NEWS OF THE WEST.

Great Rush of Gold Hunters to the New Cook's Inlet Fields.

TABERNACLE CHOIR IN OAKLAND.

Wheat Destroyed by Floods—A Governor Hurt—Killed in a Quarrel—Accidents and Suicides.

A man 65 years old and supposed to be A. J. Boldt of Salem, Or., was found dead in a saloon at Tacoma Saturday night.

At Coalinville, Cal., Saturday, Miss Josie Martinez committed suicide by swallowing carbolic acid. The deceased was 21 years old, and was well educated. She had been led from the path of virtue.

The temperance societies of Vancouver, B. C., have organized for political and other purposes, their avowed object being for "or against war against the liquor traffic." The name of the union will be the Vancouver Total Abstinence Union.

Mrs. Guiseppina Albera, an aged Italian woman, died in a social settlement home in San Francisco Saturday. It is the effects of strychnine, taken with suicidal intent. Ill health and despondency, caused by poverty, furnished the motive for the act.

Samuel Lemon, aged 70 years, was found Saturday nine miles from Chico, Cal., under the body of a dead horse. He was driving Wednesday night, when the horse fell, throwing Lemon from the wagon and falling on him. Lemon died immediately after being released.

Ah Mow, the richest and most important Chinese in Southern California, head of the local Hop Sing Tong, owner of countless shops and the Los Angeles Chinese Theatre and several high mucks-a-muck, was married Saturday at Los Angeles to a buxom Chinese damsel from Santa Barbara, aged 18. A big banquet followed, all the prominent Chinese in town being present.

The levee separating the ranches of the late Senator James G. Fair and W. C. Curtis, in California, broke recently, and the water which had been standing on the Curtis ranches within a few inches of the top of the levee ran through to the Fair ranch. Twelve thousand acres of wheat, which would have yielded twenty sacks to the acre, were soon covered by water, and the whole crop will be destroyed. The damage done is estimated at about $20,000.

An Oakland, Cal., dispatch says: The Mormon Tabernacle choir will give a concert on Tuesday evening, April 14, at the First Congregational church. Two daughters, one son-in-law and several grandchildren of Brigham Young are members of the choir and will be heard here. It costs the organization $15,000 to visit the Pacific coast. They have 175 singers, many of whom are well known soloists in the musical world. Paderewski and Sousa recently took part in their concerts and they display a score of prizes taken in all parts of the country.

At Ferndale, Cal., Saturday, the stage between that town and Petrolia met with an accident while going down a steep grade which resulted in the death of William Peters, the driver, and the killing of one of the stage horses. The brake gave way and the stage started down hill at a terrific pace, passing over and killing the horse and throwing Peters over the steep embankment, killing him almost instantly. There were no passengers on the stage.

A wholesale shooting affray occurred on the Clark ranch, nine miles from Wenatchee, Wash., Saturday night. A man named Brewster tried to persuade his wife to return to him. She refused, and he used force. She appealed to a man named Bird for protection, and shooting then commenced. One bullet from Bird's revolver entered Brewster's abdomen and passed through his body. Bird received a shot in the arm and shoulder and Mrs. Brewster also received a ball in the shoulder. Brewster will die.

One hundred and sixteen men will depart from San Francisco on Wednesday, April 8, on the barkentine Marion for the new goldfields at Cook's Inlet. The barkentine is of 348 tons burden and will carry nearly her full complement of freight in addition to 116 passengers, as well as seamen, cooks and officers. Between decks 112 rude bunks, scarcely big enough for the accommodation of one man each, have been constructed of rough lumber, four swinging tables have been strung up in an open space near the galley and there these gold hunters will abide while the vessel is making its way northward to the new El Dorado. Notwithstanding the poor accommodations, the prospective roughing and long voyage in a sailing vessel, the rush for passage has been so great that within the past three days Captain Andrews, her master, states that he has been obliged to turn away over 100 applicants.

A dispatch from Ensenada says that Colonel Augustine Haughtes, governor of Lower California, is now lying in a critical condition as the result of an accident which happened Saturday afternoon. About 4 o'clock the governor, in company with M. Merino Rivera, Don Emiliano Ybarra and Don Emiliano's brother, Everardo Ybarra, of the City of Mexico, were on a tour of the Jesuitico mining district, in which Ybarra and the governor were interested. A mule was driving the spirited team that was to carry the party on their mountain journey, and in leaving the city and turning a sharp corner the carriage was overturned, coming in contact with a deep ditch which had been washed out by recent rains. All the occupants were thrown violently to the ground. Governor Haughtes struck on his head. Medical assistance was immediately summoned, and it was found that the governor suffered from internal injuries and blows on the head, which caused concussion of the brain.

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