EVENTS IN THE WEST.

A Record of Occurrences in Neighboring States and Territories.

HURT IS STILL AFTER HIS CHILDREN.

Schreiber Jumps from a Window and is Killed—Conditions on Textile Trail—Dorey's Plain Talk.

Frank Pomeroy, an Indian, was shot and killed at Hamilton, Nev., by Dick Willis, there being trouble between them over a woman.

The Indian case was not considered by the grand jury at San Francisco Tuesday, so will probably be taken up by the jury on Thursday.

Governor Hiller has appointed Surgeon Major John A. Rafter of the Twentieth Kansas regiment, acting assistant surgeon of the Independent Division, Fourth army corps.

Captain Jennings, battery C, Utah volunteers, is at the Presidio, threatened with tuberculosis of the bronchia. Several members of the battery are down with scurvy.

In Cripple Creek, Park county, Mont., John Horne was killed Monday night by W. J. Haymock. Many was accusing the part of peacemaking in a wrangle, Haymock was having with Sid Lake.

The local camp of Woodmen of the World, Pacific Coast Jurisdiction, San Francisco, is still considering plans for the creation of a reserve fund for the benefit of members. No decision has yet been reached.

The dead body of an unknown man was found on the hills near Cripple Creek Tuesday night. The man's head was crushed and his neck broken. He was a miner, about 25 years old, and it is supposed, was killed while attending to his work.

The bark Guardian, upon which V. L. Thomas of Ogden, Utah, was a passenger, was wrecked Sunday, August 7th, near Tinakh island, off the Alaskan coast. Before the wreck all the passengers had been landed at Kotzebue so that no lives were lost.

Joel J. Hart, the wealthy Wyoming stockman, who made such a hard fight a few weeks ago to get his children away from his divorced wife, Mrs. Alfonso Schaeffer, has returned to Oakland, Cal., and is renewing his efforts to regain the custody of the children. Mrs. C. S. Stanford has renewed their guardianship and the court has been asked either to appoint a new guardian or give the children to their father.

The body of Frank Brayshaw was found in the basement of the unoccupied Tenth-street Hotel, Los Angeles, Sunday. The head was terribly crushed and the man had been dead several hours. Whether he fell through the flooring, which is old and rotten, and has been in several places removed so that a man could easily have fallen through in the dark, or whether he was murdered and his body placed there is yet uncertain.

Charles H. Fonte, president of the Chicago Steel Works, who has been visiting the coast, said in an interview: "The great obstacle to the extensive manufacture of steel in California is the scarcity of coal suitable for making coke. Some of the richest mountains we have seen, even when we came from this state. There is good iron ore here. In the state of Washington steel might possibly be manufactured so as to compete with the Eastern product."

David Sampson, 18 year old, a shoeblack at St. John's Episcopal church, was among the guests at Governor Walter Maynard's country place, near Oakland, Cal., Saturday. It was the other shoeblack started for home, he could not be found. Sunday afternoon his body was taken from a reservoir on Thomas Gee's place, near by. The little fellow's clothing lay beside the pool, indicating that he had stripped away from his companions to enjoy a swim. The sides of the pool were sloping and slippery, and once in David was unable to get out again.

A report was published in some United States newspapers recently that seven Indian Americans were starving on the Yurok trail between Tenmpkins Creek and Yurok Lake. The United States government asked the Canadian government to investigate the matter. This has been done, and a report received some days ago. Indian Americans are on the trail and they are well supplied with provisions. There is, therefore, no foundation for the report and the Washington government will be officially informed of this fact.

Col. H. H. Berry, commanding the Seventh regiment of Oregon volunteers, protests strongly against the efforts now being made in the southern part of California to have that regiment mustered out. He says that his men have the impression that they will yet go to Honolulu, on their way to Manila, and that they are all anxious to see active service. The colonel is quoted by the Examiner as speaking in unmistakable terms of Secretary Alger and Hon. Gen. Otis and that paper says he may be court-martialed for his plain talk.

David Calvert, aged 21 years, a member of the volunteer field hospital corps, jumped from a window at Fort Mason, San Francisco, Night while delirious from typhoid fever, and killed himself. He was a native of a Western county and was removed from the field hospital to his parents' home at Page and Broderick streets, on Friday. He was in a delirium all day and about 11 p. m. after a severe struggle with his nurse succeeded in leaping the street, a distance of 30 feet, fracturing his skull. He died almost instantly.

No effort is being spared by the San Francisco authorities to make the detention of Mrs. Cordelia Botkin felt by the friends of Mrs. J. P. Dunning and Mrs. Joshua D. Poole of Denver, Col., effective. An attempt will be made to have Mrs. Botkin indicted by the grand jury. This will give California jurisdiction in the case should extradition proceedings be required for the present. The principal witness will be Mrs. A. Rated of Heidelberg, formerly a sister of Mrs. Botkin. Mrs. Hazel is believed by the authorities to know a great deal regarding the mysterious case.

False Ideas of Sport.

What shall one say of some of the deceitful words regarding a man who has done a world of good to American athletics?

A gentleman, who happening to care a great deal for one of our athletic men, came over here at the invitation of his friend, backed by an invitation from the proper committee, and gave his time and attention to the assistance of the boating men at Harvard. This was all properly negotiated and vouched for by all who knew the man or who had the pleasure of meeting him. But when Harvard, under his instruction, was defeated for the second time by both Cornell and Yale, it was actually stated in the newspapers that "his contract was up" and that he "would not be re-engaged." And there are probably plenty of men—nay, too, who consider themselves fair and generous in sport—who could not be persuaded to believe that this Englishman did not come over to make money, to give his services in return for a financial consideration. It is almost impossible to more accurately gauge the depth of our belief in sport for sport's sake than by such instances.

Again, men responsibly equipped with a fair knowledge of college rowing, and with opportunities for judging and understanding college contests and politics, have stated, upon the conclusion of the Pennsylvania and Pennsylvania's victory, that the whole thing was put up between the coaches—that Pennsylvania was to be allowed to lead for the greater part of the race and then Cornell was to go out and catch them—that all would have gone on just so, and the end have been a close race, with Cornell winning, and it was high for one of the coaches forgetting his agreement with the others and "that that is the whole truth of the race." How much such men thought the collegians were insulted in this they seemed unwilling to state, but that it was more or less winked at in higher quarters they seemed sure.

Now all this is imaginative and does not go to show that our athletics are rotten or honeycombed with professionalism or any thing of the kind, for they are not, and the instances of anything like cheating are so few and the opinion of those whose view is worth anything so strongly against the professional stripe, that the chances of its existence are small indeed. But it does go to show that there is a large element with or that can understand partisanship thoroughly but cannot grasp the idea of any man carrying the sport for its own sake. They do not see how a man can coach a crew or a team or a nine for the same reason that he would go shooting or fishing. Then there is a class, much fewer than those in the sporting strata, who cannot comprehend even the gentlemanly, much less the sport. These are they who think that intercollegiate football matches and ball games are rigged for what there is in them—that the money taken in at the gate goes to some way into the pockets of the players, and that games are not played on their merits but in such a way as to constitute cheating. These people, as a rule, believe that no man would play polo or football unless he received good pay for doing it, and the class is numerically does not have any very material effect upon athletics in this country.

But the talk of such men, and the charges of those who impute the lowest and most mercenary motives to every man connected with amateur sport in this country, does have a most serious effect upon the standing of amateur athletics in the general community and the reputation of our athletes in college quarters abroad. When, for instance, a representative of a Parisian sport university, after a visit to the East, makes wholesale charges of professionalism and asserts that the Eastern universities—into the talk of men being taken to college for athletic attainments only and attempting no recitations—and his words are universally aired in all the newspapers, it is not unfortunate that a challenge of that time to the heads of French universities, was declined. It did not make so much difference to those who knew the charges were true or not, as long as they were such charges and upon fellow athletes we should give time to show cause. It made American college athletics disreputable in the eight of gentlemen.—Walter Camp in Outlook's Weekly.

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