EVENTS IN THE WEST.

A Record of Occurrences in Neighboring States and Territories.

REPORT ON THE THOMAS OUTRAGE.

Guitard's Perilous Journey in Alaska—Boise Building Falls—Duel in Idaho Lucy Brown's Death.

August Petersen of Battery C, Utah volunteers, has been discharged on account of disability.

Mrs. Lucy A. Browne, the widow of J. Ross Browne, the famous author and traveler, has died in Oakland, Cal. She was 72 years of age and has shared in many of the experiences of her husband.

The Hadzovich mercantile and office building, Tucson, Ariz., was destroyed by fire Sunday afternoon, as were also the Western Union telegraph office, Wells Fargo & Co.'s and Hadzovich's offices, including Odd Fellows' hall. The loss was $25,000.

A duel between George Rice and Alex Smith at Muskogee, Ind., a day or two ago resulting in the killing of the former and the landing of the other in jail. The men were once sutlers for the band of Delia Clark. Smith won the girl, and Rice securing photographs of her, had them to the bit of his horse's bridle and paraded the pictures through the country in an endeavor to get even. This led to the duel.

A special to San Francisco from Seattle says: There will be no rush of the disappointed back from Klondike bound this fall at least, and fear of five San Francisco schooners who propposing to go into wheat quarters there. They have no chance in the matter, for the crews have deserted and gone to the gold fields. Men to take their places cannot be secured at any price. There are very few now on the sound, about 1,500 of the 2,000 people landed having gone into the interior.

The Utah volunteer cavalry, commanded by Capt. Caine, is rapidly nearing the Yosemite national park of shepherdess, who have been trespassing there with thousands of sheep. Lieut. Kimball and Sergeant Price have made several arrests within the last few days, though not without difficulty, as the men were inclined to resist until covered by firearms. The dry season has caused a scarcity of water in the park and thousands of transplanted trout are dying.

William Belcher shot and killed Minnie Powers at Phoenix, Ariz., Saturday and then committed suicide. Belcher was a member of a wealthy English family from whom he received annual remittances. Years ago he transferred his allowance to the Powers woman in consideration of her care of him during the rest of his life. He latterly grew jealous and had threatened to kill her. He tried to have him put out of the house. He was arrested Friday night for drunkenness and was released Saturday morning, when he planned for the double killing.

C. C. Cunningham of Milton, Oregon, Saturday evening shot and killed O. Young and seriously wounded Mrs. Julia J. Worcester at the O. R. & N. depot. Cunningham, with a cocked revolver, chased Mrs. Ella Worcester for a block, firing three shots at her, but the young woman ran into a saloon and eluded the murderer. He ran through the saloon into the Great Eastern hotel, where he escaped his revolver twice at Mrs. Worcester in the office of a well-known mining man. The feeling throughout the city against Cunningham is intense, and the officers fear violence.

Dell J. Jordan, one of the best-known horsemen, trainers and warriors in the West, died in the Davis hospital Saturday from the effects of a wound received on the night of September 9th. Jordan went there from California to attend the Butte and Anaconda meetings. At the close of the Anaconda meeting he went to Butte on his way to St. Louis, where he had secured a $10,000 position as trainer. He went to the Fountain roadhouse, and while there became involved in a dispute over a woman with "Doug" Lawrence, the barkeeper, who shot three times at Jordan. One shot entered his groin, fatal poisoning set in and death resulted. Lawrence is under arrest.

The board of survey appointed to discover which of the Tennessee volunteers are responsible for the outrage on the Thomas family has made its report to Gen. Miller. The board reports that it has been unable to discover the name of any of the participants in the affair except those of the four Tennessee men who have been tried already by court martial—Anderson, Davis, Clark and Scruggs. In the report the board says that the Ohio and Michigan members of the Kansas, New York and Iowa regiments and the California troops entirely were part of the mob, but that the greater part of it was from Tennessee. There is no evidence to show that injury to the property of Jno. Thomas was caused by any other than the Tennessee men and it is the belief of the board that most of the members of the same commands that joined themselves to the Tennessee men were witnesses as spectators.

While Gen. Miller, in charge of the Presidio military post, is industriously in favor of substituting substantial barracks for the tents now in use, he will not act in the matter until the orders of Gen. Merriam from Honolulu. Without an express approbation from Chicago, neither will temporary structures can be erected for barracks. Not even those would be vastly superior to the canvas tents against the sides of which the rain at all. The necessity of the change of housing of the troops during the coming winter is made apparent by the throngs on the sick list at Camp Merriam. There have been 300 cases reported at the division field hospital, making in all, as of April 30 when the camp was moved, among the new cases are one of measles and one reported typhoid fever cases. All of the patients are progressing favorably and none are reported to be in immediate danger.

A San Francisco Chronicle special from Seattle says: Hamlin Garland has reached Pine Creek, the newest gold camp in Alaska, after a narrow escape from death by starvation on the terrible Skykome route. He has been months on a thousand mile journey, taking up at the instance of prominent Canadians, and owes his life to good luck rather than anything else. He started for Dawson from Ashcroft, expecting to make a hurried trip into the interior. While every mile that he put behind himself and Ashcroft the trail grew weaker, until at last it was impassable. For days Garland and his men toiled on through swamps and timber-lands, not knowing where the end would be. After being on short rations for several days they stumbled into the Hudson Bay post. They replenished their outfits and started again for the Skykome. The distance was ultimately covered, and the grub began to run short, while the end of the journey seemed no nearer. Garland put his men on short rations and kept moving on. At last they reached the Glomer, very much exhausted. From there Garland took a steamer to the Pine Creek country.

The York block, a three-story brick structure on West Park street, Butte, Mont., collapsed about half past ten o'clock Saturday morning, carrying down sixteen people, burying some of them, but so far as can be learned, killing no one, though many persons believe a search of the debris will reveal the presence of some bodies. The building, like all big blocks in Butte, was used for stores on the lower floor and for lodging rooms above. The lower floor was being remodeled to be used as a big dry goods store. The front of the first story had been torn out and the walls above were being supported by false work properly supporting in the girders and posts of iron. The partition through the center, which helped to support the floor above, had been torn out, this weakening the upper part of the building, and this caused it to tumble. Of the fourteen workmen, F. C. Yeager, William Barker, James Myers, Samuel Cooper, John Sullivan, Henry Shallinger, F. S. Woodcock and John Foose were injured. Shallinger sustained principally of bruises and cuts, Johnson had a miraculous escape. He fell beside a pile of debris two high enough to save him from the falling floor above. He crawled out unassisted.

A SALT LAKE SUNSET.

Its Beauty—Such that When Once Seen it Will Never Fade from Memory.

To the Editor:

Lord Byron, in describing a sunset in Greece, said:

"Thus sank more glorious e'er his race was done
Along Morea's hills the setting sun."
"Not as in northern climes, obscurely bright;
But one long living chain of golden light."

But Lord Byron never visited these "northern climes," or viewed the glories of such a sunset as was seen last night, as the great orb sank beneath the bosom of the Great Salt Lake, or he would have found some other simile to have filled out his verse. Did he want a play of color varying from the somberest of browns through all the changes of grey, blues, greens, saffrons and carmines, he could have found it last night. Did he want a landscape that in clear groupings of plain, mountain and water, could vie with any to be found in the "Isles of Greece," it would have been before him last night; and much as he admired owned that Utah could produce landscapes as fair, and sunsets as rare in beauty, as any in the "Isles of the Ægean."

As the sun sank toward the bosom of the Lake, the rays began to touch and gently tinge patches of fleecy clouds that seemed to have gathered at the portals of the west, to attend the state of the departing day-god. They hung over the Lake like enchanted islands a hundred miles out, and extended away in the north and the south, with rays in the shadows of the mountains that stud in the vast space either hand.

The Lake laid calm and unruffled with these shadows of its mountain islands, deepening its color to an indefinable shade of blue, where the shadows fell, and in other places where the dying rays of the sun played upon it, lighting up until it caught the saffron glow of the sky and broke the line of the horizon with sky and Lake became one. In this extreme the mountain islands of the lake, and the cloud islands of the air, made an archipelago where the angels of the evening night well have found a dwelling. Neither was there wanting music in this peaceful ocean; small cloud specks, too attenuated to hold the sun's crimson rays, appeared like the glooms of those spirit souls, that the ancients thought hung the seas of departed heroes, over the ocean of eternity to the islands of the blest.

Away to the north, the mountains that shut in the view lost all their ruggedness in the evening's haze, and seared, dreamlike and shadowy in the rose air, area only where some weather beaten, old timber took, defied the softening influence of the coming night, and loomed up like castle walls or ethereal towers. Where the gorge of the mountains might dwell and wonder.

The south had caught the glory of the hour. Its towering mountain peaks, caught and imprisoned the enchantment rays, and shone like beacons in the gathering night. Their rugged bases, resting in the Lake that floated over the valley, like the veils which eastern beauties wear, which hide, yet do not hide, their charms.

When the sun had sunk behind the mountains in the west, it did not lose its power. The clouds still bathed in its golden light, and were lit up with edges of the brightest silver shade to the deepest gold, while all along the horizon line saffron gave way to purple and blue to gray.

Soon the mountains lost their glory and took on shadowy forms like the scarce remembered scenes of childhood, while in the higher air a twinkling star peeped out to bid the world good night. Slowly, and as if reluctant to destroy a scene so fair, the shadows from the east came creeping on. One by one the clouds gave up their color, and changed to fleecy white, and then, as if unwilling to dwell more of their story, disappeared from sight, just as the new born moon, hung its silver crescent over the sleepy mountain to the south. Evening had come—the sun had set.

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