

and the head of the Gulf of California since 1851 make it certain that the rains of southern California, below Point Conception, are governed by the weather in Sinaloa, southwest Durango and southeast Sonora. An early wet winter there means one here. The "Cordonazos de San Francisco" are what we term line or "equinoctial" storms. The Spanish liken the "Cordonazo," or belt worn by the saint, to the equinoctial line round the earth, he being the "Weather saint." The sun having crossed the line going south on the 22nd of September, these storms being on the 11th and 18th, is earlier than usual, as they are due about the 1st of October to the 6th, and are a forerunner of a wet season on this lower coast, without doubt.

Late advices from Guadalajara give account of a curious phenomenon that occurred in that city just before daylight on the morning of the 11th inst. This was nothing less than the appearance there at that early hour in the morning of large flocks of birds of different species, and all of them of a species unknown in that climate. Some of them were of the most beautiful plumage. It is supposed that the birds were blown away from their natural habitat by a terrible hurricane that prevailed on the west coast, as the birds were evidently from the coast country. When the flocks arrived at Guadalajara, they were so tired that they fell on housetops, balconies and in the streets, and were picked up by many people who were out at that late hour, and especially by the policemen who were patrolling the streets. Many of the birds that were picked up were sold next day at good prices on account of their peculiar figures and beautiful plumage.—Two Republics; (Mexico).

Ildore H. Sternheim committed suicide at Los Angeles, Cal., Sunday, by putting a bullet through his brain after trying to murder his wife. Sternheim came from San Diego about two months ago and took a room at the Marigosa house. Although of fairly good birth and formerly enrolled in the German army, he had of late years been in straitened circumstances, and in San Diego he was employed as a cook, while his wife, whom he had married on May 13th, secured work as a domestic. After Sternheim had been in Los Angeles a few days he wrote his wife asking her to send him some money, as he had scalded his hands and was unable to work. This alarmed the woman, and she wrote him that she was coming up to take care of him. This did not suit Sternheim's views. He had apparently made up his mind to get rid of her and skipped out six weeks ago. Mrs. Sternheim came to the Marigosa house. After some words passed between her husband and her, he seized her, dragged her into the hall, cooked and beat her and finally threw her from him to the floor, apparently dead. He returned to the room which he had secured a week ago on Jackson street, and shot himself in the head, the bullet passing through his skull. He died instantly.

News has been received of the tragic death of James L. Pace, a prominent and highly respected citizen of Yolo county, Cal. Pace lived near Cacheville. The family retired last night about the usual time, 8:30 o'clock. They had scarcely got into

bed when Mrs. Pace noticed a strong smell of smoke, and in company with her daughter started out to investigate. They had gone but a few steps when they discovered that the whole back of the house was on fire, the fire evidently having originated in the kitchen. They ran back and aroused Pace, who had already fallen asleep, and then thinking that he would follow them they rushed from the burning building. Pace must have been somewhat dazed by being aroused so suddenly, for he was not able to escape. He got as far as the door of the dining room, where he was overcome by smoke and fell. By this time the whole building was in flames and nothing could be done to help him. The house was wholly destroyed and when a search of the ruins was made the body of Pace, burned to a crisp, was found just where he had fallen.

Malad, Idaho, Enterprise: Wednesday afternoon one of the prisoners confined in the county jail on a charge of burglarizing the Preston Bros.' store, at Weston, dug his way out under the floor of the jail and made his escape. A posse of officers were immediately in pursuit, but up to time of going to press he had not been captured. Deputy Sheriff Richards gives this account of the escape: The prisoner was left out in the main room Wednesday about 3 o'clock for the purpose of taking a bath. Edmund Richards, a trusty, was left out to watch him. Before leaving the deputy locked the other prisoner up in the cell, and then locking the main door of the jail went off down town. He returned in about two hours and upon entering the jail was surprised to see Richards laid out cold and stiff and one side of the floor tore up, and the prisoner gone. He immediately went for a doctor, who soon succeeded in bringing Richards out of a very deep sleep, occasioned by a large dose of drugs of some kind. By this time the prisoner had a good start and up to date the word is non est inventus.

RETURNED ELDERS.

The News received a call Wednesday from Elder William D. Bingham of Brigham City, who returned Tuesday from laboring as a missionary in the Netherlands mission, Europe. Elder Bingham left home April 21, 1894, for Great Britain, and on arriving there was directed to proceed to the Netherlands, which he did. He labored as a missionary in Rotterdam, Amsterdam and other places in Holland, being well received by the people and meeting with good success. He says the prospects of the mission are more than usually bright. There are fourteen Elders there, and thus far this year there have been about 125 baptisms. Elder Bingham made the return voyage on the steamship Anchora. He started from Rotterdam to take passage on the City of Rome, but was delayed on the North Sea in the recent big storm.

Elder Edward W. Laird of Mountain Dell called on the News Tuesday and reported his return from the Northern States mission field. He left home September 18, 1895, and labored while absent in the state of

Missouri. He enjoyed his labors very much until last July when he was taken down with malarial fever, which necessitated his early return home. He reports favorable conditions for the preaching of the Gospel in that portion of the Union, and believes that the seed which is now being sown will bring forth a harvest in due time.

AT HOME AND ABROAD.

PRINCETON, N. J., Oct. 22.—Fair weather today made the exercises of the sesqui-centennial anniversary day doubly enjoyable. The presence of the President of the United States had the effect of increasing the already large crowd in town. Alexander Hall, in which the ceremonies were held, was packed almost to suffocation when Rev. Dr. Theodore L. Cuyler of Brooklyn, began the exercises with a simple and heartfelt prayer for the continuation to Princeton university of the prosperity it enjoyed under the title of the College of New Jersey.

Before beginning the celebration Philadelphia city troops assembled at the home of President Patten, where President Cleveland had been a guest over night, and escorted the head of the nation on foot through the University grounds to Alexander Hall. Mrs. Cleveland was driven in an open carriage, under the escort of Mrs. Patten, to the hall. Delegates were present representing institutions of learning all over the world. The faculty assembled at the Marquand chapel and clothed in their academic gowns made their impressive march to Alexander hall preceding President Cleveland.

After Dr. Cuyler's prayer Dr. Patten made the formal announcement that what was formerly the College of New Jersey will henceforth and forever be known as Princeton University. A scene of wonderful enthusiasm followed. Dr. Patten then announced that an endowment fund was received, amounting to nearly a million and a half dollars, not including amounts contributed to Blair Hall by John I. Blair, and the new library. The ceremony conferring degrees on sixty-five men elected for that honor was next on the program. President Patten desired to confer the degree of doctor of laws on Mr. Cleveland, but the President modestly declined the honor. The degree of doctor of laws was conferred upon a large number of European college professors and scholars, including Karl Brugmann, University of Leipzig; Edward Dowden, Trinity college, Dublin; Andrew Seth, University of Edinburgh; Goldwin Smith, Toronto, and Joseph J. Thompson, University of Cambridge.

Among the Americans similarly honored are: Joseph B. Angell, University of Michigan; Wm. Gardner Hall, University of Chicago; Wm. T. Harris, United States commissioner of education; Joseph L. Cole, University of California; Zeth Lowe, Columbia University. The degree of doctor of divinity was conferred among others upon Rev. Morgan Dix, New York; Bishop John F. Hurst, Washington, D. C.; Rev. S. J. Nicolls, St. Louis; Rev. Prof. M. B. Riddle, Pittsburg, Pa. Upon the following, among others, the degree of doctor of letters was conferred: Richard Watson Gilder, Au-