

yet, had made no purchases whatever, and thought their buying would materially increase this number.

Jacob Suerber was drowned in the Klamath river near Nolton, below Happy Camp, Cal., on January 18th. He was employed by the Nabette B. Mining company, and endeavored to secure a load of lumber in the swift stream, when his boat was carried down the river and he was drowned in sight of his fellow workmen. The accident occurred shortly before dusk, and a search was made for his body without success, as he never came to the surface. He was about 30 or 35 years of age and a newcomer. The only papers found among his effects was a letter dated San Francisco, and signed, "Your sister," without a name.

Herman Stohr and Clarence Melmburg, two miners who worked in the Senate mine, near Prescott, Arizona, were blown to death Friday night by a premature blast. The men were at work on the day shift, and when the night shift went into the drift they found the bodies badly mutilated. An examination of the works revealed the cause of death. The men had prepared four holes to shoot as they left work. Two were found loaded and ready to shoot, while the other two had already exploded and hurled the men to death. Just what caused the accident can only be conjectured, but the men were probably tamping the holes. The powder was probably frozen, and the tamping must have set it off.

William Byrnes, a miner, employed in the Savage mine at Virginia, Nevada, was seriously injured Saturday afternoon. Byrnes and Dennis Sullivan were being hoisted to the surface. When near the 300-foot level one of several loose planks on the cage slipped and knocked Byrnes off the deck into the shaft. In falling he grasped the floor of the cage with one hand, and hung suspended there until rescued from his perilous position by his companion. When brought to the surface Byrnes was unconscious from the severe mental and physical strain produced by hanging suspended by one hand in the shaft, the unslapping of which would have plunged him to the bottom, 900 feet below. An examination showed that he had been severely crushed in the region of the groin in falling between the deck of the cage and the wall plates of the shaft. If no internal injuries were sustained he will recover.

On Saturday afternoon an unknown man was killed by a train at Port Costa, Cal. The body was that of a young man aged apparently 22 or 23 years, with black curly hair and light sandy mustache, grey eyes and good teeth. He was dressed in a black diagonal suit, with black alpaca over-shirt and gaiter shoes. The only thing found on the body was an old physician's handbook of the year 1873. In this book were several entries, apparently of a physician's professional calls, as follows: Miss Sarah Underhill N 4, 5; Charles Wagner 9, I J; Miss Eliza Williams, six miles from Florio. In the book was written in pencil in several places the name George Jones, Los Angeles, Cal. The man took dinner at Cruckett Saturday, and said he was going to

a place about sixty miles above Sacramento. He said he had come from Oakland. Coroner Curry has postponed the inquest until Thursday next in hopes of discovering the identity of the deceased.

Omaha Stockman, Jan. 22: Among the prominent range cattle owners at the yards today was Ed. L. Dana of Park valley, Utah, who was here looking over the situation. Mr. Dana has, besides his herds in Wyoming, about 900 cattle on feed at David City and Ulysses, and he says they are all doing nicely. Mr. Dana is just in from the Wyoming ranges, and remarked that up to the present time the weather has been exceptionally fine for cattle owners, in fact but little snow has fallen and cattle have done nicely in the open range so far this winter. Mr. Dana looks forward to a very fair market the coming spring and summer for fat cattle. He says that cattlemen in Wyoming have marketed their cattle pretty close this winter owing to the high prices prevailing in the corn belt for stock cattle, and as a result less cattle will be left on the range for the spring and summer market than usual. Mr. Dana handles high grade stock and invariably secures top figures when he has stock on the markets of the country.

Kendrick, Ida, dispatch to the Tacoma, Wash., News: Cattle buyers have been so numerous in the Potlatch for the last three months that there is no longer any surplus, only enough to supply the home demand. The advance in the price of wheat checked to a considerable extent hog raising and about six car loads have been driven out. Frank Johnson of Riverville, Wash., a cattle buyer for an eastern firm passed through here recently from a trip to the Salmon river country, where he purchased about 2,000 head and on the Nez Perce reservation managed to pick up about 1,000 head more. On the breaks of the Salmon river Mr. Johnson reports finding a number of bands of cattle that find excellent grazing while the snow is deep in the mountains. The large bunch of cattle that once fed along the Salmon river are rapidly disappearing with the new settlements that are springing up. Some of the cattlemen are loath to sell, believing that the number of buyers that are going through the country is an indication of the scarcity of cattle, which will naturally cause an advance in the price of cattle in the near future.

Private advices have been received in San Francisco, Cal., from California, United States of Colombia, telling of the arrest on November 25th last of two young Americans—H. K. Spring and O. W. Nelson—while en route to their home in Southern California, on a charge of murdering J. C. Hubbard, also an American. From the accounts received there was little if any ground for suspicion against either of the accused. Spring and Nelson were incarcerated in a dungeon for twenty-five days, and were then released on bail through the intercession of George O. Hall, an American resident of Cali, who heard of the unfortunate predicament of his countrymen and became thoroughly convinced not only of their entire innocence of the charge alleged against them, but also that they were

the victims of a conspiracy. During his imprisonment young Spring was taken ill with fever, and had he not been released would probably have died in prison. According to a letter written by Nelson to the father of Spring, who resides at Colton, Cal., the United States consul took little if any interest in the arrest of his countrymen. Hall, who was a stranger to the accused, worked without ceasing to secure their release, and was successful just before the adjournment of court for a month's vacation.

A news item from Los Angeles, Cal., says Prof. McClatchie's guinea pig is dead, but Dr. Thomas Powell is still apparently as healthy as any man in Los Angeles. Just a month ago Prof. McClatchie, a well known bacteriologist, formerly of the Troop Polytechnic institute, came from his home in Compton to investigate Dr. Powell's claim that he could render himself proof against the most virulent diseases. As a test of this claim, he injected into Dr. Powell's skin a quantity of sputum from a patient in an advanced stage of tuberculosis, and at the same time made a similar injection into a guinea pig. A letter just received from McClatchie states that the pig is dead, after having become emaciated and shown all the symptoms of consumption. Dr. Powell was seen at his office Saturday and seemed to take the announcement as a matter of course, evincing no surprise. The result, he said, was just as he expected. As for himself, he had suffered no inconvenience from the experiment, and certainly his appearance indicated perfect health. He is flooded with hundreds of letters from physicians and others all over the United States from Boston to San Francisco and from Duluth to El Paso, inquiring about his discovery. Dr. Powell will publish in a day or two a statement, again offering to submit to the most exacting tests, to be made by any body of reputable physicians, a committee of the most competent and reliable to conduct experiments in which germs of any or all of the following diseases may be introduced into his system: Tuberculosis, diphtheria, anthrax, glanders, cholera, lockjaw, typhoid fever, leprosy or any others the committee appointed may prefer.

Marcellus McGary, an inventor and patentee of Memphis, Mo., writes his nephew, T. E. Bryant of Tacoma, Wash., that, after many years of study, he has solved the problem of navigating the air by producing an air and water boat. He says he contemplates making a flying trip across the continent to Tacoma in an air ship he is now building. He claims that he will be able to sail through the air like a bird, and can alight on and travel by water, arise and sail among the clouds at will. The ship will be twenty-five by eighty feet, with four large wings beating the air. Six witnesses and a notary public of Memphis make affidavit to the successful test of a small model of the airship in the courthouse at Memphis on November 28th last. They aver that it consisted of a boat four feet long, pointed at the ends, with two wings on each side, shaped like the wings of a fly. The boat was partly supported by a cigar-shaped balloon, from which it was suspended by