

## THE SUNSET CITY.

California's Midwinter Exposition Formally Opened.

Great Enthusiasm Characterizes the Exercises, an Outline of Which Is Here Given—Over 72,000 Persons in Attendance.

### IN FULL BLAST.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 30.—The Midwinter fair has at last been opened. Thousands of people from all parts of the state witnessed and participated in the dedicatory ceremonies, and the greatest and grandest enterprise ever seen west of the Mississippi river is finally in full swing.

It was a holiday in San Francisco. The shops were closed and business was neglected and abandoned. Buildings in every part of the city were lavishly decorated with flags and bunting, and the whole population thronged the streets and gave to them an eminently festive appearance. Thousands of visitors were here who are residents of Los Angeles and the distant southern part of the state,

open. In the management of concessions and the general conduct of the exhibition there was nothing to distinguish Sunday from the opening day, and though chaos still reigns in machinery hall and all of the exhibits in the other buildings are still in a state of disorder, thousands of people visited the grounds.

### CAUGHT AFTER A FIGHT.

One Outlaw and One Officer Killed and Two Others Shot.

BIG STONE GAP, Va., Jan. 30.—Three Virginia officers tracked the two Flemings brothers, outlaws, from this county to West Virginia, and found them Thursday in a store in Boggs, a lonely little mountain town more than 50 miles from a railroad. Cal Fleming was shot instantly through the brain. Heenan, his brother, shot each of the three officers. He was shot in the chin and had the fingers of his right hand shot away. He shot Ed Hall through the back of the head, Doc Swindell through the neck and John Branham through the right lung. Then he gave up. Cal Fleming lived long enough to ask to be brought back home, but was buried

## A SCENE OF HORROR.

It Attends the Hanging of George H. Painter, in Chicago.

The Rope Breaks and the Doomed Man Falls to the Floor—Picked Up in a Dying Condition, His Inanimate Body Is Hanged Again.

### A BOTCHED JOB.

CHICAGO, Jan. 29.—George H. Painter was hanged in the corridor of the county jail at 8:03 a. m. Friday for the murder of Alice Martin. The execution was marred and delayed by an unfortunate accident. At the first attempt made to carry out the sentence of the law at 7:50 the rope broke, carrying the condemned man to the floor with a heavy crash. Blood streamed from a wound in his chin and dyed the white shroud in which his form was enveloped with deep crimson stains.

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the floor. Dr. Fortner and the other physicians and jail officials hurried to its side, but there was not a movement to indicate that life still existed. While the shroud enveloped and bloodstained body lay at one side of the scaffold with the physicians hovering over it, the drop was put back in place and a new rope was strung. Then the body was dragged to the drop again, while suddenly cries from the prisoners in other parts of the jail broke in upon the almost deathlike stillness. They had in some way learned that the drop had fallen. The cries and shrieks were taken up from cell to cell, and from tier to tier until pandemonium seemed to have broken loose. The bailiffs were sent back to stop the thrilling clamor.

There was a pause in the proceedings until the cries could be stopped, and then the body was placed a second time under the rope. It was a difficult task to fix the noose, and the scene was revolting. Blood had trickled to the bottom of the shroud and the hood was saturated. The neck had been broken in the first fall and the head had to be held up while the noose was put over it. Then it was found that with the body flat on the drop there would be almost no fall, and it had to be pulled back to the inner edge, where it could be supported in a sitting position by one of the jail officials standing on the more solid part of the scaffold. It seemed a long time, but in reality it was only four minutes from the time the drop fell the first time until Jailer Morris gave the signal and it again fell. It was 8:03 o'clock when Painter's body straightened out at the end of the rope after the second fall and at 8:18 he was pronounced dead.

Painter kept up his courage to the last. He had taken liquor to strengthen him before beginning his march to the scaffold. He walked to the platform without a tremor. On the scaffold he made a brief speech, concluding as follows:

"If I killed Alice Martin—the woman I dearly loved, the woman I loved so much that I would have almost committed a crime for her—I pray this minute—my last minute on earth—that the Eternal God will put me into eternal hell. Look here, gentlemen, if there is one man among you who is an American, I say to you on his soul—on his soul, I say, see that the murderer of Alice Martin is found. Good-bye."

[Painter's alleged crime for which he suffered the penalty of death was the murder of Alice Martin, in her room at 86 Green street, about midnight May 17, 1891. A man named Truesdale and a woman named Morris also lived in the house. A few moments before 12 o'clock they heard quarreling in the room of Alice Martin, followed by sounds as if Alice Martin was being struck and a fight was in progress. A few moments later they were startled by the sound of Alice Painter, who rushed into their room crying out: "Alice has been murdered." His coat, they declared, was somewhat bloody and he was greatly excited. They followed him back to the room where they found the lifeless body of Alice Martin lying across the bed and evidences of a terrible struggle. Painter gave the alarm to the police. He was subsequently arrested and at his trial was convicted. An unsuccessful appeal was made to the supreme court. Then Gov. Atgeld was called upon for executive clemency. Twice he granted a respite, but finally refused to intercede further, and the law was allowed to take its course.]

### ENJOINED FROM STRIKING.

Judge Dundy Makes an Order Reducing Union Pacific Wages.

OMAHA, Neb., Jan. 30.—Union Pacific labor circles were stirred to their depths Sunday when an order of Judge Dundy reducing wages on the system was made public. All employees in every department are affected by the cut, which amounts to nearly 10 per cent. The action of the court was not altogether a surprise, although most of the men had thought the wage question would not be disturbed. Judge Dundy not only enjoined the men from striking, but cut their pay and ordered them to continue work at the reduced pay.

### BATH SWEEP BY FIRE.

Business Part of the Main Street Lies in Ruins.

BATH, Me., Jan. 30.—A large portion of the business section of the city was laid in ruins by fire on Sunday. The waterworks system proved useless, there having been a big break in the main pipe Saturday night, and without water the fire department was powerless to check the spread of the flames. As a result the Sagadahoc house, two national banks, a savings bank and a dozen stores were destroyed. The total loss is estimated at between \$500,000 and \$750,000, an which there is insurance of one-half.

### BIG SAVING ON PENSIONS.

Payments Will Aggregate \$15,000,000 Less Than Last Year.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—The pension appropriation bill was reported from the appropriation committee and bears the imprint of the new commissioner's knife. The annual appropriation for payment of pensions is \$15,000,000 less than last year. Commissioner Lorette stated to the committee that the payment of pensions would be less than \$140,000,000 this year. He also stated that the number of original applications would be less this year than last.

### Davitt Denies It.

CHICAGO, Jan. 30.—Michael Davitt in a letter addressed to J. S. Mullen, of this city, and dated at Ballybrack, County Dublin, denies that he ever saw the suppressed letters of Le Caron which gave the names of his three assistants. He says that he is convinced that Dr. Cronin was not one of Le Caron's confederates. He denies that he ever referred to Dr. Cronin as a spy.

### Worried to Death by an Indictment.

DR. AUSTIN PEGG, of Ossian, Ia., died there of brain fever. He was under indictment here with Pension Agent Van Lewen and it is supposed to have killed him.

## INDIANA STATE NEWS.

JAMES HELMS, assistant master mechanic of the Louisville, Evansville and St. Louis railway, died at his home in Princeton.

THE INDIANA supreme court has affirmed the decision of the Porter circuit court in the contested election case of Joseph Sego vs. Heber Stoddard. Two years ago Stoddard was the republican and Sego the democratic candidate for sheriff in Porter county. Stoddard received three more votes than Sego. The democrats contested the election, which was decided in Stoddard's favor.

CAPT. JOHN K. GOWDY, of Rushville, was the other day re-elected by acclamation chairman of the state republican committee.

LEMUEL BAILEY, a member of the Miners and Liberal Arts Building, 120 ft. long, 180 ft. wide, 60 ft. high.

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Mechanic Arts Building: 324 ft. long, 180 ft. wide, 60 ft. high.

Manufactures and Liberal Arts Building: 450 ft. long, 300 ft. wide, 50 ft. high.

Agricultural and Horticultural Building: 400 ft. long, 300 ft. wide, with dome 100 ft. high.

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