

M. Frustuck, who operates a grocery and liquor house at Fourth and Hooper streets, is the fond and injured husband. It was on his complaint that the Risslands were locked up Thursday afternoon in the city prison. He was married twice to Mrs. Mary Rissland. During the time of his first experience he says his wife varied her conjugal vows by marrying his cousin, William Frustuck.

While hunting for wood in the river bottom eight miles from Riverside, Cal., Wednesday, Charles Wilbur was horrified by finding the body of a man hidden in the high brush. The man had evidently been killed and dragged to the spot where he lay. His hands and feet were firmly tied with a strong cord and the body was found lying in such a position as to indicate that there had been no struggle. Two bullet wounds were found in the face either of which would have caused death. The coroner's jury has not as yet rendered a verdict and will not do so until it is established that the man cannot be identified.

Ebenezer Haley, one of the few remaining pioneers of Alameda county, Cal., died at his home near Newark about 6 o'clock Tuesday morning. Mr. Haley was a native of Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, 97 years of age. He went to California around the Horn in the brig Mary Jane in company with the late B. B. Redding of Sacramento and seventeen other passengers. Of the nineteen passengers there are now but two survivors, Robert Van Norden of Montgomery street, San Francisco, and Freeman Dennis of Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. The deceased leaves four sons and two daughters, a number of grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

A dispatch from Spokane, Wash., Friday says: John P. McCoomb, once a prominent and trusted citizen of Seattle, died alone last night in a little room in a lodging house in this city and will be buried tomorrow in a pauper's grave. Eight years ago McCoomb was secretary of the relief committee which had charge of the stores donated by other cities for the relief of the fire sufferers of Seattle. A great scandal arose over the theft of large quantities of the supplies, and McCoomb was convicted and sentenced to five years in the penitentiary. After serving out his term he came to Spokane and has since eked out a doubtful existence. Three days ago he was stricken with paralysis.

Francis A. Schmitt, a veteran of the Civil War, aged 65 years, ended his life Thursday evening in the cemetery of the Presidio by sending a bullet through his brain. He was noticed near the cemetery reading for several hours during the afternoon, but little attention was paid to him, it being thought that he was one of many of the city people who seek the quiet of the military post on pleasant days. Schmitt, until a few weeks ago, conducted a barber shop on Dupont street, near Bush, but had recently become despondent and had several times threatened to take his life. An intimate friend died a few days ago, and this, it is thought, was the chief cause of his action. A widow survives him, residing at 726 Green street.

Michael Philbon, a laborer employed at the Union Iron works, San Francisco, was killed while at work Tuesday morning by being struck on the head by a piece of a plank falling a distance of about twenty-five feet. Philbon had been sent into the foundry to get a cope for use in another department. In the upper part of the foundry room is a traveling crane. Monday two riveters were at work on it and used a piece of plank to stand

on. After their work was finished they left it there. Tuesday four other laborers were doing other work on the crane and it is supposed that in moving the loose planks the smaller one was precipitated below, killing Philbon. The deceased was 48 years old, married and leaves a wife and children.

The search of the San Francisco police for the participants in Friday morning's Chinatown pistol battle is now about ended, and as a result of the work of Sergeant Shea's men one of the murderous housebreakers, who attempted the lives of Charlie Ngow and Tom Foon at 8½ Prospect place lies at the morgue, while two others are in the tanks of the city prison. The dead burglar was discovered Tuesday night at 1006 Dupont street by Policemen T. F. Burk and J. Gallaway, where he had been abandoned by his companions after several futile efforts to baffle the police in their endeavors to locate the body. He proved to be Low Fok Guey, one of the leaders of the Tsuey On Tong highbinder societies and one of the most desperate of his kind in the Chinese quarters.

Mrs. Mary Husemann, a domestic employed by Mrs. T. Blanckenburg at 1316 Ellis street, San Francisco, was found dead in bed Wednesday morning asphyxiated by gas. The stopcock of the gas fixture worked imperfectly, but it is not known whether death was due to accident or suicide. The windows and door were closed, but no attempt had been made to stop them up to prevent the egress of gas or the ingress of air. Mrs. Husemann went there from Denver at the time of the Christian Endeavor convention and entered Mrs. Blanckenburg's employ very soon afterward. She was never communicative concerning her past or her family relations. She had spoken, however, of a grown-up daughter in Denver. She was a widow, about 41 years old and a native of Germany.

Michael Purcell, a boiler maker, was making some repairs inside the smokestack of the steamer Wellington at the Folsom street wharf, San Francisco, when six fires were carelessly started below him. He was strapped in a chair suspended from the top of the stack about forty feet from the dampers below. It was impossible to go up, and to go down without assistance meant being roasted alive. Dense volumes of hot smoke began sailing up the stack while Purcell shouted loudly for help. The heat increased every moment until the boiler maker's clothing caught fire. He beat on the pipe with all his might and shouted for fully ten minutes before his helper on the outside, Martin Philpot, realized his plight and rescued him just as the rope supporting him was catching fire. Purcell lies at his home in a critical condition.

George B. Sanford attempted to commit suicide Tuesday night at the home of his brother, V. Sanford, of 1309 Santa Clara avenue, Alameda, Cal., where he resides. He took a dose of strychnine, which came near proving fatal, and he is in a precarious condition as a result. Sanford is 73 years of age and a pioneer of California. He had complained of ill health for a few days past, and his attempt to take his life is thought to have been due to despondency. The would-be suicide is a Seventh-day Adventist, and has been an inveterate smoker and chewer of tobacco. About a week ago he became possessed of the idea that it was wrong to use the weed in any form, and had not done so since. It is thought by relatives that Sanford's natural craving for his accustomed pipe after suddenly quitting the habit led him into the mood of despondency in which he attempted to kill himself.

George Lowrey, who enjoyed the distinction of being the oldest voter in Alameda county, Cal., died Thursday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Branin, in San Lorenzo, at the advanced age of 97. To the last he was mentally clear, and those about him grieve that his wish to go out with the century was not gratified. He had been an ardent Republican since the organization of the party. He had said frequently that he came in with the century and wanted to stay with it to the end, but was more anxious to prove that he was right in voting for McKinley. Lowrey was born in Dunfermline, Fifeshire, Scotland, August 4, 1800, and came to America in 1847. He became a citizen and his first vote was cast for Franklin Pierce in 1853. He went to California in 1872 and engaged in farming. His home has been with his daughter for the past fifteen years.

One of the most novel and attractive features of the grand parade which is to form a part of the celebration in honor of California's Golden Jubilee will be the Chinese division. That Chinatown will be represented in the great festival pageant was definitely decided Thursday when the Chinese vice consul, Ho Yow, assured the jubilee parade committee that both he and the acting consul general were in hearty accord with the spirit of the proposed celebration, and would do all in their power to render it a success. Ho Yow was enthusiastic over the idea of a Chinese turnout, and he was sure that the consul general shared his feelings in the matter. He said he would do his best to enlist the Six Companies in the movement, and he thought it would be entirely possible to make of the Chinese division of the parade one of the most gorgeous Oriental demonstrations ever witnessed outside of the principal cities of the Chinese empire.

## SNOWFLAKE CONFERENCE.

The regular quarterly conference of the Snowflake Stake of Zion was held in Snowflake, Navajo county, Arizona, November 28 and 29, 1897.

The Stake presidency were on the stand with most of the Bishops and other brethren.

There was a fair attendance of the people of the nearer settlements; the weather was beautiful, and a very enjoyable time was experienced.

There were held five meetings, including the Priesthood meeting on Sunday evening.

The General and Stake authorities were sustained by the unanimous vote of the conference.

Written and verbal reports of the Bishops showed the prospects to be very encouraging in all the settlements.

The past season has been more pleasant and fruitful than any other, for several years.

The people seem to be more encouraged, and are turning more energetic attention to the cultivation of the soil.

The speakers were: President Jesse N. Smith, his two counselors, Lorenzo H. Hatch and Joseph H. Richards, also Elders John Hancock, Theodore W. Turley, A. J. Randall, A. J. Larson and Lewellen Harris, also Bishops John Hunt, Z. B. Decker Jr., Hans Hanson, John Bushman, Niels Peterson and L. M. Savage. The Saints were urged to live more strictly in accordance with the requirements of the Gospel, especially to properly observe the Sabbath, attend to prayer and conform to all ordinary Church discipline. The youth were encouraged to renewed diligence in improving their very favorable opportunities. Respectfully,

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Clerk of Conference.