

FROM LOS ANGELES.**TWO PROMISING COAL MINES DISCOVERED.****Vigorous Protest Against the Proposed New Chinatown—A Railroad Project With Good Backing.**

LOS ANGELES, August 14.—H. J. Woollacott has returned from an inspection of the newly discovered coal fields owned by himself, Walter S. Maxwell and Colonel E. E. Hewitt in Santiago canyon, eight miles from Santa Ana. He says there is a vein cropping out of the ground nearly a mile in length and fully three feet in depth throughout. "Our present intention is to work the mine ourselves," said he. "We are only waiting for the return of Walter Maxwell to commence work upon it, after which it will not be long until the product will be on the market in this city. My opinion is that when we have cleared away the outside wall and got at the good coal that is situated immediately back of this outer crust we can mine and haul at the rate of at least 1000 tons per month. If this is the case, we will be able to put coal on the market here at prices far below what is now charged for New Mexico or any other coal of like quality sold in Los Angeles. We have had a number of old coal miners examine these specimens and in every instance they have stated that in their opinion it is at least equal to the coal now being mined at Gallup, N. M. At the earliest possible moment we intend to put specimens into the hands of a professional analyst, and we are well enough satisfied that it will stand any test."

Specimens have just been received here of good bituminous coal discovered by Charles Armstrong in Tin Mine canyon, four miles from South Riverside. It is almost pure carbon, burns freely, and leaves a clean ash. At a depth of ten feet the vein is three feet thick. It will be worked for all it is worth. A shaft will be sunk fifty feet, when drifting will commence.

UNDESIRABLE NEIGHBORS.

The fact that Chinese Consul Bee has secured ten years' lease of land on the corner of Ducoman street and Laboy lane, to which he proposes to remove the Chinese population, has been chronicled. A large number of citizens in that vicinity will present a protest to the City Council tomorrow as follows: "We, the undersigned property-owners and residents of that section of the city between Aliso and Lacy streets and Alameda and Center streets, hereby enter an indignant protest against the proposed establishment of Chinese quarters on Laboy lane by Hellman, Haas & Co. Our property will be seriously depreciated in value, and our comfort and security threatened by the making of a Chinatown so close to us."

AN AMBITIOUS RAILROAD ENTERPRISE.

The Los Angeles, San Fernando and Hueneme Railroad Company is in process of organization and will be incorporated in a few days. The capital stock is \$1,500,000, of which \$1000 each has been subscribed by George H. Bonebrake, F. C. Howes, Dan Macfarland, L. T. Garnesly, Charles J. Ellis, E. A. Forrester, J. B. Lankersheim, T. W. T. Richards, George C. Hager, John Hanna, J. P. Terrill, John C. Bryam, A. McFarland, General Nelson A. Miles, Charles Forrester, John D. Baskin, S. W. Lantwiler, Hon. Thomas P. Bard of Hueneme, W. L. Harrison of Santa Paula, David T. Perkins of Las Posas, John K. Ewinger of Philadelphia and James P. Scott of the Pennsylvania Central Railway. The road is to be standard gauge and sixty-four miles long. Starting from this city the line runs northward through San Fernando valley, through San Susannah pass, through Big Slum valley, thence through the Las Posas ranch to Hueneme on the coast. The road is projected through one of the most inviting and most productive sections of Southern California, and will tap the San Fernando foothills belt, the great grain-growing fields of San Fernando valley and Ventura county and the oil territory of both counties.

A BRUTAL MURDERER CAGED.

This afternoon at 2 o'clock F. W. Williams, who so brutally murdered his wife last night, was captured on the corner of Grand avenue and Pine street at a house where he went to see friends. He slept in some brush in the river bed all night and started out early this morning and drank a number of times before he reached his friends' house. An officer was at once telephoned for, and in a few minutes the murderer was in a cell. He was seen by a CHRONICLE representative and denied that he shot the woman purposely. He claimed that he was about to hand the pistol to his wife when it went off accidentally.

An inquest was held at 3:20 o'clock, and several witnesses were examined. The testimony went to show that the woman was murdered in cold blood. Her twelve-year-old daughter was standing by her side when Williams overtook her, and placing a pistol within an inch of her breast, fired. He has been arrested several times of late for beating her, and she has been afraid of her life for the past two years. He was not allowed to see his wife's remains, and was too drunk to testify at the inquest.

THE NEW TURN VEREIN HALL.

The Turn Verein Germania laid the corner-stone of its new hall to-day with impressive ceremonies. At 9:30 o'clock this morning there was a procession through the principal streets. This was followed by service at the site of the hall. Councilman Jacob Kuhrt, President of the Day, delivered the opening address, dealing mostly with reminiscences of the Turn Verein here since its organization in 1859. R. S. Moellin read a poem especially prepared for the occasion. H. Forver, President of the Turn-Verein Germania, delivered an address, as did also Judge Louis Gottschalk.

In the afternoon there were spirited athletic games at Second-street Park, and this evening a grand concert, fireworks and a ball.

AN INDUSTRIOUS FEMALE THIEF.

Since the release of Rachel Gladstein, who was arrested for robbing her employer but discharged because he refused to prosecute, it is learned that she had disposed of hundreds of dollars' worth of stolen property to second-hand stores here. It is supposed that she was in league with a well-organized band of thieves who have been working the city of late. She has left, having induced a benevolent society to give her a ticket to New York.

There is considerable excitement over a rich strike of gold and silver about four miles from Laug's station, this county. Some specimens run \$5000 to the ton. Capitalists have already taken hold and mills will be built at once.

WOOD A GRAND ARMY MAN.

Ben Wood, who was roasted to death in the sawdust pile of Grover's mill, at Soquel, Friday night, was a member of Frank Bartlett Post, Grand Army of the Republic, of this city.