NEWS OF THE WEST.

San Francisco Officials Guarding Against Black Plague.

MAN CUT TO PIECES BY A TRAIN.

Swollen Streams—Mysterious Disappearance—Murder by a Gold Bolt—Fatal Alcoholism

A drunken tramp was cut to pieces by a train at Salt Lake, Utah, Sunday night.

A meeting was held in Bakersfield, Cal., recently for the purpose of organizing a cattle-producers' union.

An artillery company, to be known as the Okanogan Mounted Rifles, has been formed at Vernon, B. C.

The Arizona agricultural experimental station has made success in experiments in the culture of cotton.

Frank S. Kothen, a German, died in the county jail at Oakland, Cal., Sunday night, from excessive drinking.

T. D. Hall, one of the most prominent merchants of Santa Ana, Cal., died of pneumonia Tuesday morning from heart disease.

The first lien under the new GYPSUM statement is a lien on a house in payment for scaffolding that has been used with the county clerk at Sierra, Or.

A horrible death awaits Carl, serving a term in Yuma, Arizona, proves to be a Texas murderer and will be taken to that state and placed on trial for his life.

Olives from the 125 year-old trees in the San Diego mission, Cal., have been put on the market and will hereafter be manufactured extensively.

The Snoqualmie is expected, more of it to be the largest ever. It is one of the largest in the world, has been sold by the sheriff of King county, Wash., to satisfy a judgment for $10,000.

George Bryant was working over a leaky tank Connecticut in a Monrovia, Cal., when his right hand became caught and he was so scalded removed the arm was fairly torn from his body.

Parties arriving in Juneau from Forty-mile report a find of a ledge in that district. It is said to be rich quality, and with wood at $12 to $14 a cord it will be quite a paying investment to mine quartz instead of gold.

Dr. A. W. King of Santa Cruz, Cal., has produced a perfectly refined lemon, weighing twenty-six and one-half ounces, measuring 15x11½ inches in circumference, which is believed to be the largest reported. It is of the Lisbon variety.

J. C. Miller tried to commit suicide at San Francisco, Sunday, by jumping into the bay. He was brought out unconscious by a policeman. He has been unable to procure work. When he came to he admitted that his child with had cured him of all desire to die.

Edward E. Sweeney, a guest at the European hotel, Escondido, Cal., disappeared last week, leaving all his personal property except several hundred dollars which he had in his pocket. It is feared he has been murdered for the money. He was a newspaper correspondent.

Boring for coal is still in progress near Mokanaville, Arizona. The existence of lowlifes has at last been successfully proved by the diamond drill. A depth of 40 feet has been attained in a medium red stone. Thus far no coal indications have been struck. Sinking will be continued to 1,000 feet down unless coal is struck sooner.

Eighteen Japanese passed through Holtville, Cal., on foot recently, traveling from Fresno to Watsonville, where the party expects to find work in the beet fields. Each Japanese carried his blankets and a portion of the camp equipage. The foreman of squad is Mr. Hide Iwasa, who walked most of the way from the Lone Star vineyards.

There is a probability, according to the Kingman, Arizona, Miner, that the Potrero canal will change hands in the near future and that parties will take hold of the enterprise and add two more reservoirs, which will serve more than 50,000 acres of land. This will make Cow Creek a place of importance. It will add much to the prosperity of Kingman, as this will be the base of supplies.

The recent rains and the melting of snow on the mountains have flooded the streams and rivers in the valley of Eureka, Cal. The Arcata-Blue Lake bridge of the Vance railroad was carried out to sea on April 15th. Gamey bridges over Fickle and Butcher creeks, while still in place, have been injured greatly. Many large stores of raw lumber lands bordering on the rivers, especially the Eel, were washed away.

General Bonifacio Topete, ex-governor of Lower California, who recently died in the City of Mexico, was one of the "Old Guard" of the republic. He was one of the robust, rugged sports that helped free Mexico from interlopers. His gallantry in assisting the French at Orizaba in 1862 caused his promotion. For gallantry throughout the war he was decorated with the Cross of Celaya, and has held positions of honor and responsibility in the republic since the war. During the threatened trouble with Guatemala General Topete was in command of the Mexican troops on the frontier.

When the steamer Gaelic, from Yokohama, Hong Kong and Honolulu, came into the port of San Francisco on Sunday she was immediately placed in quarantine. There were two particular and one general reason for resorting to drastic measures to render the ship and passengers harmless of infection. A Chinese passenger, who left the vessel at Yokohama, died the day she sailed, and he was pronounced a leper from the black plague. A Japanese developed a well defined attack of cholera on the voyage to Honolulu, and Hong Kong, where the vessel came, is simply in an infected port. The vessel and passengers were thoroughly fumigated and disinfected.

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