

RELIEF FOR MINERS.

THE GOVERNMENT TO AID THE DISTRESSED GOLD SEEKERS.

The Secretary of War Will Pay For Supplies and Transport to Reimburse the Soldiers to Be Sent to Alaska in Next Order.

Washington, Sept. 15.—The condition of affairs in the Klondike gold region and the possibility of attaining relief to the thousands of American citizens who are in danger of starvation and suffering there and on the trail have been very earnestly discussed by President McKinley and his cabinet.

It was their unanimous opinion that this government would be justified in its duties if it suggested anything that could be done in the way of sending in soldiers to maintain order and supplies to prevent starvation.

It was practically determined that two detachments of 50 men each should be sent to Alaska, one to remain in St. Michaels and the other to go into the interior. The department, however, is waiting for a further report from Captain Hays, now in Alaska, before issuing orders for the troops.

Secretary of War Alger asked the difficulty of the lack of funds to send provisions to the men in the Klondike and along the trail by proposing to pay the expenses out of his own pocket and trust to congress to reimburse him.

The secretary is an experienced lumberman, and he told the cabinet that a winter trail could be kept in good condition for the passage of dog trains if they were kept going over it.

General Alger telegraphed to Senator Foraker of California asking for information as to what was necessary to be done and what could be done at this time. As soon as this information is received the work of sending in relief will be pushed as rapidly as possible.

To Deliver For Saratoga Gold.

Albany, Sept. 15.—There seems to be something more than mere report in the news that gold has been discovered in Saratoga county. That the gold find is considered valuable has been evidenced by the incorporation of two Saratoga mining companies with the secretary of state.

The first of these is the Saratoga Springs Gold Mining company. Its purpose is stated to be the purchase and leasing of real estate and the mining of gold, silver and other precious metals. The capital of this company is \$100,000. The principal office is to be located at Saratoga.

The directors are William P. Tarrant, Fred Tarrant, Frank H. Hathorn, Benjamin J. Goldsmith, E. Van B. Bond, Eliska Tabell, Thomas Conover, William W. Alderice and James H. Boyce.

Another company incorporated in the Greenbald Gold Mining company. Its principal office will be in Greenbald, Saratoga county. Its capital is \$100,000 and its directors are William H. Gallor, William B. Millman, Cornelius Vanderberg and William W. Worden.

Both of these companies are to operate in a section of Saratoga county near where Julius Hilton of New York city has holdings to a considerable extent.

FAIR ESTATE CASE ENDED.

The Court Rules That the Pennell Documents Were Forgeries.

San Francisco, Sept. 15.—The famous case of Angue versus Craven, by which the executors and heirs of the late Senator James G. Fair sought to quiet the title of Mrs. Nettie B. Craven, a school-teacher of this city, to two pieces of property on Randolph and Mission streets valued at \$1,000,000, has finally been decided for the plaintiff and the intervenors by Superior Judge Black, sitting as a chamberlain in equity.

For five months the trial dragged along. The jury to whom it was submitted, after wandering for 10 hours, announced its inability to decide. Judge Black then denied a motion for a new trial and rendered his decree, to the effect that the pennell deeds purporting to have been signed by James G. Fair,

by means of which Mrs. Craven sought to acquire her title to the property in controversy, were forgeries and that they had never been acknowledged by James G. Fair before Notary J. J. Conroy as chairman and that therefore the acknowledgments attached thereto were also forgeries. As to the third issue, Judge Black held that there was no evidence of a conspiracy existing between Mrs. Craven, Mrs. Haselina and Notary Conroy which had for its object the losing of the Fair estate, except by inference. The defendant's counsel asked for and obtained a stay of proceedings for 30 days.

Neither Mrs. Craven nor her daughter was in court when the case was decided. When questioned as to what, if any action they proposed to take in the premises, the plaintiff's attorney declined to discuss the subject at present, but it is generally believed that the grand jury now in session will take the matter up immediately.

Property Destroyed by Fire.

Waterbury, Conn., Sept. 15.—The dwelling, large barn and storehouse belonging to Theodore S. and George Atwood, milk and produce dealers of Middletown, have been destroyed by fire, causing a loss of \$1,000; insurance, \$1,200.

Arrested by Inhaling Gas.

Boston, Sept. 15.—Augustus H. Kimball, 50 years old, who was for many years the superintendent at the Produce Exchange here, was found dead, having committed suicide at his boarding house by inhaling illuminating gas.

Spanish Counterfeiter Arrested.

Washington, Sept. 15.—Joseph Marx, 31 years of age, a Spaniard, has been arrested for passing a counterfeit silver dollar. He is believed to be one of a gang that has been operating in the west for some weeks.

LIKE THE BENDERS.

MANY CRIMES LAID AT THE DOOR OF THE STAFFBECK FAMILY.

A Woman Tells of Several Murders at Which She Was a Witness—The Victims Said to Be Two Girls and a Son-in-Law.

Galena, Kan., Sept. 15.—The trial of the Staffbeck family of this place for the murder of Frank Galbreath, a miner, and which resulted in the conviction of George Staffbeck of murder in the first degree, has brought forth some shocking developments and gives the hand the distinction of rivaling the notorious Benders in the number and cold-blooded character of their crimes.

The body of Galbreath was found in an abandoned mine in the outskirts of town on July 19 last, and George, Edward and Michael Staffbeck and their mother, Mrs. Wilson, who lived in two small houses near the shaft, were placed under arrest. Charles Wilson, the second husband and stepfather, was the only one to escape.

The principal witness during the trial which has been held at Columbus, was Cora Staffbeck, the wife of George. She is a Missouri girl, whom George met and married away from home and brought here. When she learned the character of the family, she would have escaped, but feared for her life and remained to witness the killing of Galbreath and several others. A Mrs. McCombs, who took up with the family in some way, was also an unwilling witness to several crimes, but feared to leave and divulge them. She also gave valuable testimony for the state.

Attached With a Cora Knife.

According to the evidence, Galbreath tried to see a woman who was living with the Staffbecks and was refused an audience with her and ordered out of the house. As he turned to go he was attacked by Mrs. Wilson, who seized a corn knife. George and Edward then took a hand, George firing a bullet through Galbreath's body and Edward shooting him in the head. His throat was cut, the pockets rifled and the body thrown into a pit.

Cora Staffbeck also testified that Edward and Michael, who follow circus and fair with various "tricks," picked up and brought home two country girls whom they had induced to run away with them. One day Edward found his girl sitting on another man's knee. A quarrel ensued, and the girl was killed by crushing her head in with a revolver.

The other girl was then killed by Michael for fear she would reveal the crime. Both were rolled under a bed and niched when the boys took the bodies and carried them to the pit.

An Italian peddler was killed for his money, and his body was disposed of in the usual way. Cora Staffbeck also testified that, from conversations heard at various times, a Mr. Moorehouse, who had disappeared from Joplin, and Frank Smith, who mysteriously disappeared from this place some time ago, were killed by the Staffbecks. She believes that many other crimes have been committed.

The water is being pumped out of the mines, and a crowd of about 500 persons is waiting for the revelations that will follow. They will undoubtedly lynch the murderers if half of the evidence of crime is found to be true.

Wrecked Steamer Located.

Savannah, Sept. 15.—The wreck of the schooner Agnes I. Grace, which sunk on Aug. 5 with four 16-ton guns for Tybee fortifications on board, has been located 28 miles southeast of Tybee sea buoy. The wreck had moved about 14 miles from the position buoyed by the United States buoy tender Wintoria last Thursday.

The deck was scoured in search of the bodies, but they were not recovered. They evidently rolled overboard when the vessel sunk, and is in the path of coastwise vessels and a menace to navigation.

Emperor William to Visit the Queen.

London, Sept. 15.—Truth has the following: "Since the return of Emperor William from Germany from Russia he has expressed a wish to visit Queen Victoria in the autumn and will probably cross from Kiel to Aberdeen in the imperial yacht Hohenzollern in private attire, making a strictly private visit to her majesty at Balmoral castle. The emperor, it is further stated, will remain here in the guest for a few days and will return to Kiel direct."

Kelley Indicted For Murder.

Dover, N. H., Sept. 15.—An indictment charging murder in the first degree has been found by the grand jury against Joseph R. Kelley, the former Amherst man who killed Cashier Stuckey of the Great Falls National bank at Somersworth and robbed the bank last spring. The date for Kelley's trial has not yet been fixed, but it is thought it will not be begun before several weeks.

Noted Criminal Escapes.

Columbus, O., Sept. 14.—The "Rev." F. G. B. Howard, famous as a swindler, has escaped from the Ohio penitentiary, to which he had been sentenced by the United States court in Tennessee. He had been confined to the front prison, and was quietly walked away when an opportunity offered. Howard was convicted in Clarksville, Tenn., and sentenced for nine years and fined \$1,000 on 22 counts charging him with using the United States mails for fraudulent purposes. His specialty was swindling alleged heirs to fabulous fortunes in England. One of the chief witnesses against him was Robert Lincoln, former minister to England. Howard has many aliases and has imposed upon some of the best known families of the south, getting into the ministry, law and medicine. He is an Englishman, 45 years old, and was convicted as Frederick George Burgoyne Howard.

Andrew Remains at Brown.

Providence, Sept. 15.—Brown university opened the scholastic year today, with President E. Benjamin Andrews still at the head of the institution. Quite unexpectedly Dr. Andrews late yesterday afternoon withdrew his resignation.

The announcement that Dr. Andrews would continue at the head of the institution was a great surprise and was greeted with demonstrations of satisfaction on the part of the students, who last evening celebrated the event as though the football eleven had defeated its most bitter rival.

Memphis Guarantees the Gulf Events.

Memphis, Sept. 15.—The board of health of this city has issued a proclamation enforcing a strict quarantine against New Orleans, Ocean Springs, Biloxi, Mobile and all other towns on the gulf coast.

Insurance Company Wrecker Dead.

Williamatic, Conn., Sept. 15.—James R. Parsons, ex-president of the Connecticut Life Insurance company of Hartford, died at his home in Windham Center. His death resulted from cancer of the stomach. After he had wrecked the insurance company, about ten years ago, he fled to Canada and has been an exile until about a month ago, when he returned to his old home. Though there were several indictments against him, the authorities satisfied themselves that he had come home to die and made no effort to arrest him.

Four People Drowned.

Waterloo, Ia., Sept. 14.—The Rev. Scott Hyatt and wife, Royal McQuest and Miss A. E. Tibbets were drowned in the Cedar river at Waverly. The party was on an excursion.

THE RULES.

presence of each other the oath prescribed by the Act of the Assembly regarding the holding of the primary election in the State of Pennsylvania.

Sec. 1. The Primary Election shall be held by the Republicans of Pike county at the call of the County Chairman not later than 10 days before the Republican State Convention, each year, subject to the provisions of rule 9, as to 30 days notice.

Sec. 2. Said Primary Elections shall be held in each Township and Borough at the places where the general elections are held.

Sec. 3. At least fifteen days before the said Primary Election it shall be the duty of the committee-man in each Township or Borough, to see that a convenient and suitable place is provided for the holding of said Primary Election, and select proper election officers for holding the same. Should the committee-man in any Township or Borough fail or refuse to attend to his duties ten days before the said Primary Election, then, upon the written request of ten Republican voters it shall be the duty of the County Chairman to remove the said committee-man failing to perform his duty and appoint a new one to fill the unexpired term.

Sec. 4. The following officers shall be voted for at the said Primary Election. Seven County Committee-men, County Officers, State and District Conferences, and State Delegate and one Township or Borough Committee-man for each Township or Borough (who shall only be voted for in the election district in which he resides,) and not more than one nomination shall be made for each County Office.

Sec. 5. The County Chairman shall be elected at the regular Primary Election each year, by a vote of the party and shall not hold the office for more than two consecutive years at a time.

Sec. 6. Any Republican who shall be a candidate for any office named in article fourth must submit his name to be voted for at the said primary election.

Sec. 7. Twenty days before the said Primary Election each candidate shall notify the County Chairman of his candidacy, who shall provide a sufficient number of ballots for each Township and Borough with all the names of the candidates and the several offices printed or written thereon. Each voter shall designate his choice of candidates by a cross X marked opposite the name of the person for whom he wishes to vote. The printing and distribution of the same to be paid by the said candidates in such ratio as the County Chairman may direct.

Sec. 8. The said Primary Election Board shall consist of three Republican voters, viz: one Judge, one Inspector and one Clerk, who shall severally take and subscribe to the

presence of each other the oath prescribed by the Act of the Assembly regarding the holding of the primary election in the State of Pennsylvania.

Sec. 9. Thirty days before the said primary election it shall be the duty of the County Chairman to give notice by four insertions in the Republican County paper, of the day and date of the said primary election, and he shall designate the offices for which candidates shall be voted for at the said primary election.

Sec. 10. Any legal voters other than Republicans wishing to vote at the Republican primaries will be granted the privilege of voting provided they swear to vote the Republican ticket at the next general election; any Republican not of age at the time of holding the said primary election, but will become of age before the general election, shall be eligible to vote at the primary election.

Sec. 11. The Primary Election Polls shall be opened at 3 o'clock p. m., and closed at 7 p. m.

Sec. 12. It shall be the duty of the Primary Election Board to write down the name of each voter casting his ballot at the primary. Said poll list and ballots to be kept by the Judge of the Election in each Township and Borough at least one year. If at any time the County Chairman or members of the County Committee desire to inspect said poll list they shall have the privilege so to do.

Sec. 13. After the polls are closed and the votes have been counted the election board shall make a return duly certified and signed by the primary election board, of the number of votes cast for each candidate. These returns to be enclosed in a sealed envelope and sent to the County Chairman by U. S. Mail or in person by the Judge or Inspector of election forthwith.

Sec. 14. On the first Wednesday, following the said Primary Election, at 2 o'clock p. m. at the Court House in Milford, Pa., the County Chairman, in the presence of at least five reputable Republicans, shall organize a canvassing board of three Republicans, duly sworn as provided by law, open and count the votes as recorded in the several returns, announce the result and certify the nominations to the proper officers.

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AGRICULTURAL.

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THE UNITED STATES SUGAR BEET.

It is reported that sample of sugar beets from Genesee county, N. Y., show 14 and 16 1/2 per cent. sugar, as against 10 to 12 per cent., the average in France. When the United States produces the greater part of its sugar it will keep a great deal of money from going abroad that it does not at present.

It will all have a tendency to improve the home market for other farm products. Let the sugar beet industry go ahead.

We quote from an article in the National Stockman and Farmer, that within the last five years results obtained in the fields and laboratory have demonstrated beyond question that the sugar beet can be grown in paying quantities and quality in the sugar beet belt of the United States, sufficient not only to furnish America but the world.

The best soil is a mellow, sandy loam. Of course, sugar beets cannot be grown to advantage in Pike county, at the present time at least.

A POINTER FOR FARMERS.

Every summer after the storing of the hay and grain crops we hear of barn fires, the origin of which, being unknown is ascribed to incendiarism, though, doubtless if the real cause could be ascertained it would be found that they were the result of spontaneous combustion, owing to hay or other new crops while in process of fermentation evolving heat sufficient to produce fire. If farmers wish to prevent their hay stacks or barns from firing they need only to scatter a few handfuls of common salt between the layers. The theory is that the salt by absorbing the humidity of the hay not only prevents its fermentation, and consequently heating, but it also adds a salty taste to the forage which all cattle like, and besides, it stimulates the appetite and assists their digestion and so prevents them from many diseases. — New York Farmer.

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