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**HOME HAPPENINGS.**

**The Nebraska Tragedy—More on the San Joaquin Land War—Patents Awarded to Californian Inventors—Railroad Affairs—Flood at Council Bluff—The Labor Question—Reported Death of a Notorious Gunman—Terrific Boiler Explosion—Etc.**

[SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE RECORD-UNION]

**The Nebraska Tragedy**  
OMAHA, April 18th — All is quiet at Fremont today. Ed. Morse, who was shot in the head by the desperado, who was himself afterwards killed by Sheriff Gregg, is better to-day and is thought will recover. Concerning the dead desperado, there is nothing new. George Swain, his partner, who is now in jail, is 21 years old, and claims to be a printer, hailing from Salem, Mass., where he has a divorced wife and child. He worked in Nashville, Tenn. all winter. He does not know his partner's name and says that he met him first in Council Bluff, a few days ago, and came over to Omaha with him ; went with him to Bell Creek to get a satchel from a relative, and intended to go to Denver together. They slept in a haystack one night. Swain claims that it was his partner who shot Morse when Sheriff Gregg was about to arrest them upon the arrival of the train at Fremont. He says that his partner told him to shoot, but he did not do it ; but ran away with him after he fired the shot. Swain, when captured in the boat on the Platte River, had no revolver, probably having thrown it away. He and his partner were suspected of several robberies in the country, and the suspicions were probably correct.

**Land War in the San Joaquin**  
GREEN RIVER, April 18th — Further information is now available about the major gun battle earlier this month that left a dozen dead and that brought a long-running land dispute in the San Joaquin to an end. Murdoch Lancer, the owner of the Lancer Ranch near Morro Coyo is the Californian resident involved. He is well respected by his fellow ranchers and, as is now well known, Mr. Lancer was one of those early settlers most instrumental in the events that led to the Treaty of Cahuenga in '47 and the absorption of California into the United States. His substantial holdings in the San Joaquin—Mr Lancer is one of the region's most successful and wealthy cattlemen—were under threat by a gang of desperadoes led by one Day Pardee.

It is not known for whom Pardee was working, but it is surmised that several commercial bodies had an interest in obtaining land in the San Joaquin. Our readers will remember that Pardee was suspected in the murder of Sheriff Joe Carbajal at Modesto earlier this year, although nothing could be proved. It is certain that Pardee's men ravaged a large area of land in the Modesto area, and many ranches and farms subsequently changed hands at what has been claimed to be bargain prices, to the advantage of several speculative venture companies and a network of land agents. Your reporter has not yet been able to establish the principals for whom the land agents have been acting.

Pardee lost his life in the gun battle and it has proved impossible to gain any intelligence of his employers, who have covered their tracks with skill and despatch. None of the captured desperadoes, who have all been handed over to Justice in the form of the US Marshal from San José, have been able to offer any information, claiming that their leader had been prone to secrecy and did not confide his plans, resorting merely to giving orders on which raid to carry out, without explanation as to why.

It has been confirmed that Mr. Lancer's sons were instrumental in bringing about Pardee's downfall. Mr. Scott Garrett Lancer, lately of Boston, Mass., returned to the land of his birth at his father's request and, it is understood, led the defence of the ranch with his younger brother, John. Both were stoutly aided by the Lancer vaqueros, whose loyalty has been exemplary. It was a bullet from the rifle of Mr. Scott Lancer, deployed in the defence of his injured brother, that claimed the wicked life of Day Pardee.

Reconstruction work at the Lancer ranch and around Morro Coyo goes on, with the Morro Coyo District of the Californian Cattlegrazers Association preparing, as usual, for the annual Spring round up.

**Patents Awarded to Californian Inventors**

WASHINGTON, April 14th — Patents were issued to residents of California to-day as follows : Horace B. Antge, San Francisco, dredge chain ; James B. Cummings and B. F. Van Arminge, Oakland, carpenter's level ; James Davison, San Francisco, lifting jack ; A. A. Fisher, San Francisco, tucker attachment for sewing machines ; E. j. Molera and J. C. Celerian, San Francisco, apparatus for making carbon plates ; Eugene O'Neill, San Francisco, valve-gear for steam engines ; Max Schmidt and C. Ratskopff, San Francisco, automatic hanging-up attachments for labeling and varnishing machines ; Franck Shaw, plugging device ; — Wartenberg, Anaheim, adjustable coupling for harness.

**Railroad Affairs**

DENVER, April 18th — In the United States District Court this morning, Judge Hallett delivered an opinion on the case of the Denver and New Orleans Railroad Company against the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad Company, to show cause why it should not be in contempt for violating the decree made some time since, compelling the latter road to exchange business with the former on the same terms as with the Denver and Rio Grande Road. The Judge held that in changing the divisions on through business, and in diverting business from the plaintiff's road, the Santa Fe road was in contempt and fines them \$100 for each case of freight diverted ; and further that defendant must give to plaintiff their full proportion of through rates, in accordance with the divisions in force at the time the former decree went into effect—13 February inst— which latter rates were held to be not unreasonable, and that the attempt of defendants road to deprive plaintiff's road of its revenge by changing the division of through rates was in violation of the decree of the Court.

SACRAMENTO, April 18th — Notice was given of the intention by the Southern Pacific railroad to end contracts with the San Joaquin Railroad Company, for the failure of the latter road to complete arrangements for spur lines to the major north-south road that Southern Pacific currently has under construction, specifically to the proposed road confluence planned at Fresno. The San Joaquin Railroad Company is countering for breach of contract.

**Flood at Council Bluff**

COUNCIL BLUFF (Ia.), April 17th — This evening one of the worst storms that ever visited this vicinity set in. Indian creek, which ruins through the heart of the city, overflowed, causing damage estimated at \$200,000. Seven iron bridges and two stone culverts, belonging to the city, were swept away—also dwellings and barns. All the business houses on Main and Broadway streets were flooded, and several losses of life reported. Cries for help were heard in every direction, but the swiftness of the current rendered assistance impossible. The flood rose so quickly that many businessmen found it impossible to reach their wives and children.

**The Labor Question**

DES MOINES, April 12th —The striking miners, in addition to blowing up the residences of certain coloured men brought in here to take their places, are charged with firing two houses of miners two miles outside the city last night. There is no clue to the perpetrators.

CINCINNATI, April 18th—Manufacturers say the iron strike here is ended, and as soon as fires can be started, work will proceed. The workmen did not insist on \$6 yesterday, but receded to \$5.50 ; but the manufacturers held the ground that the agreement with the men to abide by the Pittsburgh adjustment precluded them from all negotiations. There has yet been no formal meeting of workmen nor formal notice to the manufacturers. It is safe to say that work will be resumed.

**Reported Death of a Notorious Gunman**

SONORA, April 1st — News from Mexico suggests that the infamous shootist known as Johnny or John Madrid was executed by firing squad near the town of Magdalena de Kino, Sonora, a month ago for his part in fostering a peasant revolution against

a powerful local landowner or haciendado. That revolution ended, as do so many attempts to overthrow the established order in the barbaric south, with the restoration of the status quo and the extra-judicial executions of the principals.

Madrid, who is said to be of Mexican heritage through his mother's family, has been a name to conjure with for several years in the cesspools of vice along the Border with our southern neighbour. It is claimed that he has been hiring out his gun since the tender age of sixteen, if not even earlier. No one has been able to put an accurate figure on the number of men who have fallen victim to Madrid's facility with a pistol, although the estimates seen by this correspondent run to more than 30, and it is certain that Madrid was a significant figure in the range war in Sutton County, Texas in '68, that left two prominent Texan families bereft of their menfolk.

If Madrid is indeed dead and rumour has not lied, then the less-than-noble Order of Shootists has lost a member said to be one of its finest proponents. One can only acknowledge the essential Truth of the Good Book's words on the fate of those who choose to live by the sword.

**Shingle Mill Blown To Atoms**

EAST SAGINAW, Mich, April 14th — The shingle mill of G. B. Turner and Sons was blown to atoms this morning by the explosion of a Boiler. W. G. Turner, engineer, H. Goulding, fireman, and John McDowell, nightwatchmen, were killed. I. L. Turner and another were seriously injured. The cause of the explosion is not known. The damage is \$5,000.

**FOREIGN FACTS.**

**The Dynamiters—The French And Madagascar—Invited by the Swiss—The Vatican and England—The Church Question in Germany—Mexican National Railroad—Fighting Near Ha-Noi—Etc.**

[SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE RECORD-UNION]

**The Dynamiters**

LONDON, April 15th—The dynamite conspirators were arraigned in the Old Bailey this morning, and pleaded not guilty. The trial was fixed for the 29th inst. A special Court is constituted to try the dynamiters. It consists of Lord Chief Justice Colridge, Justice Brett, of the Court of Appeals and Justice Grove, of the Court of Common Pleas.

**The France-Madagascar Difficulty**

PARIS, April 15th—It is said that the United States Minister has not interviewed President Grevy relative to the Madagascar question ; and that the American Government sees no cause to interfere in the France-Madagascar difficulties.

**Invited to Attend**

LONDON April 14th—The Committee of the Swiss Federal Rifle match invite Englishmen and Americans to attend a meeting at Lugano from July 8th to the 9th ib.

**Present Hope Abandoned**

ROME, April 12th—The Vatican has abandoned for the present the hope of establishing diplomatic relations with England.

**The Prussian Ministry and the Church**

LONDON, April 12th—A dispatch from Berlin to the Exchange Telegraph Company says: Prince Bismark presided yesterday at a meeting of the Prussian Ministry. It was decided to take regulation of Church matters into their own hands, independent of Rome, and submit a bill in the Diet providing for a modification of the May laws.

**Work Suspended**

CITY OF MEXICO, April 12th—A Colima paper states that work is suspended on the Mexican National Railroad.

**Fighting Near Ha-Noi**

PARIS, April 13th—The *Gaulois*, in an account of an attack by the Annamese on the French force near Ha-Noi, says that Captain Riviere on learning the fact advanced with 150 men, leaving a reserve of 250. These, however, remained too far in the rear to be of service to Captain Riviere's advance guard, which was

surprised by a large force of Annamese and almost annihilated. On the rearguard arriving at the scene, the Annamese fled carrying off Captain Riviere and 15 marines, all of whom were impaled the next day.

Among the Berricors of France, the traditional form of obtaining a wife by capture is still preserved. The bride's house is barricaded on the wedding day and the bridegroom is only admitted after long parley [Exchange]. He quits parleying as soon as he is married.

**SAN FRANCISCO ITEMS**

During the month of March the police made 2,630 arrests.

Charles Crocker will arrive from the East in a few days.

The council of Charles H. Abbott, the murderer, has deserted him.

Private advices state that Senator J.G. Fair sailed for Europe Friday morning.

The Master of the ship Berlin, which arrived Thursday from Philadelphia, reports that on March 13th James Somers, second officer of the vessel, died and was buried at sea.

The commencement exercises of St. Mary's College took place Thursday night at the Opera House.

No less than 966 barrels of opium arrived by the steamship City of Peking Thursday—the largest lot of the drug yet brought at one time. The duty is \$246 per box, or \$237,636 for the lot.

A complaint was filed in the Superior Court Friday By Barrows & Dare, as attorneys for Miss Nettie Barrett, to recover \$10,000 damages from Timothy Barrett for an alleged breach of promise of marriage.

Exports from this port for March embraced over 100,000 barrels flour, about 500,000 centals wheat, 1,400 flasks quicksilver, and other products, the whole valued at about \$2,500,000. This is exclusive of a large line of freight shipped overland. Upward of \$1,250,000 of specie was also shipped.

The Supreme Court has remanded the case of Mary J. McDowall vs the Central Pacific Railroad Company for a new trial. The case was tried in the San Francisco Superior Court, and a verdict was rendered in favor of the defendant. The action is to recover \$25,000 damages for personal injuries sustained by a fall while alighting from one of the defendant's cars in February 1869, and the ground for the reversal of the judgement is that the court erred in the instructions given to the jury.

The exchanges at the San Francisco Clearing-house for the month of March were \$47,842,828 against \$52, 648,444 for the same month last year. The falling off of \$4,805,600 is largely due to the diminished volume of the wheat trade.

The Julian Rix art sale was not a financial success, but it served its purpose of working off about 125 pictures, large and small, broad and narrow. The successful bids ranged from \$50 to \$250, the latter figure capturing for Porter Ashe a large decorative screen, subject, "Saddle River in Autumn." A majority of the pictures sold for prices ranging about \$50. Paintings of local scenes did not go off as well as the Eastern sketches.

**PACIFIC COAST ITEMS**

Riverside has 3,000 population. Tramps have overrun Silver City, N.M.

Socorro, N.M. is to have white lead works.

Wilmington has a night-blooming cereus in flower.

Stonemasons command \$5 and \$6 per day in Helena, M.T.

No dance-house is allowed at the new camp at Fleming, N.M

The bean crop in San Luis Obispo county promises to be a good one.

A climbing rose on a residence in Santa Rosa contains over 5,000 roses.

Fresno has several men under arrest charged with the recent stealing of stock.

Fifty Irish settlers have arrived in Billings, M.T. They have rented a building and set up housekeeping on the communistic principles, says the *Butte Miner*.

**WANTED, LOST AND FOUND**

Advertisements of five lines in this department are inserted for 25 cents for one time ; three times for 50 cents or 75 cents per week.

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No lady has the right to present a disfigured face in society when the Magnolia Balm is sold by all druggists for 75 cents.

This facsimile page is not, of course, real. Most of the articles and advertisements in it ARE real – with the trifling issue of some date changes to fit with the Lancer timeline – and are taken from the edition of the Sacramento Daily Record-Union published on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1883. This is some 13 years later than our time period for Lancer, and the articles are reproduced to give an air of verisimilitude, **not historical accuracy** and to provide a framework for two major home news articles (I'm sure that you can guess which they are!) and the final paragraph of the Railroad Affairs item re news from Sacramento.

The page is set out in the Daily-Record's style, but I can't completely reproduce the fonts and layout. It's been created using Times New Roman, Arial, Arial Narrow and Goodfish fonts.