EVENTS IN THE WEST.

A Record of Occurrences in Neighboring States and Territories.

DYING COMPETITOR FOR STEVE BRODIE.

Hospital Conditions at San Francisco—A Cargo of Lemons and Other Fruits Sent to Shafter's Wounded Soldiers.

In a swimming race at San Francisco on Sunday, R. V. Cornell, the California champion, was defeated by Joseph Cotti of Australia, who made 220 yards in 2:40 seconds and 50 yards in 31 seconds. The time is said to be a new world's record.

In an inter-regimental baseball match, played at the Presidio athletic grounds Sunday, for the benefit of the Red Cross, the First Washington volunteer infantry defeated the Fifty-first Iowa, patiently by a score of 12 to 10.

There has just passed over California a heavier rain than has never had a parallel (here since the memory of the oldest inhabitant has been 102, 100, 98, 96, 94, 92 and 90 for seven days. In all it has amounted to 6.00 inches, and yesterday there has been a very few hours of sunshine.

James Swank, a nephew of Idaho Senator Cole, died Sunday afternoon from injuries received in a twenty-round contest Saturday night with Frank Walcott, a colored fighter, whose home is in Lynn, been the champion of New Mexico at one time. Walcott is under arrest.

The earthquake that devastated a large area in the southern house district on Peoples at midnight Sunday was felt quite under control until daybreak the next morning. The aggregate loss is now variously estimated from a conservative standpoint at from $100,000 to $150,000.

A car load of lemons and other fruit donated by the officers of the Red Cross society to be forwarded to the sick soldiers of Gen. Shafter's army, left for the East today (Monday). It is consigned to Col. J. Morris Brown, Chickamauga hospital, Chattanooga. Besides the car contains grape fruit, oranges and other fruits. The car is elaborately decorated with bunting and bears several patriotic placards.

Private John H. Dennis of Company F, First Tennessee, and Chas. G. Hillman of Company C, Seventh California, and First Sergeants Geo. H. Thomas and Sylvester Lucius Winder, both of Company I, Fifty-first Iowa, will be permitted to leave the division hospital in a month's leave of absence, at the long may return to their homes to recuperate.

To cross schooner Pactolus sailed Sunday night for St. Michaels. The Pactolus carried a large amount of supplies, and also a number of passengers, the last named are some of them, for passengers included a party of 12 men from St. Louis, Mo., under the auspices of the Order of the Hoppenhammer. The men taking with them a river steamer in which they will ascend the Yukon.

In the midst of a wager, Miles McDonald, a teamster, dived from the railing of the Bath bridge into the Sacramento and came out smothered in sawdust. McDonald was talking with a friend about the feats of Steve Brodie and made the assertion that he could live as successfully as he Brodie. A wager followed and he performed the feat. The distance from the railing to the water is 115 feet and the water is about 10 feet deep. He was picked up by a skiff sent the boat for the experience.

There were 351 patients at the division hospital in San Francisco Sunday evening, the greatest number yet, and 37 deaths at the post hospital. Only one of these 371 sick soldiers is dangerously ill. Private Mitchell of the Tennessee regiment, who has blood poisoning following vaccination, and is not expected to live. Private W. F. Hoffman of company M, Twenty-third regular infantry, died at the artillery hospital of pneumonia.

The barkentine C. C. Funk, shipwrecked on Flinders Island, Tasmania, sailed from Tacoma for Melbourne, May 22, under command of Captain Nilsen, loaded with 51,000 feet of timber, valued at $1,000. Captain Nilsen succeeded Captain Chatterton as master during the last voyage. Little is known here of his capacity or ever, she was owned by H. W. Schultz in San Francisco. She was built for the lumber carrying trade for years, making regular trips most of the time from Tacoma to San Francisco, San Pedro and Honolulu.

The United States gunboat Bennington, which sailed from San Francisco on a secret mission nearly a month ago, returned to port today. The Bennington and her further north than Seattle. She lay at Port Orchard for seventeen days. She went to search for an alleged Spanish privateer, now believed to have been mythical. Lieutenant Commander Maxey, acting captain of the Bennington, has received orders to relieve Lieut. Commander Curtis of the Albatross, which sailed on Friday for San Jose de Guatemala.

Mrs. Bridget Riley was killed and Mrs. James Chanor fatally injured this afternoon by being caught by a train while crossing a trestle, says a Tribune special from Leadville, Colo. The ladies were out with a picnic party and were crossing the railroad trestle when the Midland passenger train rounded a curve. Mrs. Riley was struck by the engine and thrown a distance of twenty feet, being so terribly injured that she died last night. Mrs. Chanor was badly scared, but escaped with comparatively slight wounds, jumped to the ground, forty feet. Her leg was broken and spine injured and she was otherwise fearfully hurt.

On Sunday last Eddie Blandin, son of Robert and Lizzie Blandin, met with an accident at Ft. Steele, Wyo., which resulted in his death. It seems he jumped on a delivery wagon and off, and in the endeavor to retain an again he fell under the wheels and was run over, death resulting in twenty minutes. He was 13 years of age. The remains were brought to Evanston on Monday, and the funeral held from the residence of Mayor Allen, brother of the unfortunate boy's mother. W. A. Chief and John Ross, of Ft. Steele, were the speakers and both delivered consoling and appropriate remarks. The remains were interred in the city cemetery. The grief-stricken parents formerly resided here, and have the sincere sympathy of the community in their great sorrow.—Uinta Times, 11th.

The following dispatch has been received by Major General Merriam at San Francisco in reply to a request for authority to the property of permitting the departure of the transports Arizona and Scandia pending the peace negotiations. Washington, August 12.—Major General Merriam, San Francisco:—The secretary of war has caused inquiry to be made of Gen. Merritt as to his needs for further forces. You will hold the Arizona and Gen. King's troops in readiness to sail at once, if it be so ordered. I will advise you as soon as possible. By order of the secretary of war, H. C. Corbin, Adjutant General. The order has caused much disappointment among the troops, who confidently hoped that the establishment of garrisons in Hawaii and Manila, and the seemingly probability of difficulties with the Philippine insurgents will make their early departure necessary.

A Tribune special from Portsmouth says the last game of baseball over seen in Portsmouth was played Sunday between the Oregon Short Line club of Salt Lake City and Portsmouth's new Oregon Short Line club. The visitors put up an almost perfect game, but were outclassed by the home team from the start. In the first three innings the Salt Lakers did not get a single base, but in the fourth they scored four and one in the eighth, while the Portsmouth boys scored two in the first, four in the fourth, two in the fifth and two in the eighth, giving them the game by a score of 10 to 5. This was the first game on the new grounds, which were in fine condition and admirably adapted for the purpose, being close to the business center with a grand stand capable of accommodating 500 spectators. It was filled, and enough more were on the bleachers towards to make the attendance fully 1,000.

Mormon island at San Pedro, Cal., long in undisputed possession of the Banning family and used as a shipyard for years past, has been claimed by the Los Angeles Terminal company, which has filed a suit to obtain possession in the United States circuit court. In pastoral times in California the Mexican government granted right and a half square leagues of land to the Dominguez family, the boundaries being marked by a "big mountain" on top of Sand hill, the edge of San pedro, the seaward and the River Dominguez. A board of land commissioners appointed in accordance with the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo confirmed the title of the Dominguez family to the grant and a surveyor was instructed to determine the boundaries. Here is where the Mormon came. The official made observation which the railroad lawyers was illegal and unwarranted. He excluded from the boundaries of the grant the portion covered by the navigable waters of the inner bay of San Pedro. The portion of land then occasionally covered with salt water is what now known as Mormon island, and that is what the Bannings filed on as government land. In 1892 the railroad company and Terminal issued from the Dominguez title, which now belongs to the city. The corporation attorneys who examined the title discovered that the Dominguez heirs had never bothered their heads about the alleged fact that after the land commissioners had awarded the entire grant the surveyor general, who succeeding, it is claimed, his authority, had cut a slice out. The plaintiff's claim that it was without authority of law and that the United States needs to the grant as made by Mexico and confirmed shall be withdrawn, because the portion in question was covered by salt water at certain times, "always," the petition continues, "the fact that the tide ebbed and flowed over the swamped part of it was well known to the surveyor general to be a fact." The government ownership of land covered by ordinary navigable waters is not disputed. It is only the land once occasionally covered with salt water, now dry, that the railroad company claims.

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