

committed suicide by shooting himself in the mouth with a revolver at an early hour on Monday morning in the street at San Francisco. Three men were standing near by, and hearing the report of the weapon turned in time to see him fall to the pavement. The patrol wagon was summoned and the wounded man was conveyed at once to the receiving hospital. He was still breathing when the hospital was reached, but died in about an hour, and the body was removed to the morgue. It is supposed that he contemplated taking his life for some time, as he told his landlady he was weary of life and would make away with himself. He had been out of work for some time, and in consequence was despondent. The deceased was about thirty-six years of age.

Ben Williams and Walter Douglass, of Bisbee, while down in Sonora a few days ago, went swimming in the Yaqui river, says the *Arizona Prospector*. The former swam out to a rock in the stream and the latter followed. Mr. Williams dived off the rock but when he appeared he was exhausted. He went down a second time and Mr. Douglass seeing his condition hastened to his rescue, reaching him as he arose the second time. He was assisted away from the spot which proved to be a whirlpool which had tumbled the diver all in a heap when he went below and he became exhausted in fighting his way to the surface. He was unconscious when the shore was reached and for two hours he was rolled and rubbed by Mr. Douglass before being able to navigate.

John Maguire, a wealthy citizen of Vallejo, Cal., received notice that his vault in Carquinez cemetery had been desecrated. On Saturday he made a visit to the cemetery and found that the vault had been opened. On the steps leading into the vault and on the floor lay coffin screws and ornaments and broke glass. At the right of the entrance was a casket containing the remains of Mrs. Eliza Maguire. Evidences of the desecration of this casket were plain. The screws taken from the lid had not been reset. On the left was a casket containing the remains of the late Ellen M. Greason. The engraved plate had been pried from its fastenings and the heavy plate glass at the foot smashed in as if it had been struck with a heavy hammer. Neither of the bodies had been removed, and Mr. Maguire made up his mind that the vandalism was the work of tramps who had hoped to find valuables on the dead.

A clever letter, undoubtedly prepared by confidence operators, has been received through the mail by L. Lion, a well known capitalist of San Jose, Cal. The letter asks Mr. Lion to accept the guardianship of a young orphan girl and the custody of \$18,000,000, the writer being ostensibly a political prisoner in Spanish Africa, his incarceration being due to his active participation in the disturbances in Spain. The communication is written in French, that being Mr. Lion's nationality, and, although it has the indorsement of a person who is claimed to be a holy priest, Mr. Lion, after reading it, came to the conclusion that it was a clever scheme to

get some of his American money. Several things in connection with the letter aroused Mr. Lion's suspicions. While the letter is dated at Spanish Africa, it is postmarked Bordeaux, France, and its perfect construction is evidence that it was written by a well educated Frenchman. Also, though the writer claims to have met Mr. Lion, the latter fails to recollect ever having had the honor of the acquaintance of the alleged blue-blooded Spanish grandee.

There is among the patients at the city and county hospital at San Francisco a physician from Bishop Creek, Inyo county, named Dr. S. A. Middleton, who is suffering from a strange wound received sixteen years ago in an encounter with Arizona desperadoes. This injury consists of a gun shot wound in the eye, which destroyed the sight. The doctor had many thrilling experiences in California and Arizona. In days past, says the *San Francisco Chronicle*, in 1877 he went from California to Arizona to practice his profession in some of the mining towns of the Territory. On his way thither he was advised by the governor to locate at Greenwood, a small mining camp. At that place was a desperado named Davis, who ran the town to suit himself. He had a stock corral with his partner, named Slack, and when Doctor Middleton endeavored to establish a rival corral the trouble began and culminated in the death of Davis and Slack. These men made several attempts to get the doctor at a disadvantage, but the nerve with which he met their advances had deterred them from shooting at him until one night while taking up a collection in a saloon for the benefit of a school mistress, who had been left in bad shape by a fire. Davis had everything cut and dried to assassinate the doctor. He had his partner outside the saloon holding a head on the doctor. Two other desperadoes were on the inside. Davis walked up to the doctor while the latter was counting his money, and, placing a sixshooter at his heart, began to taunt him. The doctor says he arose and although unarmed tapped his antagonist on the nose with his finger, telling him he had better shoot, as it was his last chance. Davis did not do so, relying on Slack to fire at the proper time. The latter, it seems, wanted his partner killed, as he was afraid of him. The doctor walked out of the saloon un molested by Slack. He returned with a shotgun and two sixshooters. He leveled the gun on Davis to make him surrender. At that moment he heard a command from Slack outside to drop the gun. He turned his head and that moment Davis fired, the bullet striking him in the eye. The blood blinded the other eye also. The doctor fired in the direction of Slack and killed him. As the doctor fell he fired at Davis and killed him. Both shots had been fired with lightning rapidity while the doctor was falling on the floor. Then the doctor, so he has been told, drew one of his six-shooters, intending, although blinded by blood, to shoot where he had last seen the third desperado. The weapon was taken from him. Several ineffectual attempts have been made to locate the bullet which passed through the socket of the eye. A por-

tion of the skull bone which had been pressing against the brain was ruled a few days ago and afforded the sufferer considerable relief, as a quantity of pus was discharged. The doctor believes that the bullet passed around on the inside of the skull and is now in the back of his head.

STAKE CONFERENCES.

Utah Stake—Saturday and Sunday, October 14th and 15th, 1893; and Saturday and Sunday, January 13th and 14th, 1894.

Weber Stake—Sunday and Monday, Oct. 15th and 16th, 1893; and Sunday and Monday, January 14th and 15th, 1894.

Cox Elder, Tooele and Oneida Stakes—Sunday and Monday, October 22nd and 23rd, 1893; and Sunday and Monday, January 21st and 22nd, 1894.

Wasatch and Juab Stakes—Saturday and Sunday, October 28th and 29th, 1893; and Saturday and Sunday, January 27th and 28th, 1894.

Coebe Stake—Sunday and Monday, October 29th and 30th, 1893; and Sunday and Monday, January 28th and 29th, 1894.

Bear Lake Stake—Saturday and Sunday, November 4th and 5th, 1893; and Saturday and Sunday, February 3rd and 4th, 1894.

Emery, Summit and Uintah Stakes—Sunday and Monday, November 5th and 6th, 1893; and Sunday and Monday, February 4th and 5th, 1894.

Sanpete and Star Valley Stakes—Saturday and Sunday, November 11th and 12th, 1893; and Saturday and Sunday, February 10th and 11th, 1894.

San Luis, Morgan and Bannock Stakes—Sunday and Monday, November 19th and 20th, 1893; and Sunday and Monday, February 11th and 12th, 1894.

San Juan and Mexico Stakes—Saturday and Sunday, November 18th and 19th, 1893; and Saturday and Sunday, February 17th and 18th, 1894.

Millard, Beaver and Cardston, Canada, Stakes—Sunday and Monday, November 19th and 20th, 1893; and Sunday and Monday, February 18th and 19th, 1894.

Panguitch, Wayne and Snowflake Stakes—Sunday and Monday, November 26th and 27th, 1893; and Sunday and Monday, February 25th and 26th, 1894.

Davis and Kanab Stakes—Saturday and Sunday, December 2nd and 3rd, 1893; and Saturday and Sunday, March 3rd and 4th, 1894.

St. John Stake—Sunday and Monday, December 3rd and 4th, 1893; and Sunday and Monday, March 4th and 5th, 1894.

St. George, Malad and St. Joseph Stakes—Sunday and Monday, December 10th and 11th, 1893; and Sunday and Monday, March 11th and 12th, 1894.

Cassia, Parowau and Maricopa Stakes—Sunday and Monday, December 17th and 18th, 1893; and Sunday and Monday, March 18th and 19th, 1894.

Beaver Stake—Saturday and Sunday, December 23rd and 24th, 1893; and Saturday and Sunday, March 24th and 25th, 1894.

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