

menhous velocity and caused serious damage in the twenty minutes which it continued, while hail stones as large as walnuts fell, breaking skylights and windows. Several buildings were damaged by wind. The cyclonic hail-storm was the culmination of a heavy thunderstorm.

A Boise, Idaho, Monday, Ben Wilson commenced suit against the Pioneer Gravel and Gold Mining company, limited. The plaintiff asks for \$130,000 and also for the appointment of a receiver pending a settlement of the case. The complaint recites that Mr. Wilson was to receive 60,000 shares of the capital stock of the company or \$150,000 in cash. He made the deed but the company has only paid him \$20,000. Therefore he now brings suit for \$130,000.

At Denver Thursday work was begun on one of the biggest enterprises ever started in Colorado, viz., the erection of a large electric line and power plant to furnish electricity and power for the Cripple Creek district. The plant will have its location at Goldfield and will cost half a million. At the head of the enterprise are David H. Moffatt, president of the First National bank of Denver and Eben Smith, a prominent business man of the Colorado metropolis.

Hi Schell, a well known rancher of Fresno, Cal., has just been arrested on a charge of horse stealing. The arrest was a great surprise to Schell and his friends, but the officers claim that they have a clear case to show that Schell is one of a dexterous gang of horse-thieves who have been operating in that valley for years, with headquarters at the Schell pasturage, which is located near the Laguna Detache grant, about thirty miles southwest of town.

A dispatch from San Francisco today says that up to date thirteen whalers and four tenders have arrived from the Arctic. In all they brought 5,416 barrels of oil, 141,076 pounds of whalebone and 5,498 pounds of ivory, besides a large quantity of furs. A conservative value of what has come down is \$750,000. Some of the vessels caught in the ice are bare. Others have a number of whales to their credit, but there is no chance of them reaching San Francisco this season.

Benjamin Walter, a saloon-keeper of San Francisco, is among the missing. His friends fear that he has committed suicide. Last Friday Walter purchased a saloon on Larkin street, and seemed to be doing a thriving business. Shortly before 8 o'clock Wednesday night Mrs. Walter received a message from her husband in which he stated that he was tired of living and intended to commit suicide. He inclosed the key to the saloon, and in a postscript said that by the time she received the message he would be dead.

The home of William Gibson at Butte, Mont., was wrecked by an explosion early Thursday morning, the deed being the work of some person whose intent evidently was to send into eternity the entire Gibson household. At the time of the explosion a group of mourners were sitting in the house surrounding the bier of Mrs. Gibson's mother. The report of the explosion caused considerable consternation throughout the city, but fortunately it did not result in any fatalities.

Chief Farley of the Denver police department, received information from a reliable source Thursday to the effect that an effort would be made during the night to take Fred C. Sanchez, the Mexican who murdered his young bride two weeks ago for the purpose of collecting an insurance of \$11,000 he had secured on her life, from the coun-

ty jail and lynch him. As a precaution the chief called in all the city patrolmen and stationed them at the jail during the night, thus preventing the proposed onslaught.

Fred Elliott, who was beating his way on the top of an eastbound Santa Fe freight Wednesday morning at 3 o'clock fell asleep and fell under the cars near San Bernardino, Cal. His left leg and right foot were crushed off. He crawled twenty-five yards to a tree, where he lay three hours in the rain, until a westbound train picked him up and brought him there. He was taken to the county hospital, where he died while his injuries were being dressed. His mother is reported to be a wealthy resident of Wisconsin.

James Holmes, Wm Starr, D. Dunn, W. Dowling, E. G. Waltz and Walter McCoy, convicted of the killing of C. A. Marrs, the non-union lather, will not go to San Quentin or to any other prison. Governor Budd of California has decided to commute their sentences of one year's imprisonment each so that the terms served by them in the county jail while awaiting trial for the crime shall be considered as sufficient punishment, and the men, who are out on bail, will be freed from any legal responsibility.

Miss Edna Ackerman, the beautiful and accomplished daughter of J. D. Ackerman Jr. of Oakland, Cal., committed suicide by hanging at the home of her grandfather on the Island of Hawaii on October 23rd. The grandfather is one of the wealthiest coffee planters in Kaua district, and the young girl was his idol. A coroner's jury returned a verdict of suicide while temporarily insane, but rumor says that the real motive grew out of a most unfortunate love affair involving a prominent young society man of Honolulu.

The body of Antonio Bertolino, an aged San Francisco fisherman, was found on the beach at Bolinas, Cal., November 4th, and his death was supposed, until Saturday, to have been the result of an accident. A letter received Saturday morning by Sheriff Harrison from Deputy Sheriff J. Winfield Pearson casts a new light on the occurrence, and carries with it so strong a suggestion of foul play that the authorities there will make a thorough examination into all the circumstances surrounding the old man's sudden taking off.

Information was received at San Diego, Cal., Saturday, from San Quentin, Lower California, that three of the sailors of the schooner Grace, which sailed from San Francisco a few weeks ago, under command of Captain A. W. Hall, for the Lower California coast, in order to leave the men to develop mines said to have been discovered by Hall three years ago, have arrived at San Quentin sick and suffering as a result of the terrible privations through which they have endured since the Grace put them ashore at Santa Rosalia bay, 350 miles south of San Diego.

As the result of reprimand received from Principal McChesney for having been disorderly in a theater and patronizing a bar, the young men students of the Oakland, Cal., High school will defy an editor of Middletown, Lake county, to make good a statement printed at his instance warning the principal of the boys' conduct, and to compel the author of the article in question to come out into the open. The matter has stirred up much feeling at the High school, the prevailing sentiment being that some malicious person has set about it to annoy the Oakland students with unwarranted stories.

Mrs. C. Dunning, the divorced wife of a prominent ex-merchant of Tulare,

Cal., made an attempt at suicide Saturday which will probably result in her death. But a short time ago her husband failed in business and she, claiming that he had mistreated and deserted her, obtained a divorce. Previous to this the loss of an only child, a daughter almost grown, had deeply affected her. She attempted to strangle herself with a rope Saturday morning and with a large carving knife she almost severed her hand, hoping to bleed to death, but neighbors discovered her and called medical aid. The Dunnings are among the oldest and most well known people in that city.

The latest developments in the Belew poisoning case at Dixon, Cal., leave no doubt that it was a case of deliberate murder, but the identity of the poisoner is as much a mystery as ever. From discoveries made Thursday, it is practically certain that the deadly drug was placed in the family tea-kettle and not in the well, as at first supposed. The officers are still working diligently on the case, but as yet there are no clues which point to the murderer. The fact that the poison was brought into the house and put in the tea-kettle narrows their search somewhat and gives them hope that they will eventually arrest the guilty party.

Seized with remorse for an act of theft, William Andrews, a boy of 18 years, residing at 679 Thirteenth street, Oakland, Cal., endeavored to atone for his crime Friday morning at a lodging-house at 623 California street by ending his life. The young man made an earnest attempt at self-destruction, but before death came the landlady of the house discovered his plight, notified the police and had him removed to the Harbor Hospital. The physicians of the hospital labored incessantly over him during the remainder of the day, but it was apparently too late, and last night the young man's case was pronounced hopeless.

The Montana Woman Suffragists closed their convention at Helena Thursday after pledging themselves to work for the election of men to the legislature who will promise to vote to submit the question to the people at the election in 1900. The officers chosen were: Madame F. Rowena of Medini, president; Mrs. Nanita Bagley Sherlock of Boulder, vice president; Mrs. Martha E. Dunkel of Butte, recording secretary; Mrs. Richard T. Garvis of Helena, corresponding secretary; Dr. Mary B. Atwater of Marysvale, treasurer; Mrs. Dotha A. Dolan of Helena, auditor; Mrs. Ella Knowles Haskell of Helena, chairman of the state central committee.

A hunting accident which will result in the death of a father at his son's hands, occurred Friday in the hills sixteen miles east of Soledad, Cal. A rancher named Hans Johnson and his son John, 19 years of age, were returning from a hunt. The son was in advance of his father, carrying a double-barreled shotgun over his shoulder. In passing through a thicket the hammer of the gun caught, causing its discharge. The load of shot entered the elder Johnson's face and neck, inflicting frightful wounds. Though still alive, the injured man is completely paralyzed and his death is only a question of a short time. The son is prostrated with grief.

Monterey, Cal., has just been the victim of a clever-bunko game, which has left about twenty bolts of worthless short-length cloth in town and relieved the townspeople of a considerable sum of money. A man went there to visit a brother, who, supposedly, was an employe at the Del Monte stables. His brother had gone, he said, and he being without money, proceeded to work upon the sympathies of several men to get them to buy a length of cloth which