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Daring Stage Robberies—A Reign of Burglary—Fishermen's Haul—Sporting and Social News.

San Francisco, Cal., Oct. 8th, 1897—The past week has been particularly active in all circles, and continues appear more prosperous than for some time past. The top is filled up with strangers and the streets and parks swarm with the beginning of autumn signs of new life. The chief interest of the week was centered in the Dixon-Smith glove contest and the former, who was the favorite, with the majority, has been the means of depleting many pocket-books. He defeat has discouraged the colored population of the town.

The weather vacillation here threatened rain but up to date only a very light shower has visited the city.

A great deal has been done of the records. The carpenters will draw from the appointment of the new board of supervisors, and that body has already made their composition by reducing the salaries for the assistants and employes of the several departments of the city government. The motive for the reduction was reflected by the working men employed by the city, and to make themselves the departments have not advertised for applicants now to carry out the reorganization work, while the wives of the men affected are in tears at the loss of their husbands' salaries. Though the junction as to which is the legal method of procedure has not been finally settled by the supreme court, there is every reason for believing that the new board will be made to point, and the unconstitutional methods they have adopted will remain in force.

The grand jury is preparing to investigate the charges of witchcraft in connection with the Pair-Crocker litigation. The attorneys for both sides are particularly loud in their indignation and accusations that their opponents are responsible for the crockedness, and each side claims to have authority to support their charges. There is no doubt in the public mind that the prosecution were influenced by money and the case bears evidence of extraneous at the way through, and it is strongly hinted that the grand jury will investigate the matter thoroughly and place the punishment where it belongs.

The city is infested by a gang of foot-pads and hatchet and the police force appears to be unable to check their depredations, though in each instance of crime they claim to have a number of clues and a case in hot pursuit. Hold-ups are a slightly overcome and it has become unsafe to venture at night behind the glare of the street lights. Burglaries are being committed day and night almost under the nose of the officers of the law. In some cases the thieves have boldly entered residences while the family was at dinner and carried off rich booty. Though sometimes discovered in the act they manage to make good their escape before an alarm can be given.

The bold and daring stage robberies is the record of the last week. Two stages, and no more the well known lower days of the Sierra, have been never been disposed by masked highwaymen. The last robbery occurred on the Bonanza road to Bodie. In this case money, the robbers secured the express box containing about $700. They were evidently desperate men though new to the business, for they did not hesitate to shoot when their commands were not promptly obeyed, as one man who was sitting along side of the driver can testify in another world, for he received a bullet wound from one of the bandits to wear in his connection with the affair. After securing the contents of the express box, they made a successful getaway and all the efforts of the sheriff and his posse, with numerous blood hounds, have failed to get the slightest clue to their whereabouts. It is stated that if the sheriff is lucky in the first time and the search will be continued long. The second robbery was made on the road between Milton and Angel's Camp, in Calaveras county, and is probably the most daring piece of work of the kind ever attempted. Three stages were held up by two men in the same way within a space of thirty-five minutes, and the passengers were robbed of money and valuables to the amount of $700. James says the driver of the first stage had trouble in throwing his horses when the command to halt was given, and to assist him one of the robbers shot two of the horses in their tracks. Two passengers also received slight gunshot wounds. A notable incident of the last holdup, showing that one of the robbers was of the Chinese sophomoric variety, came to the notice of the conductor of a passenger train on the road, and a hundred miles to intercept a hundred miles with the advice. "Never carry a gun unless you know how to use it." The robbers of Calaveras county have agreed to deposition to make a search for the holdup, and a little spline is very much against them.

Prior to deposition by the action of the Supreme court, Sheriff Hendy, father had two shots with robbing artist, and is now confined in the city prison, with a bullet in his right ear, caused another, while Mr. Hendy received slight flesh wounds. The robber escaped, but the officers in charge expect to get the culprit in short order. The same man for last January, when he was shot in the leg.

A number of stages have been held up in the vicinity of San Francisco, but the work of the robbers was not so successful as in the interior. The Sausalito stage was held up by two masked men, and the passengers were robbed of money and valuables to the amount of $700. The