NEWS OF THE WEST.

An Old Man Jumps Over a Bluff 92 Feet High.

THREE PEOPLE BURNED TO DEATH.

Fell Over Second Fall—Three Persons Drown—Be ie h e Road—Railway Rumors.

Andrew O. Matson and Saturday afternoon of Portland, Oregon, from a case of morphine taken with the intent to end his earthly troubles.

Saturday morning, at Napa, Cal., F. E. Mosier shot himself through the head at his home on Fourth street, killing himself almost instantly. Financial trouble was the cause.

A terrific electrical storm prevailed recently on the high rivers in California. A heavy rain in the Cascade, accompanied by lightning and thunder. Between Shoe Camp in and Rancheria Gap hail fell to a depth of nearly four inches. The mountains over which the storm passed are alive with company parties and never was a seasonable time canvas was in great demand with the storm prevailed.

The farmers of Fraser Valley, B. C., in convention have decided to urge on both the Provincial and Dominion governments the necessity of permanent dykes and navigation improvement. A delegation will interview the Minister. If nothing is done by the government all the farmers are looking forward with dismay to their ruin. The amount required to dyke the river and bring it down to decent size would be immense, as the Rocky river wished away banks and swamped the river. Riverside lining along the river is also doing great damage. A large amount of gold is being taken out, but the miners' dump is filling up the river.

A fire entirely an old two-story lodging-house in San Diego, Cal., Sunday morning and cause the death of Nellie Bailey and probably of another person. The fire was discovered by an old man named Dobson, who occupied the upper floor. He found James Lewis, who is an inmate of the place, and then attempted to rescue the Bailey women, whom he heard screaming in the rooms of the building. The flames, however grew too hot, and he and Lewis barely escaped with their lives. Mrs. McDonald, about 12 years old, was with the Bailey women, and burned to death. In the morning the remains of the Bailey women and an unknown man were taken from the ruins.

James Miller, a former resident of Carson, Nevada, is wanted by the police of Truckee, Cal., on a warrant telegraphed from Gran Valley. The sheriff of Calaveras county has been on the trail for several days, but Miller has so far succeeded in eluding him. The crime for which Miller is wanted is perjury. It seems that several months ago he married a girl in Carson with a married woman named Hale in Gara. The people were not happy in the new ties, but Bailey, who lived in Carson after the storm had blown over, only to again disappear in less than a week. On their return this while in Carson, they went through the form of a marriage ceremony. Mrs. Hale Gara giving her maiden name, Miss Raffetto. The ceremony was performed on April 22 by Justice Moore. Before securing a marriage license each had to swear that there was no known reason why they should not be married, and for this reason Miller is wanted for perjury. Miller is Gara is wanted for bigamy.

Walter Dargett, one of the best known aeronauts in America, made a balloon ascension Saturday evening at Asbury Park, in the presence of several thousand people. After reaching a height of 2000 feet he detached his parachute from his balloon and descended safely. The parachute did not open, and it was seen at once that Dargett was in difficulty. He struggles falling precisely towards the ground. After falling 500 feet he managed to release some of the cords attached to the canvas and extricated himself a little, but the apparatus closed again and he fell the other 1,500 feet in eighteen seconds, dashing into the center of a large fir tree on the hills overlooking the city. Dargett's collar bone was fractured and his right leg was driven several inches into the trunk of his body. The unfortunate man was at once taken to a hospital and examined by the doctors, who pronounced his injuries fatal. It is thought that instant death was due to the branches of the tree, which broke the force of the fall considerably.

The carcass and parts of the clothing of a man were found in the woods near Hyde's church, about six miles from Ukiah, Cal., Saturday morning. The point at which the find was made was in the brush alongside the old wood road, about two miles from the junction with the county road, between Hyde's sleigh and Freshwater. The bones had been entirely stripped of flesh and were scattered over a considerable space, as if by wild animals, while the remains of the clothing were crinkled and rotting, showing it had been there some time. Among the bones and clothing it appears that a key winding silver watch and a short brass chain of peculiar design, which, with a stick Derby hat and hob-nailed shoes, are the only articles that may lead to identification. It was at first thought that the remains were those of one Mitchell, who was last seen in Ukiah in the upper part of the county last year, but the father of the boy failed to identify the articles. The weight is 1 Anthony Wittman, Dana street Sacramento, No. 652.

Over a high shelf between the seaside resort of Santa Monica, Cal., and a canyon of the same name, a poor, old Spaniard Saturday morning leaped to his death. For nineteen years Juan Belongia has been known and respected by the Spanish-speaking people of San Jose and Santa Monica as a man honest and attentive to business. He was born in San Jose in 1824, married there and raised a large family. When his youngest child was about 14 years of age, nearly twenty years ago, he moved, with his wife and three children, to Santa Monica, where he has since resided. Old age was burdensome to him. Saturday he seized his grandson, Augustine Olivera, to take him on his errands. The youth cheerfully obeyed the request, and long rode over to Santa Monica canyon and back. On approaching a high bluff on the ocean front the old man signaled to become suddenly animated. Before the boy knew what he was doing, Belongia had thrown the reins down and leaped from the moving wagon and headed in a mad run for the edge of the cliff. The boy called to him, asking what he was going to do. The old man shouted some incoherent words, whether telling him he was going to kill himself or bidding him goodby, Augustine could not say, as it was discovered with a jump over the high precipice. The boy, horrified, rushed to the edge just in time to see the form of his grandfather whirl through the air to strike almost feet below on the rocks, where it was crushed into an almost shapeless mass.

News from Los Angeles, Cal., says: There is a story going the rounds to the effect that Mr. Hall will soon be a change in the management of the Terminal Railway. It is said that General Manager Winsor will retire on the 1st of next month, and other R. R. Hynes, at one time general freight and passenger agent of the Southern California, of F. K. Ballantine of the Terminal, will succeed him. One of the officials of the Terminal was seen Saturday. He said he had heard no change in the management on the 1st of September, but the date had not yet been prepared. When asked if there was any prospect of the proposed change in the direction of change in management the official said: "That I cannot say. There might be, and there might not be. A number of changes are contemplated and we may expect something quite new in railroad circles." In this connection it is worthy of note that there has been a number of rail capitalists from Utah visiting this section lately. Ex-Bishop Taylor is even now in Los Angeles and has announced that he and Saltbrook of the new road from here to Salt Lake is properly senator by Los Angeles. Mr. Gibson, another very prominent Utah capitalist, was in the city quite recently, and had to not been prevented by sudden sickness would have visited the new road the route of the proposed road. The visits, taken in connection with the announcement of the prospective changes on the terminal, all seem to point to important railroad developments in this section shortly. It has been rumored that the San Joaquin valley road was to be built south to connect with some Eastern road, and it is rumored that the new line now may be that connection. Always rumors are great and important changes in the corps, and it rumored all Los Angeles may have still another transcontinental railroad.

Henry Sengstacken arrived at Marshfield, Oregon, returning from Gardiner bringing the sad intelligence of a frightful accident which happened on South river Thursday morning whereby three lives were lost. The gasoline launch Minnie, with Captain Wylie, left the wharf at Gardiner Wednesday evening with the following passengers: Clarice Meade of Smith River, M. H. Pickering of Portland, H. Sengstacken of Marshfield and Mrs. Wyle and infant. On the way up the river the low stack several times, and when just below Mast's place it was discovered that she was leaking badly, and in a few minutes sank in twenty feet of water. The boat was then towed to the Matson side of the river, and with the assistance of a small boat, the infant was towed ashore in order to make repairs and bail her out, as the water was too high for the pumps to work. The repairs were made, and the steamer proceeded up the river for her destination, Sulphur Springs. Pickering, Meade and Sengstacken having left her. About six miles from the mouth it appears that he expected discovered that the gasoline tank was missing, dry and he put the boy back, young Graham, to the tank to attempt to fill the tank from a small supply tank, holding a pattern in one hand. While doing this the low engine fire and the tank exploded and burned and swept ashore. The captain was seen taking an oar with and child to the oars of the boat and he supposed to have jumped overboard. As he could not swim he was drowned, together with his wife and child. All the bodies were recovered at daylight Thursday morning. The captain was found in the middle of the river, about fifty feet from where the boat hung on a rock, turned bottom up. Mrs. Wyle was found about 100 yards below and the infant was found floating on top of the water in front of Mr. Perkins' house, probably 200 yards below the scene of the accident. The boy was the only person saved.

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