

Vancouver, that he (Pooley) and Premier Turner were decoy ducks for a British Klondike company, and challenged Cotton to repeat the statement outside the house, and, waiting at the door, Cotton declined to follow.

The Br. Steamer Barnewell, after extensive repairs, costing between \$50,000 and \$90,000, went down the New York Bay today. She returned later to Red Hook, and after a few days will sail for Baltimore and load coal for San Francisco, where she will trade on the Pacific coast. She is owned by the Siginaw Steamship company, and her name has been changed to the Leewenaw. She will fly the American flag.

As a solution of the difficulties at the Colorado state industrial school for girls, where there have been of late numerous violent outbreaks among the inmates, it is proposed to hypnotize the incorrigibles and while they are in that state suggestions will be made which may influence them toward better lives. The physicians who will make the experiment, it is said, have used the hypnotic power extensively in their practice.

Central and southern New Mexico are infested with cattle and sheep thieves and trouble is anticipated on ranges east and south of Albuquerque, for the stockmen are organizing and intend to rid themselves of these depredators. M. T. Moriarity, a sheep raiser in the Chilibi vicinity, where there are over 200,000 sheep, says that the big flocks are being greatly diminished and that the officers appear powerless to stop the lawlessness.

Peter Christensen, an aged farmer and capitalist, who lived like a hermit on a ranch eight miles from Stockton, Cal., was found dead in his bed Sunday. He left an estate worth about \$150,000. A sister came out from Denmark about two years ago to keep house for the old man, but she died, and since then he has lived alone. He was a large stockholder in the Farmers' Union, the Union Transportation company and one of the local banks.

The San Francisco chamber of commerce has completed its arrangements for a public reception to President Sanford B. Dole of Hawaii, on Monday afternoon, the date having been approved by the guest of honor. Invitations have been issued to various military and civic organizations and to federal, state and civic officials. The reception is designed to afford an opportunity for a meeting between President Dole and leading citizens.

The archives of the San Joaquin Valley Railway, California, have been enriched by the adventures of a hardy billy goat. A few days ago the conductor of a train reported to headquarters on the official blank that an accident had occurred on the line, and that the victim had been one of those animals whose butting proclivities are proverbial. It was added that at the time the train was going at the rate of fifty miles an hour.

Word has been received at Cheyenne, Wyo., by N. K. Boswell of Laramie, that C. F. Wray, a well known prospector of that state, died on Thursday last at Oakland, Cal., after an illness of but a few days. Mr. Wray was one of the most active of the prospectors who made the early discoveries in the Grand Encampment district. He had arranged to go to the Klondike region with a party of Californians and was preparing for the trip when taken sick.

Commencing Feb. 22, the Missouri Pacific Railway company will place in operation between St. Louis and Kansas City and Portland, a weekly service of Pullman tourist sleeping cars, run in connection with the Denver & Rio Grande, Rio Grande Western, and the

Oregon Railway & Navigation Co. The cars will leave St. Louis Tuesday and Kansas City Wednesday, arriving at Salt Lake Friday and Portland Monday. They will leave Portland Monday, arriving at Kansas City Friday and St. Louis Saturday.

Late Sunday evening the remains of William J. Murray were found under a railroad bridge at Waterford, near Modesto, Cal. His right thigh and ankle and four ribs were broken, and death is supposed to have been almost instantaneous. He was a wood chopper, and formerly lived at Stockton, where his mother and brother reside, and where the remains will be taken for interment. At present it is not known whether he jumped or fell off the bridge.

The police of San Francisco have been asked to investigate the mysterious disappearance of L. A. Sykes, well known in business circles in New York City. Sykes arrived there last week. It was his intention to leave for Dawson City on the steamer Alice Blanchard, which sailed on Monday evening. He left his apartments at the Baldwin hotel last Monday morning and has not been seen or heard from since. His Dawson outfit is still at the Baldwin hotel.

News has reached Pomona, Cal., that Clarence D. Ambrose, one of the foremost Masons in that region and a Republican of state reputation, was accidentally shot and killed near Hermosillo, Mexico, on the 10th inst. Mrs. Ambrose, the widow, has received information that Mr. Ambrose was out prospecting with several friends, when his revolver slipped from the holster, and, falling on some rocks, was so discharged that a ball entered Mr. Ambrose's intestines and pierced a kidney. Death resulted in two hours.

Friends of George Engelky and Peter Edmiston, who left Riverside, Cal., some months ago on a prospecting tour on the desert, are fearful that the two men have met with the same fate that has befallen so many on the burning sands. Since they left not one word has been received from either of them, and Engelky's brother, who resides at Ogden, and who wires the marshal of Riverside for information, states that his brother always wrote weekly, but since leaving on the desert trip no letters have been received from him.

News was received in Riverside, Cal., Monday, that Robert Wood, the 8-year-old son of Watson Wood, a prosperous farmer of Temecula, had been dragged to death by a horse early that morning. The boy, in company with Andrew Warren and Bransford Nichols, was out gathering flowers on a hillside, a short distance from Temecula. The lads found two horses and resolved to take a ride. Young Wood was thrown from the horse and rendered unconscious, after which the animal took fright, running away and dragging the lad with him.

Two thousand five hundred carloads of freight slide-tracked on account of the Fairview tunnel fire passed through Ashfork, Ariz., last week, and nearly 15,000 men employed in their removal of the blockade have been paid off and discharged. The tunnel itself has not only been the cause of enormous expenditure, but nearly a million has been lost in diverted traffic and in the payment of mileage for trains over the Southern Pacific system. In the account, too, are charged the dreadful items of seven men killed and 33 injured in the work of restoring the tunnel. The blockade lasted 30 days.

A fire broke out in Angels' Camp, Cal., Thursday night at about 10 o'clock and came near reducing the prosperous mining town to ashes before it was finally brought under control. One life was lost, and for a few minutes it

looked as if several more would be sacrificed or a large number of persons would be seriously injured as the result of a rush to get out of a hall in which an entertainment was being held. It was a stream from a hydraulic monitor that finally extinguished the flames and probably saved the town from destruction.

Mary Davenport, a seven-year-old girl living at 1166 Washington street, Oakland, Cal., had a miraculous escape from death Tuesday afternoon. She had a headlong fall of thirty feet from the second story of the building and escaped with a few bruises. In her fall she plunged through the glass roof that covers the tin shop of C. L. Maxwell & Sons and ended her terrible fall on a coil of wire that lay on the floor. It was thought at first that she was dying, but she quickly revived, and scarcely required the attention of a physician, who was called.

A. H. Wilbur, a farmer from Marysville, Cal., committed suicide Thursday morning, at 630 Sutter street, San Francisco, by cutting his throat with a penknife. Wilbur had been suffering for some time from a brain disease, and had recently been under the care of a doctor. His body was found by Miss Brown, who had been attending him as a nurse. About 9 o'clock she took his breakfast to his room, and he was then in an apparently cheerful mood. When she returned to the room a few minutes later to get the tray of dishes, Wilbur was dead. The dead man leaves a wife in Marysville. It is said that he was possessed of considerable means.

On Sunday the executive committee of the Idaho Silver Republican state committee met at Pocatello and adopted the following resolution: Resolved. That after a full consideration of Chairman Patrie's call for a conference of Silver Republicans at Boise City on February 28th, and for a meeting of the Silver Republican state committee at the same place on March 1st, the executive committee is of the opinion that the best interests of the party demands that said conference and committee meeting be held at the time and place named in said call. Resolved, further, that all Silver Republicans who will and can, be urged to attend said conference and aid by their advice and counsel.

The Russian consulate in San Francisco has just been informed of the results of an investigation instituted by the governor of Siberia in regard to a complaint made by an English traveler, Harry de Winte, against the natives of the village of Umvaidjik, in northern Kamschatka, where he lived for two months in the autumn of 1896. This investigation was made by the chief of the Anadyr district, and has convinced him that the hardships encountered by De Winte during his stay at Umvaidjik must not be attributed to the enmity or ill-will of the natives, but to the generally trying conditions of life in the far North and to the misunderstanding resulting largely from the fact that De Winte and the natives did not speak each others' languages.

A special to the Tacoma, Wn., Ledger-Thursday, from Palouse, Wn., says: The Palouse river was higher today than it has been for years, and the lower part of the town was flooded. The water reached the floor of the bridge on Main street, near the depot, and covered the street to a depth of nearly three feet for several blocks from the bridge. Houses and barns on the flat were surrounded by water and one family living near the depot was forced to move out, the water reaching almost to the windows of the house. Traffic on the Northern Pacific between Moscow, Idaho, and Julietta will not