

Hocks was destroyed, with no insurance.

J. A. Howe lashed one of the St. Joseph firemen, who was half buried with bricks, and pulled him out of the intense heat that was cooking him.

The St. Joseph funerals will be held on Monday, commencing at 10:30 a.m. while the Benton Harbor unfortunate will be interred Tuesday with services by various secret orders.

Inquests over the remains were commenced and the examination continued until the question of live electric wires were reached, when adjournment was made until next Tuesday afternoon; when young Prescott will probably be put on the stand.

NEW YORK, Sept. 7.—The Examiner-Journal bicycle relay race from San Francisco to New York was finished at City Hall park at 29 minutes past 3 o'clock this afternoon, the entire race taking 13 days 29 minutes and 41.5 seconds. The number of miles covered was 3,395. The last relay from Kings bridge to the finish was run by Frederick J. Titus, the well known racing man, who wheeled his part in 29 minutes and 18 seconds.

BUTTE, Mont., Sept. 8.—Another great gold discovery has been made in Montana, and this time in a neighborhood which furnished many millions of gold to the world in its placers. E. S. Thurston, general manager of the Old Faithful mine a few miles from the old town of Bannock, arrived in the city yesterday with news that a most important discovery had been made there during the past week. A ledge of ore of unknown width was opened up which is richer than anything else yet discovered in Montana.

The Old Faithful was worked many years ago, but was abandoned until recently, when a New York company headed by Mr. Thurston took charge and began work. A force of fifty men has been employed for some time with indifferent results until last week, when the rich body of ore was found.

The richness of the ore may be judged from the fact that seventeen ounces of the rock yielded a quarter of a pound of gold.

The reports of a wonderful strike in the New Mayflower district have been confirmed by later investigations and developments. Old mining men declare that it is the richest body of gold ever known in the world.

MOUNT VERNON, Ill., Sept. 8.—The appellate court of the fourth district has decided that plowing corn on Sunday in sight of church-goers does not in itself constitute a disturbance of peace. In construing section 261 which relates to disturbing the peace by labor on Sunday, under which Mr. Foll, a Seventh-day Adventist, was arrested, the court holds that this section does not prohibit work or amusement on Sunday, but prohibits only such conduct as disturbs the peace and good order of society. The defendant being a Seventh-day Adventist, observed Saturday as the Sabbath and plowed corn on Sunday, and his arrest and conviction resulted. The case was appealed to the appellate court with the above result.

NEW YORK, Sept. 8.—A dispatch to the Herald from Constantinople says: Orders have been received from Russian ports to stop further consign-

ments of Armenian refugees, as Russia is overstocked and declines to receive any further supplies.

In consequence of these orders a number of Armenians who had already embarked were landed here again last night.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Sept. 8.—Judge Henry L. Lorenz, special commissioner of the United States court of claims, is in the city for the purpose of adjusting the long standing claims of the letter carriers for over-time between 1888 and 1893.

The claims of letter carriers against the government which Judge Lorenz is engaged in adjusting, arose out of the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in the case of Post v. the United States, rendered in 1891, in which it was held that letter carriers were engaged to do a specific class of work, for which they were to receive a stated salary. Under the act of Congress of 1888 their time was limited to eight hours per day, six days a week. After the eight-hour law was passed it became customary for postmasters to detail carriers to do extra work in other departments. This the court held to be contrary to law, unless the men were paid extra for the extra labor.

Upon this decision letter carriers all over the country put in claims against the government, the aggregate amounting to several millions of dollars. From here, Judge Lorenz will go through the state visiting all towns and cities which have a carrier service, proceeding afterward to Utah, Colorado, Kansas and Nebraska.

NEW YORK, Sept. 9.—The appellate division of the Supreme Court today handed down a decision in the case of William H. A. Brown as administrator of the estate of Wm. H. Brown, deceased, against Cornelius Vanderbilt and others. The decision affirms the order of the lower court which denied Brown's motion for further discovery of books and accounts of the late Commodore Vanderbilt. Brown and Vanderbilt were parties in a steamship company with a line to San Francisco by way of the isthmus. It is alleged the Vanderbilt estate has owed the Brown estate several thousand dollars since that time.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 9.—Chinese residents of this city have appointed a committee consisting of Mark Tse Sule, Gee and Loui Kind, representing three big Chinese mercantile concerns in Seattle, to wait upon and pay their respects to Li Hung Chang upon his arrival on Saturday at Vancouver en route home. Mark Tse Sule, who is a representative of the better class of Chinese, says the distinguished viceroy's visit means much to the United States; that Li will upon his return to China begin the construction of a system comprising no less than 33,000 miles of railroads and that gold and silver mines in a range of mountains extending for 1,500 miles along northern China will be opened. Much iron and machinery to be used in developing these enterprises, Mark Tse Sule states from private Chinese advices, will be purchased in the United States. Mark says that Li proposes the publication of a book embracing his experiences and what he has learned on his trip, upon his return to the Flowery Kingdom.

## WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

Wednesday night a saloon was robbed in Pocatello, Idaho, and \$800 taken. The thieves escaped.

A band of thieves in Ada county, Idaho, stole a herd of 200 cattle last week and drove them eastward.

Dan Densley was in South Omaha on Tuesday, from Riverton, Utah, with three double-deck cars of sheep.

Arthur E. George, 12 years old, was drowned at Lewistown, Idaho, on Sept. 5th. He had waded into the Snake river and was caught by the stream and carried beyond his depth.

Adrian Marchant, a bartender, died suddenly Wednesday afternoon at San Rafael, Cal. Marchant has been drinking very heavily, and his death was due to alcoholism.

Patrick James Kelly, who is employed on a ranch near Napa, Cal., was fatally injured Sunday evening by his horse running away and throwing Mr. Kelly against a tree. His skull was fractured.

The remains of two men were found near Red Rock, Cal., on Tuesday. The informant stated that from the condition of the bodies they had been dead a month or more. Nothing further could be learned.

The body of Matthew Roach, a dry-goods salesman, was found in the surf half a mile north of the Ocean House at San Francisco, Friday. Deputy Coroner Hallett, who investigated the case, is inclined to believe that Roach was accidentally drowned.

A young man named Marsall was drowned while working on a boom of the Royal City planing mill at New Westminster, B. C., Friday. A brother of the deceased was drowned off the steamer Gipey, belonging to the same company about a year ago.

While grape-picking Tuesday afternoon at Fresno, Cal., J. Wood of San Francisco was prostrated by the heat and died in a few minutes. It has been unusually sultry for several days, and field labor in many instances has been suspended in consequence.

The remains of an unknown man were brought to Modesto, Cal., Friday afternoon by Deputy Coroner Bowker. Patrolmen at Los Banos found blood on the running gear of the car and the dead man was found a short distance north. The remains were unrecognizable.

H. R. Snively of Woodland, Cal., had a narrow escape from death Tuesday. One ring of a sectional harrow got caught in a bridge, struck him unaware and knocked him down. One of the teeth grazed his backbone and penetrated his body to a depth of an inch and a half. He will recover.

The body of Joseph White, aged 18 years, was found in an orchard at Mount Lebanon, B. C., Friday. From the position of the body, which was lying under a fruit tree and a gun by its side, it would seem that the deceased had attempted to knock down fruit with a loaded gun, which went off, the charge entering his head.

Fred Oates, a young miner, met a shocking death Thursday in the Cadmus mine, Cal. A pump column, an iron tube about fourteen feet long and six inches in diameter, fell down the