

THE PACIFIC SLOPE:

Mormons Proselytizing at Pomona.

A Jap Goes Through Jonah's Experience.

A Tombstone Iceman Absconds—The Southern Circuit of Fairs.

Special Dispatches to the CHRONICLE
POMONA, July 24.—There is much talk in this region concerning the work that two Mormon elders, Johnson and McKoon, have been doing secretly in this part of the State during the past two weeks. Gilbert Lloyd, S. M. Putney and Peter T. Sweeting and their wives of Cucamonga and Covina declare that they have been converted to Mormonism. They are prosperous and well read farmers, and all have been leading members of the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches for over ten years. All are under 50 years of age. Putney is a nephew of the late Senator McDonald of Indiana, and has been a member of the Illinois Legislature for three terms. When asked about his conversion to Mormonism to-day, he said:
"My wife and I have made up our minds that the only true religion is Mormonism. We are positive that Joe Smith was inspired. My wife says, and so do the wives of Lloyd and Sweeting, that she feels that it is God's will that a man should have more than one wife, and they would willingly consent to our second and third marriages if we desired to enter into them. We shall sell our Southern California property as soon as possible and go to live near Salt Lake City. It seems wonderful to me that we have worshiped Christ so long when the true prophet and Savior had been among us only a generation ago."

JONAH'S CASE PARALLELED.

A Boss Yarn From the Quarter-Deck of the Guy C. Goss

TACOMA (Wash.), July 24.—The overdue bark Guy C. Goss, with a cargo of \$450,000 worth of tea from Yokohama, arrived to-day in port. She has 9347 packages of tea for New York and 14,575 for Chicago. Several exciting events happened during her forty-four days' tempestuous voyage, one not known to have had a parallel since the day of Jonah. Captain William M. Mallett tells the following story and vouches for its truth:
One of the Jap sailors known as Tom Hiskiaski fell overboard in a gale, was taken into a whale's mouth and yet actually lives to tell the story. It happened when the Goss was fifteen days out and a terrible gale was blowing. Tom had climbed to the topmast to reef a sail when he lost his hold and fell into the foaming sea. A lifeboat was put out but no trace of the unfortunate sailor could be seen. Suddenly a whale appeared just where he was seen to fall. His fate was then known and the boat returned, but a miracle saved him. As the whale, a monster of his kind, the captain says, approached he was seen to be writhing as if in agony. All at once there was a commotion, and the next second the sailor was cast on the deck, to the joy of his companion and his own salvation. With careful nursing he was brought to consciousness and is now well as ever. The experience, he says, was a most terrible one, the crushing in the whale's jaws nearly killing him. The sailor wore an oil suit, which he had covered with kerosene oil. It is supposed it disagreed with the whale and saved the sailor's life. He thinks the whale tried to swallow him but was unable to do so.

AN ABSCONDING ICEMAN.

A Citizen of Tombstone Swindles His Friends.

TOMBSTONE (A. T.), July 24.—H. E. Lea, proprietor of the Crystal Ice Works, has absconded with several thousand dollars picked up from friends prior to his departure. He has lived here for eight years and has borne a reputation for honesty second to none in the community. An ice war which was inaugurated between a rival company and his own drove him to the wall and the day previous to his departure he borrowed from \$200 to \$400 from friends, promising to return it in a few days. His works are in the hands of the Sheriff and his whereabouts is a mystery. His total liabilities, secured and unsecured, will approach \$15,000. The Fredericksburg Brewing Company is caught for \$1300.

THE SOUTHERN CIRCUIT.

Arrangements for the Approaching Fall Fairs.

LOS ANGELES, July 24.—Many horses are in training to take in the whole Southern California circuit of fairs recently organized, and the prospects for successful fairs are bright. The fairs will follow in regular rotation. The third annual fair of the Twenty-third district will be held this year at Coronado instead of Escondido. The full programme of this event has just been issued. It will extend from October 6th to the 9th. Ventura county will have its first fair this year. It will be held at Hueneme September 22d to the 25th. The programme of this meeting has also been issued. These events are open to horses owned in the southern district. The Santa Ana programme, which is said to be a good one, will be out in a few days. There is a hitch at San Bernardino, some of the directors wanting to run the fair without a speed department. They claim that money was lost last year. The Los Angeles programme will probably be announced next week.

THE BUTCHERED COOLIE.

The Chinese Consulate Securing Evidence Against the Indians.

BERKELEY, July 24.—S. B. Hopkins, formerly Deputy United States Marshal, arrived here Tuesday evening and immediately commenced taking testimony in regard to the murder of Ah Quong Tai, the Chinaman who was killed and brutally chopped to pieces by the Indians on the 9th day of June last. The Chinaman had murdered an Indian by the name of Poker Tom; had cut his body in pieces, had salted it down and then had cooked and fed the Indians on a portion of it, which so exasperated them that they cut and mutilated Tai's body in the same manner that he had done that of the Indian. It is generally understood that the examination of the witnesses is for the purpose of laying the facts of the killing before the Chinese Consul, Colonel Bee, who has been requested by the Chinese government to investigate the affair from here. Mr. Hopkins will go to the Walker River reservation to learn who of the Indians were engaged in the murder. It is probable that a demand will be made for the arrest and punishment of the Indian leaders.

COLONEL COMPTON'S TRIAL.

He Is Arraigned by the Judge Advocate for Negligence.

WANDA WALLA (WASH.), July 24.—The court-martial of Colonel Compton was concluded to-day. The findings of the court will be reported to the Secretary of War before being made public. In his closing argument the counsel for the defense arraigned Sheriff McFarland for cowardice in opening the jail on demand of the soldiers. Judge Advocate McClure made a strong speech arraigning Compton as negligent of his duty and stated

that Compton showed his neglect particularly in that, being warned of the rumor of an attack by the soldiers, he took no means to prevent it. He said that Compton's long service of thirty years rendered it impossible for him to fall back on alleged incompetence.

DEATH AT CAMP ALLEN.

The Guardsmen Saddened by the Taking Off of Lieutenant Hodson.

SANTA CRUZ, July 24.—Major-General William H. Dimond, with several officers of the Governor's staff, arrived to-day, and were tendered a review at Camp Allen this afternoon. The appearance of the guardsmen, from a military point of view, was highly creditable. Colonel Lehe has maintained strict discipline throughout the encampment, the effect of which is shown in the appearance of the men in parade and drill. The camp was saddened to-day by the death of Lieutenant H. R. Hodson of Company E, Seventh Battalion, from Redding. He was ill when he arrived here and was not able to do military duty. He was compelled to leave camp on Wednesday, and died at the hotel this afternoon. C. A. Deligne of Colusa was wounded in the head this afternoon by a stray shot from a careless hunter in a grove near the camp. His wound will not prove serious. The officers of the Sixth Regiment and Eighth Battalion gave a grand ball to the citizens of Santa Cruz at the pavilion this evening.

THE SAN VICENTE RANCH.

As Is Reported to Have Been Purchased by Huntington.

LOS ANGELES, July 24.—The Herald this morning published a sensational story to the effect that C. P. Huntington had concluded arrangements to purchase Jones & Baker's great San Vicente ranch of 30,000 acres, upon which the town of Santa Monica is located; that the Southern Pacific Railroad would be extended three miles to Santa Monica canyon, where a great wharf would be built and that point be made the terminus of the road. Inquiry among the agents of the landowners disclosed entire ignorance of such a project. The story is believed to have originated with La Motte, one of the Los Angeles gentlemen mentioned in connection with the scheme, who is well known as a practical joker.

AT A STANDSTILL.

No Change in the Salton Lake—The Southern Pacific's Calculation.

BEAUMONT, July 24.—Salton lake is now at a standstill, neither rising nor falling. It is believed by the railroad people that the lake will now recede. If the inflow ceases it will be eight months before the salt works can again be operated. Swaine, assistant engineer of the Southern Pacific, and Mulvihill, roadmaster, will leave next week with four mule teams to skirt the lake by land to ascertain if there is any inlet other than that from the Colorado river. The Southern Pacific Company has arranged a system of calculations whereby the amount of inflow can be arrived at and the amount of evaporation ascertained. They expect to give full details in a short time.

GONE CRAZY AMONG STRANGERS.

The Queer Actions of a Woman From San Francisco.

LATHROP, July 24.—A well-dressed woman in black, wearing diamonds, alighted from train 15 this morning in a demented condition. An hour afterward she rang the door bell of the residence of E. H. Gordon, gaining admittance before her condition was known. She was finally induced to leave and is now in the custody of the deputy constable. She says her name is Mrs. Minnie Reed and that she is the wife of J. H. Reed, a postal clerk on the Ogden and San Francisco route. It is supposed that she was en route to Hollister, where she has relatives. She also has a brother-in-law, Frank Neiman, at Easton, Fresno county.

AN EDITOR IN CONTEMPT.

A Helena Journalist Sent to Jail by a Supreme Justice.

BUTTE (Mont.), July 24.—The proceedings in the case of Judge McHatton against Editor McKnight of the Helena Journal on a charge of contempt occupied only a few moments this evening. As soon as the Judge called the court to order the respondent's counsel rose and said that McKnight had decided that he could not divulge the name of the gentleman who gave the information on which his paragraph was based. The Judge then said that the order of the court committing the respondent must be carried out. Accordingly McKnight was taken to jail. An application will be made to-morrow morning to the Supreme Court for a writ of habeas corpus.

J. FERGUSON OF INDIANAPOLIS.

Death of the Wealthy Pork-Packer at San Jose.

SAN JOSE, July 24.—This morning James C. Ferguson, formerly a large pork-packer of Indianapolis, died at his residence on the Alameda. On account of ill health he retired from business three years ago and came to this county, where he has since resided. For several years he was president of the Board of Trade of Indianapolis. He leaves a widow and four children—Mary, the wife of Nathan M. Need, Clara, the wife of Edward B. Howard of San Jose, and two sons. The remains will be shipped to Indianapolis on Monday.

THE SERRA MONUMENT.

A Small Park to Be Laid Out Around It.

MONTEREY, July 24.—The material for the granite and iron fence to inclose the Serra monument arrived here this morning. The foundation is to be of concrete, upon which will rest the granite curbing and corner pillars, and topping this will come the iron fencing. The grounds surrounding the monument will be laid out in a handsome park. The site will be very commanding, and will be a valuable addition to Monterey.

A Chinese Perjuror.

SAN JOSE, July 24.—Ah Hai, the Chinese arrested for perjury in the Ng Goon murder trial, was held for trial to-day in \$2500 bail. This is the outcome of the high-binders' murderous assault in June last, wherein one was killed and several wounded.

A Rainstorm at Lancaster.

LAKCASTER, July 24.—This section was visited to-day by a heavy rain and thunder storm, accompanied by a high wind. No harm was done to crops, which are now almost harvested. This has been one of the most oppressively hot days of this season.

The Arrowhead Reservoirs.

SAN BERNARDINO, July 24.—Work has been commenced on the mountain road to the Arrowhead reservoirs. Work on the reservoirs will commence next month. The consulting engineers are now at work on the plans and will report next week.

Jack Rabbits and the Coyote Law.

LOS ANGELES, July 24.—The coyote bounty law has already had the effect of increasing the number of jack rabbits in some sections of Southern California, and fruit-growers are open in their expressions of indignation.

Lynching in Montana.

DEERINGS (Mont.), July 24.—An organized masked mob broke into the jail last night, held revolvers on the Sheriff, took out the tramp who recently murdered Joseph Clancy, and hung him to a telegraph pole.