

## WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

pany, and we have every reason to believe that this will be given at an early date."

Denver, Colo., Oct. 12.—A special to the Times from Omaha says: President Clark of the Union Pacific, is here in conference with a large number of prominent railroad men from all over the country. He asserts positively that the re-organization committee would purchase the road and combine all its branches that have been segregated under the receivership, under one management.

The plan is that the Kansas Pacific will be operated with the Missouri Pacific, making a fast through line from St. Louis to Denver. As an evidence that Clark will be at the head of affairs after the reorganization, he has called to Omaha the representatives of the road in all the large cities throughout the country. They are in conference concerning the future policy of the road today.

London, Oct. 13.—J. Bennet Stanford, who has just returned from taking part in an expedition to Somaliland, brings news of the annihilation, at the end of June, of an Abyssinian army of 3,000 men under the control of the famous Gen. Ras Mackonnen, of which number only 69 men escaped.

Mr. Stanford said to a representative of the Associated Press:

"While in the interior we came upon a powerful Somerile chief who had just returned from the fight. He told me that the Abyssinian forces had been going down Webhe Shebyle river, nearly as far as the 45th parallel. The Someriles then overwhelmed them with large numbers, allowing sixty-nine men to go back with the news of the defeat. Ras Mackonnen was killed during the battle.

"The affair 100 miles occurred from where we were. The whole neighborhood is still greatly excited and the possession of so many Italian rifles by the Semollis is evidence that the story told of the Abyssinian defeat is true.

"The latest news from Harrar was that an Abyssinian army was being dispatched against the Semollis, who are eagerly anticipating another fight."

In regard to the reported massacre of the Cavendish expedition, Mr. Stanford said:

"There are no expeditions in Somaliland to massacre. Peel, who was with me, is away to the south; Lord Demore, near Lake Rudolph, Major MacDonald is on the trade route towards Uganda and Cavendish, when I last heard of him on the Kiluyu road."

Lansing, Mich., Oct. 13.—Fitsimmons's famous solar plexus blow was the cause of a death at the state industrial school for boys today. While playing, John Carson, 16 years old, drew a long breath and asked one of his dormitory mates to strike him in the chest. He was accommodated and wanted more and requested Frank Martin, an inmate from Albion to strike him. Martin responded with a backhand blow over the heart and Carson dropped dead. The institution physician says the blow produced paralysis. Martin, who is 14 years of age, is held blameless, inasmuch as the blow was struck in sport.

Nellie Norman, who committed suicide at St. Louis, married Matt Mitrovich in Fresno, Cal., about five years ago. It was not a runaway match. Her father was a laborer. Mitrovich was not a gardener, but a restaurant keeper, and at the time of his marriage had considerable money. The marriage took place in the rooms over his restaurant. For a short time they lived together, but agreed to disagree, and Mitrovich gave the woman money with which to go East. She had a pretty doll face, but no form, being sickly.

Omaha Stockman: George P. Smith of Milford, Utah, had three cars of cattle on the market.

The prisoners who escaped from the Carbon county, Wyoming, jail Tuesday have all been recaptured and locked up again.

At Red Canyon, Wyo., Wednesday, John Hall wandered from his bed and fell into a pool of water, drowning himself. The deceased was a resident of Ottumwa, Iowa.

Mrs. Cambridge, 81 years of age, one of the oldest inmates of the Woman's Relief Corps Home at Evergreen, Cal., was nearly burned to death Wednesday morning and her recovery is a matter of serious doubt.

The crop of wine grapes in San Joaquin county, Cal., this year is by far the largest ever known, and the wineries are crowded to their fullest capacity. Last year the crop was less than 2,000 tons. This season it will run over 7,000.

Arthur Cecil, a bright man of 20 years, who resides in San Francisco, and was until Tuesday a stenographer in the law office of Grove Johnson, has become suddenly insane. The young man's friends attribute his condition to over work.

John Forbes, an ex-convict charged with grand larceny, made his escape on Tuesday from Judge Low's court room, San Francisco, and the police are still looking for him. Chief Lees has detailed two of his best men to try to locate the fugitive.

John H. Colville, who is wanted in Boston for embezzlement, was arrested Sunday morning in a San Francisco lodging house. Colville was employed as bookkeeper by Marshal S. P. Pollard of Boston, and it is claimed that he embezzled \$1,500 of his employer's money.

Mrs. Louise M. Dingley Hadley, who arrived Wednesday night from the East on the overland train, shrinks from the notoriety which has been thrust upon her by a jury's verdict that she must pay \$1,789 damages as balm to the wounded heart of the man she jilted.

A man giving the name of William Morris is detained at the city prison, San Francisco, pending an investigation into his antecedents. It is believed that he is one of a party of Eastern crooks now in the city who have made life miserable for those whose business keeps them out late at night and also for careless householders.

James G. Bennett, who attempted to murder his divorced wife and then slashed his throat with a penknife, on last Saturday escaped from the receiving hospital, San Francisco, late Wednesday night. Since the attempt at murder and suicide Bennett has been confined in the male ward of the hospital.

After over a month of hard and persistent search the San Francisco police have succeeded in landing behind prison bars one of the smoothest and most dangerous criminals whose photograph has ever graced the San Quentin rogues' gallery. John Forbes was arrested Sunday morning and is now held on a warrant charging him with grand larceny.

Annie Ebritch, a domestic in the employ of William Wucherer at San Francisco, attempted to take her life Tuesday morning by turning on the gas in her room. She was discovered soon after and removed to the receiving hospital and from there to the German hospital. Miss Ebritch had been

ill for some time and had become despondent.

"Happy Jack" Harrington, who at one time rejoiced in being known as "the toughest man in town," now lies at the point of death at the city and county hospital, San Francisco. Harrington went to the receiving hospital for treatment Tuesday morning, and Dr. Kearney at once diagnosed his case to be pneumonia. By his advice the old man was sent to the hospital.

At Santa Rosa, Cal., Wednesday, Dennis Clary brought suit against J. W. and T. P. Keegan and P. Towey for \$25,000 damages, alleged to have been sustained in being arrested and charged with insanity a few days ago. Clary was examined before a lunacy commission, but the doctors not agreeing he was discharged. He blames the Keegans and Towey for his arrest.

The brutal assault on Joseph W. Casebeer at Los Angeles, Cal., late Saturday night, in which the old man was beaten over the head and left for dead on the sidewalk, proves to be as much of a mystery as ever. It was evident at the time that the old man's valuables were not the object of his assailants, as they were left on him, and it was surmised that the attack grew out of a family quarrel.

Rock Springs Miner: The new coal mine, at Kemmerer, on the Oregon Short Line, opened by Mr. P. J. Quealy, the indefatigable worker, is already rolling out coal at the rate of six to seven cars per day. Every corner where a man can be employed to advantage there can be found a workman, pushing, sweating, digging to make the output larger and larger as each day goes by.

Louis Gilson and Thomas Burns, neither over 16 years of age, were caught at San Francisco early Tuesday morning in the act of cracking the safe in the hay barn of N. Bullerleek at 1632-1634 Mission street. They had a complete safe-cracking outfit, with the exception of dynamite. On the floor by the safe were found a file, a hammer, wagon spring, monkey wrench, screw driver and two iron bars.

Mrs. Henry H. Wentling, one of the earliest of the American settlers of Santa Barbara, Cal., died suddenly Tuesday morning from dropsy. She went to California in 1853, settling at Santa Rosa. In 1867 she removed to Santa Barbara, where she has ever since resided. Mrs. Wentling was a sister of Superior Judge B. T. Williams of Ventura and of W. T. Williams, a leading lawyer of Los Angeles.

Eddie E. Leitch, a brakeman in the employ of the Southern Pacific company at Sacramento, Cal., and one of that city's best known young men, was killed at Clipper Gap Saturday afternoon. Leitch stood in the middle of the track and attempted to step on the pilot of the engine when it approached, but missing his footing fell on the rails and the wheels passed over his body. Leitch was well connected and was 26 years old.

C. G. Gilsen was accidentally killed Tuesday morning at Douglas City, Cal., while driving two spirited horses. One of the lines dropped from his hands and fell between the horses. With the other line he attempted to run the horses into a bank, but instead they went over a grade, throwing Mr. Gilsen into some bushes. One snag entered his eye and another pierced the abdomen, cutting a blood vessel and causing his death.

Arthur Arlington of San Jose, Cal., was arrested at Oakland Saturday