroad company. The new route will be partly by water and will greatly reduce the hardships and dangers of a trip to the gold diggings.

The gay set of the town is anxiously awaiting the arrival of two titled Englishmen who are expected to be here in a few days. They are the Marquis of Allsbury and his companion, Sir Harry Ballard. Having exhausted the pleasures of gay life in the principal cities of the world they are now determined to have a run for their money and see the elephant in gay "Frisco." Lord Talbot Clifton, an Englishman of noble birth, came here two years ago with the same intention, and the many sights he saw and the things he learned sent him home a poorer but wiser man.

W. R. Malone of Salt Lake is registered at the Grand.

PRESIDENT WILLIAM PAXMAN DEAD

Nephi Utah, Oct. 13.—President Wm. Paxman died at American Fork last night from the injuries received two weeks ago. The body will be brought here tonight for burial. The accident to President Paxman was a fall from a roof. One of his legs was broken.