

SAN FRANCISCO, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1902.

LEAKS OUT AT THE TABLE

Lurking Ptomaines Bring People to Their Graves.

Many Inmates of Boarding House Are Affected by the Poison.

Mrs. Eva Pearl Cass, Wife of Proprietor, Everett F. Goodyear and William Clisby Are Killed by Alkaloid.

For the last two weeks death has hovered over the fashionable boarding-house kept by J. Cass at 1600 McAllister street. Three of the guests have expired in that time and five others who were taken ill were saved by prompt medical aid. It is supposed that ptomaine taken in some article of food produced the fatalities and illness.

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Maggie Daly, aged 16 years, and residing at 5 Shipley street, while sitting in a front seat at the matinee in the Unique Theater yesterday, swallowed carbolic acid.

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BY SPECIAL STEAMER NEWSBOY

First Six Miles of the Deep-Sea Wire Turned Over to American Engineers, Who Are More Familiar With the Coast.

During the meeting of the Supervisors' Public Utilities Committee yesterday, Supervisor Braunnhart and Edgar Painter, secretary of the North Central Improvement Association, engaged in a wordy altercation, which nearly resulted seriously for Braunnhart. There has been had blood between the two men for some time and it culminated yesterday when Painter attempted to draw a pistol on Braunnhart.

UNWILLING TO CREATE A LARGE BONDED DEBT

Supervisors' Utilities Committee Deems Submission of Too Many Improvements Inadvisable.

In the absence of a quorum of the Public Utilities Committee yesterday the general question of bonding the city and county for public improvements was discussed. It was the opinion of the committee that it would be advisable to submit too many propositions to the people for fear of beating them all at the polls.

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PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWING PREPARATIONS THAT WERE BEING MADE YESTERDAY FOR A SECOND ATTEMPT TO LAND THE SHORE END OF THE GREAT PACIFIC CABLE ON THE OCEAN BEACH BELOW THE CLIFF HOUSE.

ARRING some unforeseen accident the shore end of the trans-Pacific cable to Honolulu will be laid to-day. Early yesterday morning it was decided to adopt a different method than that used on the first attempt Friday.

This morning at daybreak the Silver-town will proceed about five miles out to sea, while the Newsboy will look after the landing of the shore end of the cable and then join the Silvertown, paying out the cable as she goes.

My sincere wish is that the laying of the Pacific cable may lead to an even further and closer friendship between our two nations. I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant.

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MEETS DEATH BENEATH CAR

Aged Mary Weir Is Run Down While Coming From Church.

Evidently Did Not See Vehicle Until It Was Too Late.

Mary Weir, an aged woman, was run down and killed shortly after 6 o'clock last night near the corner of Stockton and Dolores streets by car No. 756 of the Sixteenth and Fillmore streets line, which was in charge of Motorman John Fula-love and Conductor C. J. Bashford.

REPAIRS OF UNACCEPTED STREETS

City Attorney Lane advised the Mayor yesterday that the proper legal course to compel owners to maintain in proper condition sidewalks and roadways of un-accepted streets is for the Board of Works to notify the owners to repair and on streets to be repaired, and if the repairs are not begun within five days and diligently prosecuted to completion make the repairs at the expense of the owner.

SCHEMERS AT WORK

Colonel George French of the Salvation Army has had many complaints recently of unscrupulous persons who are soliciting money from the charitable under the guise that the funds will be used to feed the poor on Christmas day.

WAGON DRIVERS RETURN TO WORK

The delivery wagon drivers of the Emporium returned to work yesterday after being on a strike for twenty-four hours.

DEATH OF A VETERAN SOLDIER

Gustav Marck died at the Presidio general hospital last Friday. He was a veteran of the Civil War and served in the regular army of the United States for more than thirty years.

LECTURES ON MONUMENTS

Frederick I. Mosen delivered an interesting lecture on "The Monuments of a Prehistoric Race" before a large audience at the Mechanics' Institute last evening.

WORKING TO FULL CAPACITY

READING, Pa., Dec. 13.—The Reading Company is taxed to its utmost to keep the coal traffic moving. Up to tonight the company has transported about 1,500 cars of coal for the past week, or nearly 200,000 tons.

PROSPECT BRIGHTENS FOR RELIEF FROM PRESENT STRINGENCY

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 13.—Reports to the Reading Railway office show that the mines of the company on Thursday reached the high-water mark of production since the resumption of mining.

LETTERED IN GOLD

Remember that we stamp your name in gold letters free of charge on pocket-books, traveling bags, cameras and all the finer leather goods purchased at our store.

NARROW ESCAPE OF TWO WOMEN

Mrs. Etta Levy and Her Sister Nearly Asphyxiated.

Neighbors Save Both From Death From Carbon Monoxide.

Mrs. Etta Levy, who lives at 1412 Buchanan street, and her invalid sister, who is staying with her, had a narrow escape from death by gas asphyxiation yesterday morning. But for the timely assistance given them by neighbors both women would have succumbed. Mrs. Levy was unconscious when help came and her sister was nearly so.

PERSONAL MENTION

W. J. Baldwin of St. Paul is at the Lick House.

W. H. Clary, a capitalist of Stockton, is at the Lick House.

Senator A. R. Jefferys, from Reno, Nev., is at the Russ House.

J. C. Bowman, a merchant from Crescent City, is at the Grand.

R. H. McKaig and family, from Sacramento, are at the California.

William Riefenburg, a lumber man of Bay City, Or., is at the Russ House.

A. Bralton, a well-known cattleman from San Ardo, is at the Russ House.

J. M. Gardner, a well-known railroad contractor from Santa Cruz, is at the Grand.

D. J. Kungie, who is doing some work on the fortifications at Fort Baker, is at the Russ House.

George Murphy, a well-known miner of Nome, arrived in the city yesterday and is at the California.

Senator E. C. Voorhies of Sutter Creek, president of the Mining Association, is stopping at the Russ House.

Ernest Peixotto, the well-known artist and illustrator for magazines, who has been visiting Paris and New York for the last two years, has returned to the city, accompanied by his wife.

George W. Heints has been appointed general agent of the Pacific Coast of the North Shore road, to succeed S. B. Latham, who has resigned. Mr. Heints was for several years general passenger agent of the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad, with headquarters at Denver, and is considered one of the brightest young railroad men of the West.

OF INTEREST TO PEOPLE OF THE PACIFIC COAST

Number of Fourth-Class Postmasters Are Appointed and New Pen-sions Granted.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Fourth-class postmasters appointed: California—Mary E. Fiscus, Annapolis, Sonoma County, vice Henry D. Whetmore, resigned; H. B. Field, Ross, Marin County, vice Albert Marbach, resigned.

Washington—Dewitt C. Whiting, Hanisville, Columbia County, vice William Gladden, resigned; Axel E. Larsen, Lenocho, Whatcom County, vice C. M. Easton, resigned; Anna C. Sholand, Marble, Stevens County, vice August Alstrom, resigned.

Pensions granted—California—Originals—Martin Dignan, Sierra City, \$12. Increase, released, etc.—Martin J. Collins, San Francisco, \$8; Franklin Livenborg, Sunnyside, \$8. Oregon—Original—Thaddeus Hillman, Manford, \$8. Increase, release, etc.—Asa R. Cramer, Portland, \$10; Otto Adams, Grant's Pass, \$12.

Navy orders—Midshipmen John T. Burwell and John H. Welsh, detached from battleship Wisconsin and ordered to Marine Corps barracks, San Francisco, Cal. Army orders—Lieutenant Colonel George Leroy Brown, Fourteenth Infantry, to Department of California until his regiment arrives at San Francisco en route to Philippines, when he will join it.