GOLGOTHA OF PACIFIC

AN ISLAND COVERED WITH OLD HUMAN BONES.

Extinct Race of Veritable Giants—Capture of the Sole Survivor of the Ancient Race That Inhabited San Nicolas Island.

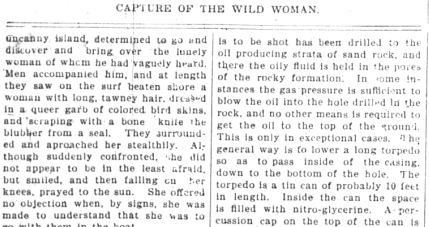
(Santa Barbara Letter.)

THE Channel Islands have long been known among the old time residents of California as the Golgotha of the Pacific, for nowhere else in the world are there probably as many human bones and skeletons lying exposed to the elements as there.

These islands have been objects of romantic legends, curiosity and mystery for two centrations or more. Notwithstanding that they are 28 miles of the California shore, they are solitary and unfrequented.

As far back as the memory of any person in South California runs, hundreds of white skeletons have dotted the valleys and hillsides of San Nicolas island, one of the group. Strange utensils of serpentine, sandstone, and steatite are found there among the human bones, and the island and its inhabitants have a history so curious that it is difficult of comprehension.

In 1835 the Franciscan padres in the Santa Barbara mission, learning that there were but 16 of the strange indian race then living, determined to rescue them from the island. They went over in a sloop and succeeded, as they thought, in getting all on board. At the last moment an indian woman returned for her child, and remained. Sixteen years later Capt. George Nidever and two men went from the coast in a sloop to hunt sea otters off San Nicolas. On landing they, like Crusoe, were astonished to discover human footprints in the sand. They saw no one, however, and a storm compelled them to put to sea. It was two years later that the captain, revolving in his mind the sight of the footprints in the



CAPTURE OF THE WILD WOMAN.

uncanny island, determined to go and discover and bring over the lonely woman of whom he had vaguely heard. Men accompanied him, and at length they saw on the surf beaten shore a woman with long, tawney hair, dressed in a queer garb of colored bird skins, and scraping with a bone knife the blubber from a seal. They surrounded and approached her stealthily. Although suddenly confronted, she did not appear to be in the least afraid, but smiled, and then falling on her knees, prayed to the sun. She offered no objection when, by signs, she was made to understand that she was to go with them in the boat.

They searched Santa Barbara across the rough sea, and the first thing the Indian woman saw was Dr. S. L. Shaw, who is still ling at the age of 80 years, riding a horse. She had never seen a spectacle like it, and thought the man and horse were one, and she knelt on the shore and offered her devotions to it. Two weeks afterward the last inhabitant of rock ribbed, tempest beaten San Nicolas died from eating food to which she was unaccustomed, and the curtain fell on her race forever. The woman, known as the "Lone Woman of San Nicholas," has been the subject of a score of romances and poems and food for a lot of philosophy of the coast.

San Nicolas is ten miles wide and four miles across at the widest point. Nothing more desolate than the general appearance of the island can be imagined. As far as the eye can trace there are barren levels, with innumerable circular depressions, showing where primitive dwellings once stood. Not a vestige remains of the materials used in the construction of these rancherias. Hundreds of shell mounds are scattered about, and are found to consist of astonishing numbers of mollusks, the bones of every species of fish found in the channel, skeletons of seals, sea elephants, sea otters, whales, the island fox and various aquatic birds. Without question these animals were used for food by the tribes that once thronged the island. There are numbers of canine skeletons, several of which indicate a species of bull terrier.

An examination of some of the mounds discloses all sorts of curious utensils, stone cooking pots, water ollas, mortars, pestles, drills, bone needles, and fish hooks, shell beads, charm stones, pipes, cups, and a few arrow heads, spear points, and swords made of bone. The absence of many weapons proves the peaceful attributes of the islanders. Small imitations of boats and fishes carved from crystalized talc and serpentine also show a rudimentary knowledge of the art of sculpture. No trace is seen of the brush pens, in which the lone woman of San Nicolas for years found her only shelter from the cutting wind and sand. Every foot of this strange island is eloquent of the extinction of an almost unheard-of people.

The strangest of all the sights on this island is to be seen on the broad plateau south of the Chinese camp at Corral harbor. Here acres of the sand are littered with thousands of disjointed skeletons. Measurements have been made by several scientists of the thigh, leg and arm bones, and literally bushels of skulls and other parts of the human frame have been brought to Los Angeles from San Nicolas island for investigation. The general opinion is that the physique of the Indian race that swarmed over the island then was very much larger than that of any civilized race of today, and that some of them must have been seven feet three inches tall. The skulls of this extinct tribe often measure several inches more than some of the skulls of today. Many skulls found lying about on the island show that their possessors must have suffered death from a club or blunt battle ax. No one has yet found a skull on San Nicholas that shows marks of a bullet.

THE BIG EST BELL.

A Burmese Bell, Weighing Ninety-Eight Tons, Has Just Been Raised.

For some time past there has been a sort of dead heat between the two biggest bells in the world, the one at the cathedral in Moscow, and the other at the unfinished pagoda of Mengoon, a little north of Mandalay, across the river. If the former was the bigger of the two, it was cracked, and therefore useless as a bell, while the other, though whole, had dragged its supports down till it rested on the ground, and would not emit any sound. Now, however, it has been reswung, and can claim attention as the biggest bell in working order in the world. It averages over a foot in thickness. The bell itself is over twelve feet high, and the shackle, which was intended for logs of timber, about twelve feet. The pin of the shackle has a diameter of sixteen inches. The bell was cast about the beginning of the century by King Bodaw-paya as an accompaniment to the huge brick pagoda which he never finished. It is said to have been cast on an island and rafted across. No proper means yet exist for striking the bell, but when hit with a heavy piece of wood gives a deep, vibrating boom. The figure in front of the bell in the photograph is that of a Burmese nun.

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Among the impressive oil region spectacles the shooting of an oil well always takes front rank. The well that is to be shot has been drilled to the oil producing strata of sand rock, and there the oily fluid is held in the pores of the rocky formation. In some instances the gas pressure is sufficient to blow the oil into the hole drilled in the rock, and no other means is required to get the oil to the top of the ground. This is only in exceptional cases. The general way is to lower a long torpedo so as to pass inside of the casing, down to the bottom of the hole. The torpedo is a shell of probably 10 feet in length. Inside the can the space is filled with nitro-glycerine. A percussion cap on the top of the can is so arranged that the dropping of a weight or go-devil causes the device to explode. The rock is rent over the bottom of the well, and a basin is formed which becomes a reservoir to pump from when the well is ready for that part of the business. The cut shows the torrent of oil that rushes

WHEN THE TORPEDO EXPLODES.

from the subterranean depths when the torpedo or "shot" is exploded.

Pigmies of the Congo.

The pigmies of the Congo, of whom so much has been heard in recent years, are nomads and hunters, and dangerous, since they make themselves invisible in the thick forest, and their weapons are tipped with deadly poison. An elephant grazed by a poisoned spear falls dead under a hundred yards. And their experiness with tiny bows and arrows rivals the achievements of quick firing guns, as they can shoot three, or even four arrows so rapidly that the last is discharged before the first reaches its mark. Ordinary guns are little good against them, since on seeing the flash of the firing gun they drop, and, running in, hidden by the grass, spear their opponent while he is in the act of reloading. But breechloaders were too much for them. "Many of us," writes a recent explorer, "were, however, scared by the seemingly magical appearance of these gnomelike beings within three or four yards of us, with their murderous little spears pointed for our destruction. And, indeed, their success was often extraordinary enough to make one almost doubt their being human."

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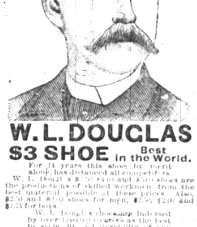

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STATE OF MICHIGAN, } ss. At a session
COUNTY OF OAKLAND, } of the Probate Court for the county of Oakland, held at the Probate Office, in the city of Pontiac, on the 14th day of June, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven. Present, Thomas L. Patterson, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the estate of CINDERILLA PATTIS, Insane person.

On application of Julius P. Rudel, late guardian, for his examination and allowance of his final account and for his discharge as such guardian.

It is ordered that Monday, the 12th day of July, next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be appointed for hearing said application and for the examination and allowance of said final account, and it is further ordered, that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing in THE BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Oakland.

THOMAS L. PATTERSON, Judge of Pr. bate.

(Jun 14-July 9)

COMMISSIONERS' NOTICE—In the matter of the estate of FREDERIK K REGOLE, deceased, the undersigned, having been appointed by the Hon. Thomas L. Patterson, Judge of Probate in and for the county of Oakland, State of Michigan, commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims against said estate, and a month from the 14th day of June, A. D. 1897, having been allowed by said Judge of Probate for all persons holding claims against said estate, to which to present them to us for examination and adjustment, notice is hereby given that we will meet on the 2d day of July, 1897, and on the 10th day of December, 1897, at 10 o'clock, a. m., of each day at the late residence of said deceased, in the township of Royal Oak, in said county, for the purpose of receiving and adjusting such claims.

JOHN H. RAUH, JOHN BENJAMIN, } Commissioners.

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MORTGAGE SALE.—Whereas default has been made in the payment of the money secured by a mortgage dated January 4th, 1896, executed by Grace M. Perry, of Detroit, Michigan, to Moses Ashford, of the same place, which mortgage was recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of the county Oakland, Michigan, in liber 85 of mortgages, on pages 488 and 489 on January 5th, 1896, at 9 o'clock a. m., and the same is now owned by him, and, whereas, the whole amount claimed to be due and unpaid on the said mortgage at the date of this notice is the sum of twelve hundred and eight dollars and sixty-seven cents, principal and interest, and twenty-five dollars and fifty dollars as attorney's fee stipulated for in said mortgage, and provided for by statute and in suit or proceedings now pending or to be instituted at law or in equity to recover the debt now remaining secured by said mortgage or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in the said mortgage has become operative. Now, therefore, notice is hereby given that, by virtue of the said power of sale and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door of the court House in the city of Pontiac, Oakland county, Michigan, (that being the place in which the Circuit Court for the said county of Oakland is held), on the 26th day of June, A. D. 1897, at two o'clock in the forenoon of said day, which said premises are described in said mortgage as follows, to wit: Village lots numbered one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve and thirteen, in block one, Perry's addition to the Village of Orion, as the same appears of record in the Oakland county Register of Deeds office. Also, village lots numbered one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve, thirteen, fifteen, seventeen, eighteen, nineteen, twenty, twenty-one, twenty-two, twenty-three, twenty-four, twenty-five and twenty-six, in block two, in Perry's addition to Orion Village, as now described. Also, lots 6 and 7 and excepting a 5 foot strip in block one, Perry's addition to Orion Village, as now described, excepting the south 5 feet of Perry street in said plat to the center of the highway from Rochester to the Village of Orion to the village of Rochester, then a westerly along the center of said highway to the northeast corner of lands owned by A. D. Brown, then south along the east line of said Brown's land to the center of Paint Creek, then westerly along the center of Paint Creek to the section line between sections one and two, thence south along said section line to the northwest corner of the plat of Perry's addition as above described, thence east along the north line of said Perry's plat to the place of beginning, except land in the last above described tract from the south line of the said George M. Perry to John Perry, John Kusch and John T. Owen. All the above described lands, sections one and two, in township four north, of range ten east, Oakland county, Michigan.

Dated at Pontiac, this 28th day of March A. D. 1897.

OGDEN S. APPOLD, Mortgagee,

PETER B. PROMPTY, Pontiac, Mich., Attorney for Mortgagee.

(print June 4)

STATE OF MICHIGAN, } ss. At a session
COUNTY OF OAKLAND, } of the Probate Court for the county of Oakland, held at the Probate Office, in the city of Pontiac, on the 27th day of May, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven. Present, Thomas L. Patterson, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the estate of LYDIA GARNER, deceased. On reading and filing the petition of Mary E. Orth for praying that administration of said estate may be granted to Ellen Peabody or some other suitable person.

It is ordered that Monday, the 28th day of June next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate office, be appointed for hearing said petition, and it is further ordered, that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in THE BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Oakland.

THOMAS L. PATTERSON, Judge of Probate.

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