NEWS OF THE WEST.

An Insurance Solicitor's Fatal Fall off a Bluff.

TREASURE HUNTERS DISCOURAGED

Tracked by a Train—Big Lawsuit—Sentenced to Fifty Years—Caught a Baby Whale.

Recently a party of treasure hunters from santa Clara, San Bernardino and Monterey counties, Cal., started for a mysterious mesa near Tres Pinos in search of buried fortunes in Spanish coin. Dr. Gerson of Salinas was the leader. A week ago the doctor and one man have returned dismantled.

Davis Robertson, 19 years old, son of James Robertson, was run over and killed on the O'Day extension of the S. C. and O. railroad at San Diego, N. C., on Saturday. The young man was employed in construction work on the road and fell from a flat car. His head was crushed and death was instantaneous.

Vincente de Palmi was sentenced on Monday to spend the next fifty years of his life in the California State prison at San Quentin. The prisoner was convicted of murder in the second degree for killing Eugenio De Leon. The two were partners in the window cleaning business, and the killing grew out of a barroom quarrel. De Palmi is 24 years of age.

R. S. Robbins, formerly residing in Helena, Cal., and who at one time was an insurance surveyor and later had been an insurance solicitor, was found dead Saturday morning at Glen Ellen, about two miles from Helena, Cal., on the road between that town and Vallejo. When found he was lying on the beach under a bluff, which was about twenty feet, the road running close to it. When last seen in the morning Robbins was on the bluff asleep, and in some manner must have rolled off the embankment. He was subject to spells of dizziness and went out early to get relief. It is supposed that he sank down in one of these.

R. W. Gerrill has sued the Turlock irrigation district and the Modesto irrigation district in California to recover $212,326.75. This sum represents the balance due under a contract entered to which Gerrill constructed a dam across the Tuolumne river at a point 1,400 feet south of the county line between Stanislaus and Tuolumne counties. The contract price was $615,826.50, of which sum each of the defendants was to pay one-half. The amount is to be accounted up to this date is $615,826. There is still due from the Turlock irrigation district $188,-423.60 and from the Modesto irrigation district $103,793.82. It is for these amounts that Gerrill now demands judgment.

Harry Lehmann, a German sailor, tried a new set-cure for insomnia early Sunday morning at San Francisco, and nearly lost his life. It was supposed he attempted to commit suicide by inhaling gas, but he claims that he was acting under the advice of a quack doctor. Lehmann had been unable to go to sleep for two or three nights. The doctor told him to inhale a little gas and that would bring on sleep. Lehmann fastened the tube of a fountain syringe to the gas jet and went to bed. He put the other end of the tube to his mouth in the same manner used by smokers. He was nearly dead when found, but he was taken to the receiving hospital just in time to save his life. His heart had almost stopped beating when the oxygen treatment was begun. This restored him to life, though his escape from death was a narrow one.

The bark Harvester arrived in San Francisco port Saturday, with the carcass of a baby whale aboard. The body is six feet long and weighs about 700 pounds. The infant was born three nights ago after its capture in Kadiak, where it was found floating around on the shoal, where the mother had left it. It is supposed that the baby whale lost its mother out at sea and is wandering around trying to find her got too far inshore. A skiff was put upright on the beach by the shore and filled full of water. This improvised tank was a home for the baby whale. The young one could swim back and forth for about three feet in this boat, but that was all the distance it could get. The sailors on the Harvester tell weird stories of the strange crying of the baby whale. They insist that it cried just like a child for its mother. The sound could be heard all over the camp. Probably the little whale died of starvation, for the officers feel it were mostly hallows.

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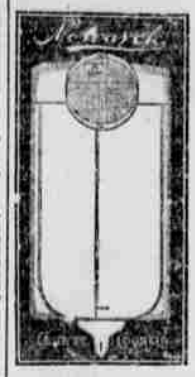

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