

terest to talk about and much valuable information. They write essays on their travels and observations. This outdoor study in Germany is considered important enough to be made the subject of an extended report in a volume just issued by the English education office.

There are many parts of our country where such school journeys might be made especially instructive and enjoyable. Massachusetts has many places, especially along its seacoast, rich in historic associations and beauty of natural scenery. Many of the leading aspects of education find ample illustrations in our hills and valleys, our towns, buildings, museums, monuments and factories. The crisp air of these autumn days, the rapidly changing splendors of field and forest, invite and allure the student out of doors. A tramp of a single day under suitable guidance might be made to give zest to weeks of school life, while a journey of a week might prove an unceasing inspiration to study and patriotism. Such a plan included in the prospectus of a private school, when properly set forth, would be sure to prove a great attraction. We believe that the experiment might be tried in our public schools with promise of excellent results. Such object lessons as would abound on every side would intensify the interest of the pupils, would fix in their minds important knowledge, and would foster love for their own state and country.

#### NEWS NOTES

The saloon of Harris & Kirtland at Lander, Wyo., was burglarized Sunday night and \$750, a revolver and some bar attachments taken.

The young daughter of Policeman Tom Cooney of Oakland, Cal., was badly bitten by a mad dog Saturday night. The animal was at once shot. The condition of the child is being carefully watched.

Walter Preston, a 17-year-old boy, residing in Santa Clara, Cal., was probably fatally injured Saturday evening while hunting on the Alviso marshes. He was about to step into a boat when his gun dropped and was discharged, the load of buckshot terribly mangling his shoulders.

Sergeant Shea and posse of San Francisco, consisting of Officers Gallo-way, Morton, Tracy, Burke, Hanley and Silver, made shortly after midnight Saturday one of the most successful raids ever attempted in Chinatown, resulting in the capture of 150 paraphernalia and over \$200 in coin.

December 12th, at Denver, Colo., the famous Windsor hotel will be sold at auction to satisfy an indebtedness of \$325,000 owing to James William Barclay, M. P., and John Irving Courtney of London. The Windsor was built in 1881 by an English company and was at one time the leading hotel in the West.

The banking institution at Delta, Colo., closed its doors Monday with A. R. King as assignee. The bank was stocked for \$50,000 and the deposits are said to be about \$52,000. No little excitement has been caused in that vicinity, as the depositors always regarded the institution as being thoroughly safe.

The Dixon, Cal., poisoning mystery seems to be as dark and unfathomable as ever. Six days have passed since the little town was thrown into the greatest excitement by the death of Louis Belew and his sister, Miss Susie Belew, rumors have been most persistently circulated, but as yet the officers have not seen fit to make any arrests.

Captain Leopold Lefebvre, linguist, fencing master, mariner and lawyer,

passed away Saturday night at the Oakland, Cal., sanitarium. For the last six years Captain Lefebvre has suffered with epilepsy, but was not seriously taken until two weeks ago. He was 53 years of age and leaves a widow. He has resided in Oakland for twelve years. He was born in Lisle, France.

Two convicts locked in the same cell at San Quentin, Cal., became involved in a quarrel Saturday night, when one of them named Sam Brandt received a painful stab in the right breast with the blade of a broken scissors in the hands of O'Neill. How O'Neill came in possession of the weapon is not known, but it is thought about the prison that he picked it up while at work in the jute mill.

Chief Justice Sullivan of Idaho, handed down Monday the decision of the supreme court in the case of the state vs Thomas Fitzpatrick and James Gadsen. The judgment of the lower court was reversed and the supreme court held that the secretary of the state land board has no authority to employ attorneys to foreclose mortgages given to secure loans for the school fund, this being the duty of the district attorney.

The daring burglar who has been operating in the Western Addition, San Francisco, is behind prison bars. He was arrested last Thursday night by Detectives Crockett and Silver while in the act of ransacking a house at 2112 Sutter street. His name is Sydney Kellett, aged 19 years. Although an innocent appearing youth the police say he is a desperate house-breaker, with at least thirty burglaries to his credit.

Martin Devine, a young attorney of Sacramento, Cal., dropped dead Saturday morning while carrying an armful of wood into his house. The cause of death was heart disease, resulting from a stroke of paralysis received a number of years ago. He was a son of J. C. Devine of Sacramento and a nephew of James H. Devine of the city board of trustees. For some time he has been working for a local money lender as collection attorney.

A dispatch from Boise, Ida., says that the trial of H. C. St. Clair for the murder of John Becker, began at Idaho City Monday, the day being spent in securing a jury. The only feature of interest was the presentation of a long affidavit by the defense for a continuance. It sets forth that the defendant could prove by various parties now in British Columbia, that the team belonged to him, as well as the camp outfit, and the money which he is accused of stealing from his victim.

At Helena, Mont., Monday, the supreme court sustained the constitutionality of the inheritance law passed by the last legislature. The law imposes a tax of 5 per cent on bequests to any beneficiary not a relative where the estate amounts to over \$100. The tax on estates directly inherited where the value of the estate is over \$750, is 1 per cent. It is estimated that the decision will yield the state \$40,000 from estates already in process of settlement.

A dispatch Monday from Sand Point, Idaho, says that A. J. Sage, a well-known rancher living a few miles below that city, was shot and instantly killed Sunday while out hunting. An old acquaintance named John Snyder, who went out with him hunting, and who became separated from him for a short time, seeing what he supposed to be a deer moving among the trees, fired at it, and upon reaching the spot was horrified to find that he had shot his friend dead.

William Henry Kroger of San Francisco has started his married life with

a riot. He called on Justice Fred Cliff at Oakland, Cal., Saturday night with his bride, a Miss Carrie Ella Hewett of San Francisco, and after inducing the magistrate to perform a marriage ceremony defied him to collect a fee for the same, and ended up his argument by landing a few blows on Cliff's chest, besides taking a score or more to himself. The bride shrieked and swooned upon the floor and a dozen men had to separate the infuriated groom and the judge.

Edward Reddy, manager of the Chicago Clock company, whose place of business is on Fourteenth street, Oakland, Cal., and who lives in the Blake building on Washington street took an overdose of morphine Saturday night and died a few hours later, despite the efforts of physicians to revive him. Reddy had suffered with nervousness and lumbago for years and Saturday night he seemed to be in great distress. He went to a drug store and purchased a quantity of morphine, which he took all at once. He never regained consciousness.

In the case of the heirs of John Evans, ex-governor of Colorado, vs the Union Pacific Railway company, Russell Sage and George Gould, to recover 800,000 acres of land in the Pacific land grants, the plaintiffs' attorneys filed on Monday amendments to their complaint with the United States circuit court. The principal allegations in the amendment are that Gould and Sage as trustees have received all the proceeds of the sale of the lands for the past twenty years, which they have retained instead of applying them on the debt, as was to be done according to the original agreements.

J. L. Stillman, who shot and killed John D. Fiske in Fresno, Cal., on the 26th of July, 1890, died on Friday evening of paresis in the hospital of the prison at San Quentin. He had been recently returned from the Napa asylum, to which he had been committed. Stillman's death from mental unbalance recalls the fact that at the time of the trial the plea of insanity was strongly urged in his defense. Testimony went to show that he had, in truth, no good cause for a grievance against the man he had murdered. The jury decided that he was responsible and so brought in a verdict, fixing the punishment at imprisonment for life.

The Wyoming supreme court rendered a decision Monday in the Carbon county election case, sustaining the contentions of the plaintiffs, the county attorney, treasurer and commissioner on the Democratic ticket at the last election. The court decided that foreign-born citizens must be required to read the constitution in the English language in order to vote. One hundred and fifteen Finns who voted the Republican ticket could not read the constitution in English, but their votes were accepted, as they could read in their own language. The decision will put the Democratic candidates in office and settles an important constitutional question.

The leading electrical manufacturing companies of the coast have united for the formation of a construction company, and articles of incorporation have been filed in San Francisco and Sacramento. It will be known as the Finance and Construction company, and has a capital stock of \$500,000. The shares will be divided between the various electrical machine manufacturing concerns, and each will have equal representation in the board of directors, which will be composed as follows: C. S. Young, president and manager; A. Lighthipe, vice president; George P. Low, secretary; C. E. Dutcher, superintendent of construction, and John Martin. Colonel E. F. Preston will be the attorney.