EVENTS IN THE WEST.

A Record of Occurrences in Neighboring States and Territories.

FERDINAND UHL IN JAIL AT OAKLAND.

Looking for an Absconding Secretary—Prospective Pugilistic Bouts—Union Pacific Freight Rates.

As soon as it was learned in San Francisco that McCoy had won the fight, Eddie Graney sent a telegram to Joe Choynski asking how he challenge McCoy. A contest in that city, as the National Athletic club had offered a purse of $10,000.

Keeper Brown of Colorado has returned to Denver from a tour of the western part of the state. Some found very little violation of the game laws. Some information was furnished him but not any lead to arrests later on. For the two months few persons killed game unlawfully.

The police of San Jose, Cal., express the belief that Albert Hoff, held by the police of San Francisco on the charge of murder of Mrs. Mary C. Cline in the residence of Emma Hawkins, a woman of the half-world, who was found in her room with her throat cut April 22, 1896. A description of the man had been in their possession for months, but the name of Hoff.

At Denver the Union Pacific has made the announcement that the rates that were cancelled some months ago, when the Portland rate was inaugurated on the Oregon Short Line from Colorado to Utah, Idaho, Montana and Washington, will be reinstated on January 1, the date set for the going up of the rates from the East.

John L. Herget of San Francisco, better known as Young Mitchell, went to Oakland, Cal., Friday evening to see Lavigne about his coming fight with Griffo, and the advisability of pulling off the match in Oakland, but he was informed that Lavigne was in another hall, departed for the East on the evening train. Mitchell is of the opinion that Lavigne will return to Oakland in time to fight.

A fatal fire occurred near Corona, Cal., fourteen miles from Riverside, Tuesday evening. The residence occupied by the Monge family caught fire in some unaccountable manner, and before the flames were discovered the roof of the house was in a blaze. Eleven members of the family escaped, but a little girl, 12 years of age, was suffocated by the smoke and failed to make her escape. A desperate attempt was made to rescue her by the oldest brother of the family, but without avail, and the little sufferer perished in the flames.

Word has been received in San Francisco that the great fire in Melbourne, Australia, on the morning of Nov. 22, was far more destructive than was indicated by the early reports of the disaster. Mail advices brought by the steamer Moana state that the entire district bounded by Elizabeth, Flinders and Swanton streets and Flinders lane, comprising the great warehouse emporium of Victoria, was gutted and reduced to a mass of tottering ruins. The total amount of damage done is estimated at $7,500,000. About 1,800 regular employes engaged by the soft goods warehouses will be thrown out of work for some time at least, and about 1,800 hands employed in the clothing factories and in other lines will also suffer severely for a time owing to the destruction of raw material. The theory of lighting has been advanced to account for the origin of the fire.

Ferdinand Uhl, the Temescal, Cal., maniac and the self-confessed murderer of aged Patrick Murphy is now a prisoner at the Oakland jail. Covered with mud and suffering from cold and hunger, the murderer was taken into custody by Detective Dennis Holland yesterday morning. The prisoner offered little resistance and said to the arresting officer that he was glad it was over, as he did not want to pass another night out in the cold. Uhl makes a complete confession to the murder of Murphy. He also knows under the belief that he murdered Antone Odetto and Constable Wells. He is willing to confess, first two, he expressed little regret, but he says he is sorry that Knox had to be killed. When searched at the station Uhl was found to be well armed to make his resistance. Besides the 32-caliber revolver with which the shooting was done he had in his pockets 125 rounds of cartridges and $25 in cash. He freely admitted the killing of Murphy and said that he was not sorry.

For several days past detectives at San Francisco have been doing duty on the water front, looking out for the arrival of an important criminal from Buenos Ayres. Every incoming vessel has been carefully watched, and especially those from Central America. Close espionage has been maintained over all those who left from this north. The fugitive whose capture Chief Lees and his men seek so exactly is Jose de Jesus Ramirez, the late secretary of the Buenos Ayres National Safe Deposit and Trust company. He therein left his home recently with a suddenness that set his employers to making an immediate examination of his accounts. It resulted in the discovery that Saverio had carried with him the sum of $100,000 belonging to the National Safe Deposit and Trust company, and $50,000 in government bonds. It was found that the defaulter had fled to the destination and the Brazilian authorities were chief lees to look out for him. Extradition papers were sent with a heavy record. Early this week the much sought for fugitive was said to be in the custody of the police at Rio and Seattle. The rumor is doubted, however, at police headquarters in San Francisco. The officials there think that if Saverio is not safe his way to Europe he will be in a country of Europe, he is likely to turn up any day at that port.

One On General Lee.

Mrs. Cleveland enjoys a joke as much as her husband, and has a good story, one of the latest White House, after she knew that Ruth and Esther had a little brother, was that the good news was first announced to Miss Esther, resided in Gen. Fitzhugh Lee. This gentleman, who was our eldest general officer, has been a frequent guest of the late, but his name did not appear among the list of persons who called to congratulate the Democratic executive of Virginia was in session, and his knowledge of politeness was engrossed in the conflicting customs and the platform discussed which usually attend the birth of a child. A suffering Somebody in Mississippi, Oswetts set in motion what is known in the newspaper world as a "boom for Governor." To the effect that a son had been born to Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland. When this information was given to Gen. Lee did not stop to verify it but went for the publication in any paper. He forthwith sent the following telegram to the executive of Mississippi: "Allow me to congratulate the citizens of the commonwealth over which you preside upon the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland. Mrs. Cleveland and baby are doing well."