

for, and the meeting went wild with enthusiasm. A telegram was sent Sunday morning to David Eccles, the representative of the Utah capitalists, to come and complete the signing of the contracts. When this preliminary is attended to the word may be sent throughout the length and breadth of the land that Grande Ronde valley will have a sugar factory.

Word has been received in San Francisco that the great fire in Melbourne, Australia, on the morning of Nov. 22, was far more destructive than was indicated in the brief cable report of the disaster. Mail advices brought by the steamer Moana state that the entire district bounded by Elizabeth, Flinders and Swanton streets and Flinders Lane, comprising the great warehouse emporium of Victoria, was gutted and reduced to a mass of tottering ruins. The total amount of damage done is estimated at \$7,500,000. About 1,000 regular employees engaged in the soft goods warehouses will be thrown out of work for some time at least, and about 1,000 hands employed in the clothing factories and in other lines will also suffer severely for a time owing to the destruction of raw material. The theory of lightning has been advanced to account for the origin of the fire.

Ferdinand Uhl, the Temescal, Cal., maniac and the self-confessed murderer of aged Patrick Murphy, is now a prisoner at the Oakland jail. Covered with mud and suffering from cold and hunger, the murderer was taken into custody by Detective Dennis Holland Friday morning. The prisoner offered little resistance and said to the arresting officer that he was glad it was over, as he did not want to pass another night out in the cold. Uhl makes a complete confession to the murder of Murphy. He also labors under the belief that he murdered Antone Galvin and Constable Gus Koch. For the killing of the first two he expressed little regret, but he says he is sorry that Koch had to be killed. When searched at the city prison Uhl was found to be well armed to make long resistance. Besides the .38-caliber revolver with which the killing was done he had in his pockets 125 rounds of cartridges and \$35 in cash. He freely admitted the killing of Murphy and said that he was not sorry.

The police of Oakland, Cal., are convinced that Patrick Murphy of Temescal, who was assassinated on Wednesday, was killed by Frederick Uhl, a maniac, who Thursday night attempted to kill Edward Kearney and Constable Gus Koch. The lunatic is now at large and is being searched for by half a hundred armed men. He was once an inmate of an insane asylum but had been discharged as cured. Thursday night he opened the front door of his father's house and fired a shot at Edward Kearney, who happened to be walking past the place. Constable Koch was called to the scene of the shooting and was met at the door of the house by Uhl who fired at him at such close range that he was blinded by the powder. Koch stumbled and fell and was shot at three times in rapid succession, none of the bullets taking effect. The officer went for assistance and in the meantime Uhl reloaded his revolver and escaped. It is now known that he was seen at the Murphy home a short time before the mysterious murder of Wednesday night.

One million dollars is the estimated value of the cargo of the Russian barkentine Bering which arrived in San Francisco Tuesday. The cargo represents the major portion of the business done by the Russian Seal and Fur company during the season just closed. By far the most important item shown on the manifest is the consignment of sealskins. Of these there are 7,000. There are several hundred bearskins

all of the finest quality, and a large number of skins of almost all the animals found in the Arctic regions. The Bering also has on board the fine collection of natural history specimens made by Prof. Stejneger while he was acting as a member of the international sealing commission. These are consigned to the Smithsonian Institution and to the British Royal Museum. The Bering sailed from Patopaulovoski, the headquarters of the Russian Seal and Fur company, 37 days ago. She experienced bad weather during the entire passage. Three unsuccessful attempts were made to land on Copper Island. Captain Grundberg of the Bering says that over 400 miles of the Transsiberian railway are now completed inland from Vladivostok which port he declares can be kept open the entire year by the newly constructed ice breakers.

News from Oakland, says that the United States geodetic survey ship McArthur has been ordered into Alaskan waters and with the opening of spring will head for the Yukon river, there to remain until a series of important surveys have been accomplished and a thorough study of the country made. The McArthur lies on the ways at the Hav and Wright ship yards receiving repairs, but will soon be in readiness for active service. Captain J. W. Helms, in charge of the ship under instructions from the navy department at Washington, has secured bids for towing a small stern wheel steamer to the mouth of the Yukon to aid in the surveying work and to serve for the navigation of rivers too shallow for the McArthur. The McArthur will work up the Alaskan coast taking observations until the mouth of the Yukon is reached. Then the stern wheeler will be brought into use and the crew and officers will go up the Yukon as far as possible, carefully surveying the country and making charts for a new government map of the district.

A dispatch from Colfax, Wash., says: The murderer of Orville Hayden are now confined in the Whitman county jail and the murder mystery is solved. One of the murderers has confessed and given all the details of the crime but the other maintains a stolid silence whenever the subject of the murder is mentioned. The man who has confessed to the murder is called Blackey and is known by no other name. He was arrested at Rosalie shortly after the murder on the charge of stealing. Suspicion rested upon him and Mr. Hayden, father of the murdered boy, who was working to bring the murderers of his boy to justice, employed a detective who was placed in the cell with Blackey on a trivial charge. To the detective and William Herbert, the alleged horse thief and desperado, Blackey confessed his crime. He fell on his knees and wept like a child praying to God for forgiveness for his crime. He entered into all details and told how he and "Dakota Slim," the other man arrested for the crime, had planned to hold up and rob the men as they returned to town from the saloon, and told how he fired the shot that killed young Hayden.

For several days past detectives at San Francisco have been doing duty on the water front, looking out for the arrival of an important criminal from Buenos Ayres. Every incoming vessel has been carefully searched, and especially those from Central America. Close espionage has been maintained over all travelers by rail from the north. The fugitive whose capture Chief Lees and his men seek so eagerly is Jose de Salverio the absconding secretary of the Buenos Ayres National Safe Deposit and Trust company. Salverio left his home recently with a suddenness that set his employers to make an immediate investigation of his

accounts. It resulted in the discovery that Salverio had carried with him \$100,000 in cash belonging to the National Safe Deposit and Trust company, and \$500,000 in government bonds. It was believed that San Francisco was the destination and the Brazilian authorities wired Chief Lees to look out for him. Salverio's capture carries with it a heavy reward. Early this week the much sought for fugitive was said to be in the general vicinity of Victoria and Seattle. The rumor is doubted, however, at police headquarters in San Francisco. The officials there think that if Salverio has not made his way to Panama, and taken a steamer for Europe, he is likely to turn up any day at that port.

A dispatch from Denver Saturday says: Messrs. D. C. Beaman, Josiah Walbridge and Charles E. Noble, the commission appointed by Governor Adams to investigate the recent Indian troubles in the vicinity of Lily park, filed their report with the governor this afternoon. The report is an almost complete vindication of the game wardens and shows that the Indians were alone responsible for the bloody conflict in Routt county last month in which several of their number were killed. The finding of the commission is that the Indians were the aggressors. The Indians, who had been slaughtering game promiscuously, according to the testimony, for several weeks, heard that the wardens were looking for them, and then dropped their game and started after the wardens. They told the settlers that they wanted to fight the "buckskin police." The report says in substance that had not Warden Wilcox and his deputies, assembled at Thompson's ranch during the night previous to the fight and dropped down in the camp the next day before the Indians were aware of their presence, the wardens would have met with disaster at the hands of the Utes, and the story of the conflict would have been that whites, instead of Indians, had been killed. Warden Wilcox and the men under him are commended in the report for their bravery and the manner in which they protected the rights of the settlers and upheld the laws and dignity of the state.

## THE DEAD.

Peaceful be their Rest.

ANDERSON.—Sophia Ann Anderson, of consumption, Dec. 14, 1897, aged 66 years.

STONER.—Of general debility, December 12th, William Stoner aged 87 years and 11 months.

JOHNSON.—Died, in Salt Lake City, December 16, 1897, of gastritis, Mary Pierson, widow of John Johnson; aged 68 years, 11 months and 3 days.

SMITH.—At Granger, Salt Lake county, Dec. 16, at 1:30 a. m. of heart failure, Harriet Louisa, beloved daughter of Manasseh and Mary Ann Smith; aged 15 years, 1 month and 3 days.

ELTON.—Annie Sophia, beloved wife of Hyrum B. Elton; born Dec. 20th at Aarhus, Denmark; died at Salt Lake City Dec. 8, 1897, after a lingering illness from typhoid fever and pneumonia for three months.

HARVEY.—In Salt Lake City; December 19, 1897, James Harvey. Deceased was a native of Ayrshire, Scotland, and was born November 30, 1837. He came to Utah in 1856, and resided here up to the time of his death.

BLACKBURN.—At Brigham City, Box Elder Co., Utah, October 26, 1897, of typhoid fever, Claudius Eugene, son of Thomas H. and Roxey L. Blackburn, born March 5, 1882; aged 15 years 7 months and 21 days. Millennial Star please copy.