

EVENTS IN THE WEST.

A Record of Occurrences in Neighboring States and Territories.

LAST RESTING PLACE OF RICHARD GRAY.

News and Odd in California. Martin O'Connor killed. Theodore Durrant's Body. Miscellaneous.

Notice of appeal in the case of H. C. St. Clair has been filed in the supreme court at Boston, Mass. St. Clair was sentenced to hang at Fitchburg City on the 14th, next Friday, for the murder of John Dickey. The appeal sets as a stay of execution.

The contest over the will of the late Nicholas C. Crooks of Colorado began Tuesday before Judge Clark of the superior court of Colorado. Many sensational features will enter into the contest, and charges of adultery on the part of the dead miser and forgery will be made by the representatives of the interests of Mrs. Crooks.

In the election for congressman at Cheyenne, Wyo., ten Democrats and one Republican were victorious. The vote being as follows: First ward, Dean Greenleaf (Rep.), 122; Second ward, John L. Murray (Dem.), 117; E. J. Kover (Rep.), 128; Third ward, Albert Russell (Dem.), 207; Also Underwood (Rep.), 212.

Mrs. Geo. M. Pullman, widow of the late famous company magnate, has arrived in San Francisco, accompanied by Mrs. John A. A. and Miss Edith of the late Gen. Logan, Miss Edith of the late Gen. Logan, and Miss Edith of the late Gen. Logan.

News is reported from almost every county in California, with extreme cold weather, the severity of which has never been equaled for many years. Orange orchards maintain, however, that their fruit is practically unharmed. The greatest frost being already passed. At St. Tammany, fourteen miles from San Francisco, an inch of snow fell Tuesday.

Latest advices from the Orient state that the Japanese transport steamer Nara of 210 tons, bound to the Pescadore, was wrecked on Dec. 31, and about eighty lives lost. The only survivors were five women who were picked up by the steamer. Mrs. Maria, Capt. Yanoeda of the Japanese navy and nine cadets were among the missing. The vessel struck an uncharted rock, her cargo shifted and she went to the bottom.

Martin O'Connor was shot and instantly killed about 8 o'clock Tuesday morning in a saloon in the rear of the White Metal saloon, Buffalo, Mont. Bob Rhoades, the murderer, is in custody. Both men were gambling. O'Connor, a rough, shaggy-looking man, was shot in the back. Rhoades went out, got a gun and returned, firing as he continued the game. As he grabbed the cards, O'Connor snatched them from him. Rhoades drew his gun and shot O'Connor in the head.

The police of San Francisco have arrested a man whom they believe to be responsible for circulating many spurious \$5 and \$10 gold pieces at the race tracks. He gave the name of William Kimball and is about 40 years of age. In the room where Kimball was arrested was found a complete counter, fitting outfit, consisting of presses, batteries, dies, molds, metal and acids. There were ten finished ten-dollar pieces and seven finished five-dollar pieces. There were also several pieces partially finished.

The government relief expedition will start for the Klondike on the steamer ship Oregon, which sails from Portland, Ore., on January 23rd for Skagway and Tula. Arrangements were completed Tuesday by Gen. H. C. Merriam, commanding the Department of Columbia, for the transportation of men, mules and supplies. The advance party will consist of sixty men from the Fourteenth infantry, and with them take ten mules and 200 tons of supplies. Capt. Follen of Fort Riley will have charge of transportation.

The San Francisco police are on the trail of Matt Rome and Alexander Mendelsohn, the confidence workers, who are accused of complicity with "Rube George" in the bank robbery. A tourist named Sullivan out of \$500 on an Oregon express train about a month ago. They were out of prison on \$1,500 bonds each and jumped their bail. Rome is reported to be in Seattle and his arrest is hourly expected. Mendelsohn is thought to be in San Francisco. "Rube George" was turned over to the custody of Deputy Sheriff H. F. Pauling of Fresno Tuesday and taken to Shasta county for trial.

The fifteen-round glove contest between Young Griffo and Frank McConnell did not take place at Vallecito, Cal., Tuesday night. Owing to the small size of the house McConnell refused to enter the ring, saying there was not enough money in sight. After a protracted wrangle Billy Lewis was chosen as substitute for McConnell. Tom Sharkey was accepted as referee and at 11:30 p. m. the men entered the ring. It was agreed not to hit in the clinch and to fight for a decision. The men fought ten rounds when Referee Sharkey gave the fight to Griffo.

Miss Anna B. Brewster, a teacher in San Diego, Cal., attempted to commit suicide Sunday night at her boarding house, shooting herself through the right temple with a revolver. In her room was found a brief note, in which she said she was tired of living and wished to be buried from the morgue without service. After she shot herself she walked down stairs, and, calling a young man in the house, took him to her room and said, pointing to the note on the table: "There are the directions." She then became unconscious and has been in a coma ever since. She is about 30 years old.

One of the largest contracts for mining machinery ever made was signed in San Francisco Tuesday by Capt. Thomas Mott on behalf of the Alaska-Treadwell group of mines and by W. J. Chalmers, president of Fraser & Chalmers of Chicago. The contract calls for 325 stamps, compressors, winding engines, Corliss steam pump engines, crushers, etc. Eight months will be required for the building, transportation and erection of the mine. When the 325 stamps are in operation, the Alaska-Treadwell company will have 600 stamps on its vein, the largest number on a single ledge in the world.

Charles B. Drake, son of the president of the Norton Drake Mercantile company of Los Angeles, Cal., was accidentally shot and killed himself Sunday while out duck hunting with two companions on Machado slough, near Wilmington. Drake marched down to the bottom of the boat and pulled one of the guns toward him, grasped the muzzle. The hammer of the gun caught. There was a report and Drake tumbled over into the bottom of the boat with the whole top of his head blown off. A full charge of No. 4 shot had entered his head just above the eyebrows, tearing away the upper portion of the skull. Drake was well known in social and business circles in Arizona and was highly esteemed.

All that was mortal of Richard Gray, late general traffic manager of the

Southern Pacific company, was laid to rest Sunday afternoon in the pretty little cemetery at San Rafael, Cal. Far up on the hillside, facing the heights of Mount Tamalpais, the remains of the departed railroad official were consigned to their last resting place in the presence of a large number of those who had known and esteemed him during his life. Rev. Horatio Haskins, pastor of the First Methodist church, officiated at the funeral service. The services there, as at the home, were simple and brief. After the requiem mass was celebrated, the grave was filled and the mound that was raised over the spot was strewed with flowers from the many railroad friends and acquaintances of the dead man.

Four young men started for Antioch last Sunday morning. No information of their whereabouts has been received since then, and their parents are greatly distressed over their absence. The young men, comprising the yacht-party were Willie Stevens of 121 Grove street, Harry Bush, a decorator at the Mechanics' Pavilion, John Lane of the cigar firm of Lane & Company, and a fourth whose name has not been ascertained. They are believed to be on their way to the coast, and much fear is expressed that the young men may have been with a party similar to that of Oaklanders several months ago, when their yacht struck on one of the rocks of the coast known as the Horn and Children, near the entrance to San Pablo bay, and three of the party drowned.

Theodore Durrant's last request is to be complied with. His body is to be cremated. It was taken to Los Angeles Tuesday night, and there was consigned to Pasadena for final disposition. The corpse was removed from the Durrant home at daylight Tuesday and taken to the undertaking home of Mr. J. C. White, on Eddy street, and there laid in a metal casket. Thursday and Friday, friends of the family gathered the remains all day. Mrs. Durrant is to retain four of her clothes and robe hunters, and all precautions will be taken to prevent the stealing of the corpse. Mrs. and Mr. Durrant will accompany the body to the crematory and will return to San Francisco at the end of the week with the ashes. Porter & White have agreed to take the body to Los Angeles. They will have charge of it until the Los Angeles undertakers will remove it to Pasadena.

During the last twenty-four hours a cold storm has swept over almost the entire state of California. Snow has fallen in many counties, the snow-drops left not being exempt, and rain, which was badly needed, has come in sufficient quantity to greatly allay the fears of farmers. The weather is still cold, but the indications favor an increase of temperature and fruit growers are confident that though the budding of trees may be retarded they will suffer no injury from the unusually late snow. Reports received from all sections of the state show that the cold has done much harm. In Santa Clara, Fresno, Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego and other sections, the orchards are covered with a layer of snow. The crop now being gathered is of exceptionally good quality. In wheat this year and spring rains which are anticipated owing to the late snow of the season, will insure an abundant harvest.

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