NEWS OF THE WEST.

A Laborer Dies After Being Hurt Few Months.

LI HUNG CHANG'S COFFIN BURNING

Silver Mine to Resume—Killed By Held-up—Crushed By an Embankment—Suicides.

James Wright, a laborer, was killed Saturday afternoon while at work on Alum Rock avenue, San Jose, Cal., by an embankment falling on him. He was 50 years old and a native of Ireland.

At Los Angeles, Cal., on Saturday, John B. Dunne, a grocer, aged 42 years, attempted suicide by washing his throat with a razor while in a fit of melancholy. His chances for recovery are slight.

The Cannon, Nevada, News states on Saturday evening that the Curtis Smelter silver mine, after being closed some time, will at once open full time. Two hundred men have been engaged to commence work at once and others will be put on later. This mine is entirely silver.

The election of Major McKinley will be ratified by a great celebration in Boise, Idaho, on Tuesday evening, and elaborate preparations are now making for the event. It is proposed to have a torchlight parade, illuminated with a brilliant pyrotechnic display in which new and novel features will be introduced.

Wm. Henley, a switchman in the yards at Evanston, Wyo., crushed his left hand painfully on Wednesday morning while coupling a car on the A.M.y train. His first, second and third fingers and thumb were completely severed from his hand, and he fell to the ground in an unconscious state. He was taken to the hospital.

Peter Johnson, a Swedish laborer, who was struck by a freight engine four months ago in Fresno, Cal., died Sunday. The fact that the unfortunate man died at Fresno makes the case interesting. Johnson was unconscious for weeks after the accident, but partially recovered, and at the time it was thought possible he might get well.

On Friday night last a man named Mark Curran was standing at a bar in a saloon at Magalia, Cal., when A. Jordan asked him to stand a drink. A. Curran did not quickly respond, the other caught him by the coat collar and gave him a kick which threw Curran off his feet. As he fell his watch was taken and he died within five minutes of his fall.

For the past few months hold-ups in Los Angeles, Cal., have been frequent and one of them has resulted in murder. Last Thursday night Mich a Hodges, aged 67 years, was found on Alameda avenue by two railroad employes. He was carried to his home at 1021 Alameda avenue. He remained unconscious and died at 10 o'clock Saturday morning. Hodges had been seventy years old. The facts and the circumstances indicate that he was assaulted by footpads who knocked and then beat on the old man's head until insensibility, probably owing to resistance on the part of their victim.

Marie, the wife of Sebelie Zweal, an awning maker at San Francisco, committed suicide Saturday afternoon by taking a dose of carbolic acid. Mrs. Zweal entertained the idea that her husband was paying too much attention to the music, and Saturday morning accused him of alleged infidelity. He denied the strongly, and in the conversation which followed spoke to his wife in a very decided manner. She left the room where she had been talking and went back into a bedroom, where she swallowed the contents of a phial of the acid. About thirty minutes later the husband and maid found her suffering fearfully from the effects of the poison. A doctor arrived too late to save the woman's life. She leaves two small children.

Among those who viewed the parade in San Francisco on Saturday night was Captain Dave, chief of the Pyle Indians on the Walker Lake reservation, Nevada. The chief stood in front of the Chronicle building while the parade was in progress, and attracted considerable attention. He wore an army officer's fatigue coat, which was decorated with a McKinley badge. "I was going home yesterday," he said, "but my friend Fillmore—you know Fillmore, big chief like me—he told me stay the parade, so I won't go home till to-morrow afternoon. McKinley, he's a great chief Injun like me. I juss like Republicans. They give us schools and schools to send our children. We don't vote now, but bye and bye, when we have more education, we'll vote for the best man, too. McKinley is a very good man. Oh, yes, I been to San Francisco before. Nobody rob me. I take care of myself. I don't go down dark streets. I ride on the cars. Fillmore, he good friend to Injun. He great friend of mine. He always let me know when he come up my way and I meet him on the train. Fillmore good man."

Li Hung Chang, the great man of China, has again distinguished himself, this time by surviving his obituary, reminding that few men do. The steamer Rio de Janeiro, which arrived at San Francisco on Saturday evening, brought the news that the valuable box in which Li Hung Chang expected to be buried had been destroyed by fire on board the British steamship Shantung on the passage from Japan to China. When Li Hung Chang started on his recent tour of the world he took as part of his baggage an elegant casket, in which his relatives were to have been put for shipment home in case he died on his travels. The coffin gained so much advertising notoriety for the Chinese diplomat that when he was about to quit London and come to the United States he turned his casket over to the care of Sir Halliday MacCartney, who volunteered to see to shipping it back to China. The box was put aboard the Shantung and happened to be near a that portion of her cargo destroyed by a fire within broke out in her hold on the passage. The coffin itself was transformed of costly woods and highly ornamented, and cost in round figures $3,000. Besides this loss a valuable wardrobe that was packed away in it was burned.

Mrs. Addie Lawrence, living in a lodging house in Portland, Oregon, died nearly being smothered to death Friday night in a treacherous folding bed. She retired early, feeling sick and in her hurry to get to bed she neglected to take the usual precautions in fastening her couch so that it would not close. Hearing had not mounted her pillow when she found herself imprisoned. She cannot tell how long she remained in that position for when rescued she was unconscious. It seems that the opportune arrival of a messenger boy at the house saved her life. He had a message for her. He rapped at the door, and, receiving no answer, applied to the landlady. The latter knew of Mrs. Lawrence's illness and her purpose to be up early. So she opened the door lest she had left it with a pass key. The bed was fallen, but not a sound came from within. Mrs. Lawrence's agonized frame in the room, however, told the tale. A second later the folding bed was opened and Mrs. Lawrence was found apparently dead, with a bleeding bruise on her forehead. A half-hearty doctor was narrowly summoned and he succeeded in coaxing her to perform a sigh. Mr. Lawrence is a compositor on a charge, as the shock to her nervous system was very serious.

Dangerous Premium Pictures.

A long, thin inch is a distinguishing feature of much of the Princess jewelry, and nearly every wand is ornamented with a figure of some sort, leaving holes to represent eyes and other openings. These afford a passage for the air forced out by the liquid when a year and into the wand. By an ingenious contrivance the air in escaping produces a sound similar to the cry of the creature represented. Thus a should decorated with two oranges enclosing each other, on having water poured into or from it, would give a sound like the smacking of those animals. One decorated with a bird would emit trills notes, while a mountain rat on one jar would move snakes coiled around another would hiss. The most curious that we have seen was the figure of an aged woman. When the jar was in use, her face became mottled, and tears trickled down her cheeks. The manufacturer seemed to have known all about atmospheric pressure. Dr. Le Plongeon had in his own collection a piece that demonstrated this. It represented a double headed bird. The wand had to be filled through a hole in the bottom, and yet in turning it over not a drop would spill, but the liquid would quickly flow out when the jar was simply inclined.—Popular Science Monthly.

Curious Prophet.

In these days, when people are wont to complain of any mistake made in the prognostications sent out from the weather bureau, it is amusing to read of the complacent manner in which Clough, in his "New England Almanack" for the year 1861 and later, predicted the weather.

"Perhaps," he says, from the 15th to the 22d of January, "it will be very cold weather if it is true to the frostiness on the sunny side of a frozen apple."

In April he says: "Perhaps wet weather if it rains."—"Some fair weather if the sun shines."—"Wind or rain."

And in July he writes pleasantly, "If now the weather do prove fair, people to Cambridge do repair."

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