NEWS OF THE WEST.

A California Church Robbed of Its Sacramental Service.

SIX MONTHS FOR A BICYCLE THIEF.

A Los Angeles Power Plant Similar to but Small r than the Ogden Enterprise.

Bicycles have reached the Arizona Indians, and people of Phœnix recently noted a Pima riding his wheel along the Tempe road.

A scheme is said to be on foot to have the state capital of Washington moved from Olympia to a point about half way between Seattle and Tacoma.

Omaha Stockman, Jan. 4—Joseph Best of Ogden, Utah, was at the yards, having brought in five cars of range cattle. M. K. Parsons, a well known patron of the yards, had two cars of cattle here from Salt Lake City.

An important trial of the rural free mail delivery system is about to be made at Campbell, in Santa Clara county, Cal., by the postal department of the United States. The district will include about six square miles, thickly settled with small orchardists.

Hugo von Gottentorpen, who claims to be a Russian army officer, was sentenced Thursday afternoon his to serve 180 days in the Los Angeles, Cal., city jail on a conviction of stealing a bicycle. Some time ago he was a trusted employe of the Terminal railway. This is not his first offense.

On January 5 an accident occurred at Oakland, Cal., Sunday, costing the life of George Chambers. He found that he was sealed in the wrong train and tried to retain the depot platform at once. He slipped and fell as he reached the bottom step of the platform and the wheels passed over his legs.

Ranchmen throughout Chilcotin, Cariboo and the vicinity of Asheroft, B. C., unite in saying that the loss of cattle this season will be very large. Cold weather came on unexpectedly and found even those lucky ones who have fed sufficient under ordinary circumstances unprepared for it and their herds in the hills scattered and hard to get together.

The communion service of Sacred Heart church, at Oakland, Cal., was stolen on Sunday night. They stripped the tabernacle on the altar of all the vessels and carried the sale which contained most of the service to a convenient point near the church, where they threw it up. The work was done by experts, for they opened the tabernacle with skeleton keys without even marking the paint, and their operations on the safe were deftly performed. They disturbed no one and the crime was not discovered until next morning.

James Nichols, deputy sheriff of Leadville, during the troublous times in the history of that camp, and later sheriff of Cochise county, A. T., was found dead in bed at Prescott on Sunday morning. He had been engaged in mining at Chapparal for some time, and came to Prescott on New Year's day for medical attention. His illness was not considered dangerous. When his physician called Sunday morning he found Nichols dead. He was wounded several times during his official career, one wound through his lungs giving special trouble. Nichols had wealthy relatives in Kansas and Massachusetts.

One of the most important meetings ever held in Fresno, Cal., was that of the chamber of commerce, Hundred Thousand club, vineyardists, raisin packers and representatives of grange organizations of the county for the purpose of memorializing Congress to impose a tariff of 3 cents a pound on all grape products, held on Saturday evening. It was said that during the past year or two over 10,000 acres of vines have been uprooted because of unprofitable returns. At the meeting it was decided to wire Senator White Perkins and Congressman Bowers, requesting that every effort be made in behalf of a 3-cent tariff.

An item from Rock Springs, Wyoming, says: John Hennessy, an employe of Pickmaster Edwards, has returned from Edward's ranch in Routt county and reports that the trouble between the sheep and cattle raisers is apparently over. Mr. Hennessy saw forty-seven mounted and well-armed cattlemen from the Snake river country rides up and instruct Mr. Edwards' foreman to move his sheep across the river, but beyond this no threats were made. They also instructed Frank Woodman to move his sheep into Utah. They then rode away and have not been seen since. It is believed by the sheepmen that the Routt county cattlemen have been trying the effect of a grand bluff which the sheepmen will call.

Work upon the most important electrical engineering scheme in California, outside of Folsom, began on Monday at Azusa, Cal. It is for the harnessing of a turbulent mountain stream in San Gabriel canyon, northwest of Pomona valley, to furnish electrical power for use in propelling street cars, running factories, and raising elevators in Los Angeles city. Engineers have been making surveys for this immense work for over a year, and a stock company of San Francisco, Los Angeles, Sacramento and San Jose capitalists, has been formed for prosecuting the work, with a capital of $500,000. Contracts for $300,000 worth of work on this electrical scheme have already been let, and more will be by March 1st. The contracts call for a completion of the vast work by April 1, 1898. It is found that by tunneling through rock and building a conduit for water six miles long the San Gabriel canyon stream may be run over immense turbine wheels that will create 5,500 horse power. These wheels will in turn run dynamos which will send the electric current along wires twenty-four miles in where it is reckoned some 5,300 horse power may be used for running street cars and factories. The electrical plant at Folsom will be the model for the San Gabriel electrical company.

OBITUARY.

BETTIE STRICKLAND.

Died at Stallings, Franklin county, North Carolina, from hydrophobia, Bettie, daughter of Obadiah W. and Mary E. Strickland; she was born April 26th, 1886, and died December 11th, 1896. Bettie was bitten by a pet dog we had for the children's pleasure November 4th; she was bitten so unexpectedly to us all, and made our hearts so sad, and caused us to mourn as we have never mourned before. I feel that I wish to warn every person that owns a dog, you know not the danger you are in. Bettie was one of the sweetest children I have ever known. She was always good and industrious. Her little hand was always busy trying to help, Mamma. She lived for others' pleasures. She never seemed to think of self, and just before she was taken sick she came to my bedside and told me, she had rather go to heaven than stay with me. She said the Elder Charles J. Winter, her choice Mormon, told her, if she went to heaven she would be happy, and she wanted to be happy. She seemed to have been warned of her death, for she talked as she had never talked before, and died with strong faith in the Church of Jesus Christ. She had strong faith in the prayer and administration of the Elders, and begged me to pray for her, and told me never to neglect family prayer. Towards the last she was the happiest little thing I ever saw, and seemed until she met us at death's door. She was perfectly rational until the last, and fell asleep in Jesus—blessed sleep for which none ever wake in weep. G. W. STRICKLAND.

A tiny flower born to bloom
Blow sweet on earth but one day,
Oh! my soul, it seems so soon
For death, the cruel to prey.

Her tender eyes, her smiling face,
How sad we miss them yet!
Can we no more her form embrace?
How sad the little bed is vacant!

Will we no more our Bettie see,
Shall we never part?
Such thoughts would crush an heiress be
To read and treat the heart.

And must she die, or is she dead?
Then will she die to me?
Too like a flower we had her
In sudden death's sway.

Then arrayed in glorious grace
Is, with a hope in glory,
We shall see our Father's face
In perfect bliss of heaven.

My soul be still! Sure promise God!
God's will on earth is done,
By grace the flower was given us
Through grace God's taken home.

In weak submission let us bow
The rod, God, is thine,
Prepare us Lord, for taking blow,
For greater joy assure.

MOINES.

JANE THRELFALL GARDNER.

Died at American Fork, Utah county, Jan. 30th, 1896, of general debility, Jane Threlfall; born at Lytham, Lancashire, England, July 5th, 1828. She was baptized Dec. 3rd, 1849, by Elder Geo. D. Watt; was a member of the Parson branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; emigrated from England in Feb., 1855 and was married on board of the ship "Siddons" to James Gardner; crossed the plains in Captain Sullantyne's company and arrived in Salt Lake City, Sept. 25th, coming to American Fork Oct. 22nd of the same year, where she lived consistently to the day of her death. She has been a member of the American Fork Relief society since its organization, and a faithful teacher for over twenty years; also an active teacher in the Sunday school for many years. She was quiet, loving, peaceful, ever kind, her heart full of charity, a true Saint and a dear mother. We can only say she is assured of a rising in the first resurrection and a resurrection of those glorious promises in the Gospel of Christ.—[Dom.

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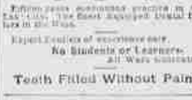

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