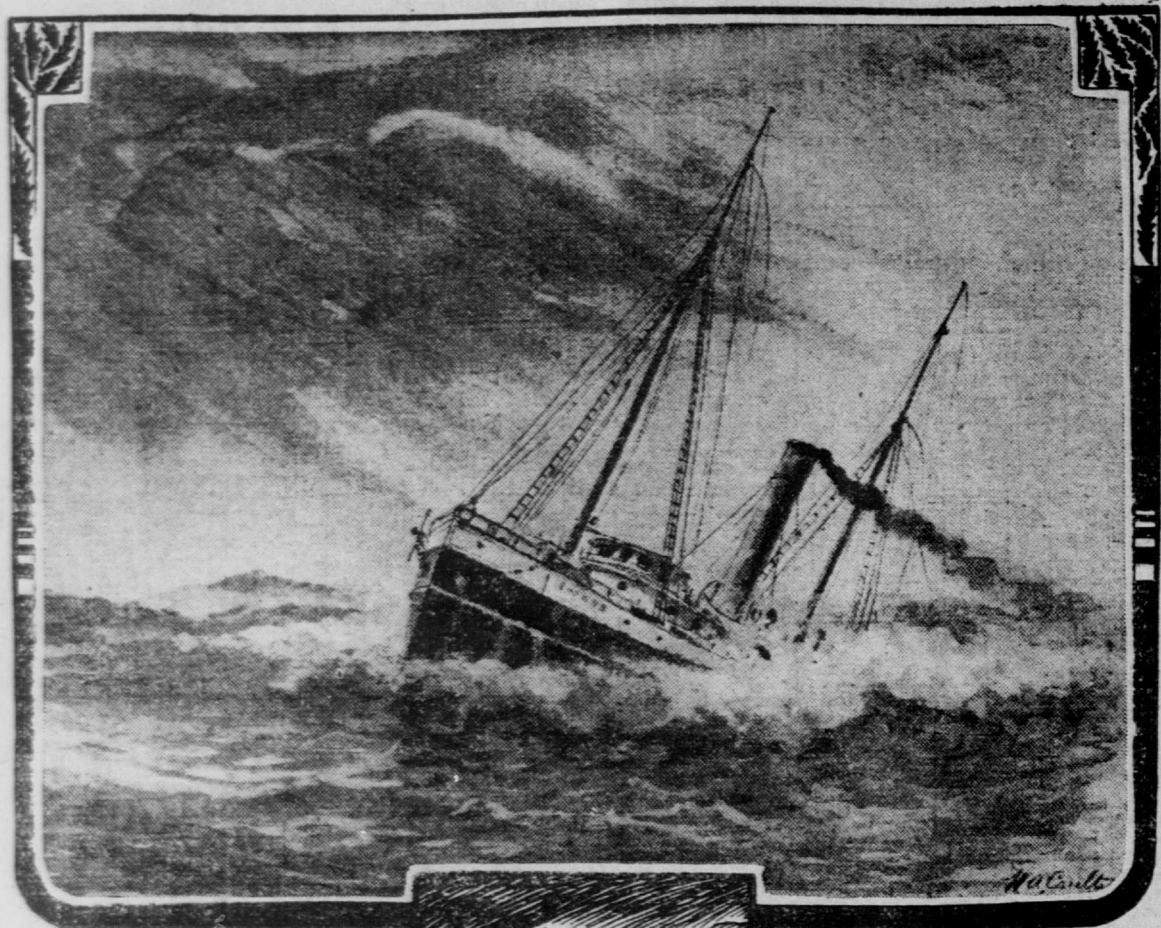


RAIN BRINGS DOLLARS TO TILLERS OF THE SOIL

Northern Fruit Growers and Farmers Jubilant Over Results of the Storm.



BIG COASTER EUREKA WHICH REACHED PORT AFTER STORMY PASSAGE FROM THE NORTH.

Santa Cruz Feels Force of Wind and Wave.

SANTA CRUZ, March 13.—The highest tide in years played havoc at the beach last night. The end of the electric pier was carried to sea. At 3 a. m. the waves rolled over the end of the railroad and Cowell wharves. Many of the fender piles of the railroad wharf were torn away and at Cowell's wharf many of the piles were carried out to sea.

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The Bertha Lebrandt bathhouse is a mass of ruins. About 8 o'clock the front porch was carried away. At eleven the underpinning of the bathhouse gave way and the building sank to the level of the beach. Some of the planking was carried by the waves across the railroad track. At the mouth of the river the tent of Fred Hestabaugh and several small sheds were blown down. At Twin Lakes beach the track of the Union Traction Company was badly twisted.

At Capitola the beach is strewn with wreckage. The waves dashed over the board walk, destroying it from the bathhouse to the hotel, and scattering the boards across the wagon road. The waves washed against the row of cottages facing the beach. The veranda of one of the large buildings was knocked out of shape and the bandstand was demolished. The waves dashed against the bowling alley and the observation porch of the Hotel Capitola, smashing every window in the bowling alley.

COASTERS SEEK REFUGE. Storm at Monterey Delays Departure of Vessels.

MONTEREY, March 13.—The heaviest windstorm of the winter visited this vicinity yesterday. Rain began falling shortly after midnight and continued throughout the day. To-day the precipitation amounted to 2.55 inches and the prospects for more are favorable. The storm was severely felt outside the heads, and several coasting vessels were obliged to take refuge in the harbor. The present rain coming inland for this section the heaviest crops in years.

OVERESTIMATE THE DAMAGE. Storm Does More Good Than Harm in Fresno County.

FRESNO, March 13.—Three-quarters of an inch of rain has fallen during the present storm and predictions are that more will fall before the storm is over. The damage to fruit trees is less than at first believed. Grain men are joyful. Another such

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Little Damage Is Done in the North.

rain a month from now and the San Joaquin Valley will have the biggest barley and wheat crops it has had in several years.

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FARMERS ARE PLEASED. Santa Clara Valley Welcomes the Heavy Downpour.

SANTA CLARA, March 13.—Not for several seasons have the crop prospects at this time of the year been so good in all lines of produce. The storm of yesterday, which is continuing to-day, is raining dollars into the pockets of the farmers. Reports show that the storm is pretty general throughout San Joaquin County. It came most opportunely and the farmers are jubilant.

PRAYING FOR RAIN. Storm Relieves Fears of Residents of Grass Valley Neighborhood.

GRASS VALLEY, March 13.—The rain for which the farmers and fruit growers have been praying is falling here. It has been very dry for weeks and the farmers were beginning to be alarmed, fearing a drought. Mining men also were uneasy. The rainfall so far has not been heavy, but it has relieved the fears of farmers, growers and miners.

RAILS ARE DELAYED. Storm Does Slight Damage in San Luis Obispo.

SAN LUIS OBISPO, March 13.—A fierce gale, followed by a heavy rain, set in yesterday morning, causing considerable damage to buildings. Trains from the south were delayed several hours by sandstorms and slides. The wind has subsided, but the heavy showers continue. This part of the State never had better general prospects.

RAIN NEEDED IN YOLO. Storm Causes but Little Damage and Benefits All Crops.

WOODLAND, March 13.—A rain and wind storm of unusual violence visited Yolo County Sunday. The precipitation amounted to 1.80 inches in the twenty-four hours. A high wind caused little damage. The rain will prove of incalculable benefit to the growing crops of all kinds.

BENEFITS GRAIN CROP. Farms in Neighborhood of Colusa Get Drenching.

COLUSA, March 13.—It has been raining here since Sunday morning, the precipitation amounting to one inch. The downpour will prove of great benefit to the growing grain. The crops at present are in fine condition.

REDDING FEELS STORM. Wind Blows a Gale, but No Damage Is Done.

REDDING, March 13.—The heaviest storm of the season has been raging here since last night. A south wind is blowing at the rate of forty miles an hour, but no damage has been done. Crops all over the county are in excellent condition.

DIED. BROWN—in this city, March 13, 1905. C. H. Brown, aged 76 years and 11 months.

ROB 12 HOUSES IN ONE NIGHT

City of Portland Furnishes Thieves a Fine Opportunity to Ply Their Trade

ONLY ONE IS CAUGHT

At One Residence Couple Sit Up in Bed and Watch Burglar Take Their Coin

Special Dispatch to The Call. PORTLAND, March 13.—A dozen residences were entered by burglars in various parts of town last night and gold rings, gold watches, jewelry, trousers and coin were the loot. One thief was caught after a lively chase after robbing the home of A. Routledge on Hoyt street. Mr. and Mrs. Clagett sat up in bed and kept quiet on orders in their Florence street home while an outlaw with a dark lantern took things that pleased his fancy. While Mr. and Mrs. Elmer J. Wallace lay asleep at their home, 357 Ivy street, a burglar entered the house and stole a pair of trousers from a chair three feet from the heads of the slumbers. Wallace's coin was in the pocket of a waistcoat, which was not molested.

"Saturday was the anniversary of my wedding," said Wallace, "and I somersaulted my wedding garments. I also wore them Sunday. That is the reason I dislike to lose the trousers. Otherwise I should have said nothing about the affair."

WASHOUTS NEAR VENTURA.

High Water Causes Loss of Thousands of Dollars.

VENTURA, March 13.—This section of the world has been isolated by today's storm. More than three inches of rain fell Sunday afternoon. All the streams are running higher than at any time since 1884. Tracks were washed out in the north and the south. There was a washout at Sespe, toward Saugus and another at Somis, on the coast line. The Santa Clara River bridge at Montalvo is badly damaged. No trains have arrived here from the north since Saturday. The Ventura River is a raging torrent. Fourteen people were rescued by men on horseback in the lower part of town late last night. The damage caused by the high water will run into the thousands.

FLEET STAYS IN PORT.

Departure of the Pacific Squadron Is Delayed by Storm.

SAN DIEGO, March 13.—The Pacific squadron did not start to-day for Magdalena, as was expected, and if the storm at sea does not moderate it will not go to-morrow. It was stated to-night that after the target practice at Magdalena the fleet will not return to San Diego, but will go to Long Beach for a stay of two weeks. The coast line. The Santa Clara River bridge at Montalvo is badly damaged. No trains have arrived here from the north since Saturday. The Ventura River is a raging torrent. Fourteen people were rescued by men on horseback in the lower part of town late last night. The damage caused by the high water will run into the thousands.

GOVERNOR WILL NOT SIGN THE BIG BASIN ROAD BILL.

Gives His Assent to Measure Providing for Payment of Printing Account.

SAN JOSE, March 13.—The Mercury to-night received a telegram from Rev. E. S. Williams of the Semper-Paradise Club stating that the Governor absolutely refuses to sign the Big Basin road bill, which carries an appropriation of \$12,000.

SACRAMENTO, March 13.—Governor Pardee has signed Assembly bill No. 1177, providing for the payment of a legislative printing bill amounting to \$7500.

WASHINGTON, March 13.—President Roosevelt to-day gave a cordial greeting to three women who cast their ballots in November for his election. They were Mrs. S. L. Wiley and her two daughters of Wyoming.

MUST SEAT ONE OR THE OTHER

Colorado Legislature May Not Declare Against Both Alva Adams and Peabody

SUPREME COURT RULES

Report Which Would Give Place to the Lieutenant Governor Will Not Stand

DENVER, March 13.—The Colorado Supreme Court at a late hour this afternoon ruled that the joint convention of the Legislature cannot adopt the report of Senator Alexander on the gubernatorial contest committee, declaring that neither Governor Adams nor former Governor Peabody was elected Governor at the November election. It is the decision of the Supreme Court that the Assembly must decide the contest between the contestant and contestee and cannot consider seating Lieutenant Governor McDonald as Governor.

The opinion was a majority report. Justice Robert W. Steele holding that the Assembly should itself rule upon the motion to adopt the Alexander report. Nineteen of the twenty-two Republican members of the Legislature who favored seating Lieutenant Governor McDonald as Governor and thus disposing of the contest over the seat between Alva Adams (Democrat) and James H. Peabody (Republican) met in caucus to-night and renewed the pledge to stand together in voting on the reports from the contest committee.

From unimpeachable sources it is learned that the twenty-two members referred to signed an agreement which in effect was to work for the seating of McDonald and to prevent, if possible, the seating of Peabody. The persons who are authority for this statement also say that these so-called anti-Peabody Republicans will vote as a unit against every report from the contest committee, which, if done, will not only defeat Peabody but will allow Governor Adams to retain the Governorship he now holds.

After voting down the reports, a motion to adjourn the joint Assembly sine die, it is said, will be made and supported by the McDonald men and the Democrats. The Peabody men smiled when this plan was unfolded to them and confidently declared that the agreement was broken at the critical moment and enough and more McDonald men will swing around to seat their man.

WASHINGTON TO SUPPLANT STANFORD IN BOAT RACE

Event Will Take Place on Estuary, to Be Followed by Return Match in Seattle.

BERKELEY, March 13.—A sensation in University of California athletic circles was created to-night by the announcement that the University of Washington, through its athletic manager, had signed an agreement with Berkeley for an intercollegiate boat race to take place April 15 on the estuary, Washington taking the place of Stanford University in the annual event. The reason lies in the objections heretofore raised by Stanford to racing on the estuary. Evans has also arranged for a return match with Berkeley to take place at Seattle between May 18 and June 15.

At this time freshmen crews of the two universities will also compete. This agreement is subject to ratification by the executive committees of both university student bodies. Evans and S. S. Hawley, president of the University of California Boat Club, will go to Stanford University to-morrow to arrange, if possible, a three-cornered match race among the crews of Washington, Stanford and Berkeley.

SUE HORACE G. PLATT—Castle Bros. yesterday gave a cordial greeting to three women who cast their ballots in November for his election. They were Mrs. S. L. Wiley and her two daughters of Wyoming.

CHASES HIS RUNAWAY SPOUSE ACROSS CONTINENT

Incidentally Seeks Revenge

Strange Tale Is Told by Auctioneer.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SPOKANE, March 13.—From Philadelphia to the little town of Pomeroy, Wash., William Gallen has followed his runaway wife. Incidentally he is seeking a chance to wreak further vengeance on Thomas Connors, the destroyer of his home. Connors already carries a bullet and many disfiguring scars as mementos of former encounters with Gallen.

Mrs. Gallen is a frail little woman. She traveled all the way from Philadelphia to Pomeroy without baggage of any description. Gallen declares his wife is subject to a peculiar influence held over her by Connors during the months of January, February and March. During other months of the year, claims Gallen, Mrs. Gallen hates the sight of Connors and has frequently threatened him with destruction. How this influence was obtained Gallen is at a loss to explain.

Gallen is an auctioneer of Philadelphia in February 9, he says, his wife was induced by a confederate of Connors to accept a ticket to Pomeroy, paid for by Connors. Mrs. Gallen boarded the train without baggage or funds. Gallen, learning his wife had left, took up the trail and came to Pomeroy, where he caused the arrest of the couple.

Gallen once shot Connors during a quarrel. He shows a clipping from a Philadelphia paper of two years ago, which tells how Connors was beaten in the street with his head horribly battered. According to the paper Gallen administered the beating.

SETTLE FIGHT FOR AN ESTATE

Widow and Other Heirs of St. Helena Capitalist Compromise Contest of Will

Special Dispatch to The Call.

NAPA, Cal., March 13.—The contest of the will of the late Seneca Ewer, a well-known capitalist of St. Helena, came up for hearing in the Superior Court to-day. The contest was brought by the widow, Mrs. Jessie Ewer, on the ground that Ewer was unduly influenced by several persons when he made a will, leaving her the homestead property, but practically no money. The estate is valued at about \$70,000.

The heirs of the estate, including F. S. Ewer, an adult son and two minor children of the deceased, made an agreement to compromise the matter by giving Mrs. Ewer \$10,000 in return for this sum she is to give up all her claims against the estate and her interest in the estate as a widow and an heir by bequest. As guardian of the estate of one of the minor children Mrs. Ewer to-day petitioned the court for leave to compromise. Judge Gessford granted the petition. The Ewer estate is valued at \$70,000.

MRS. MILBURN'S RELATIVES APPEAL TO THE POLICE

Ask That Search Be Made in St. Louis for People Associated With Her.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 13.—Relatives of Mrs. Nancy J. Milburn, whose body was found in the sea near Ocean Park, Cal., have asked the St. Louis police to institute a search in this city for persons alleged to have been connected with her death.

W. A. Gore, a brother of Mrs. Milburn, and D. A. Dietrich, her brother-in-law, were in conference to-day with Chief of Detectives Desmond and asked that a search be made for a man and a woman who were closely associated with Mrs. Milburn in some enterprises, believing that they can give information as to how she met her death. They declared their belief that Mrs. Milburn was lured to Ocean Park by a man pretending that he wished to close a deal in real estate, and there she was murdered, robbed and her body thrown into the surf.

ELOPING PREACHER PLACED ON TRIAL

Woman Who Figured in Escapes of J. F. Cordova Still Faithful to Him.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., March 13.—The trial of J. F. Cordova, the unfrocked minister and former pastor of the Conklin Methodist Episcopal Church of South River, who is charged by his wife with assault and battery and abandonment as a result of two sensational elopements with the daughter of the village blacksmith, was begun here to-day.

Miss Julia Bowne, the young woman with whom Cordova twice fled, has persistently declined to forsake him and was brought into court to-day, an extremely unwilling witness. She has been kept in jail as a witness awaiting the trial, steadfastly refusing to accept bail offered for her release.

Famous Swiss Hospice Burned.

GENEVA, Switzerland, March 13.—The famous Hospice of St. Gothard has been destroyed by fire.

MENOMINER, Mich., March 13.—An earthquake shock sufficient to shake houses was felt last night. Several loud rumbling reports were heard and were followed by a violent shaking of the houses.

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