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Hold Up At Tunnel

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stable in the afternoon that Saturday, the 5th of November, and Kirk was just so sure of that one thing and unsure of other matters as materially to weaken his evidence.

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The defendant, after having his rights explained to him was asked whether he wanted to take the stand and testify in his own behalf. The question was answered in the negative.

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The prosecution then called John Henry Davis to fix the distance from the tunnel to the livery stable and the time it would take to go to the tunnel and back.

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THE AFTERMATH.

Supervisor Hook swore out a John Doe warrant against some person or persons, who on the night of Halloween, took away gates, hid them and committed other acts of malicious mischief. Sheriff Veale was called into the district and with Constable John Ott discovered that the offenders were Blalock Putman, Noble Scamme land Atherton Buttner. The lads were taken before Judge Burke, pleaded "guilty," and were fined \$5 each.

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DIED AT GIANT.

Tuesday at Giant, about noon, Hubert Van Prooyen passed away, at the age of 67. Mr. Van Prooyen was born in Holland and came over to this country somewhere about 1868. He had married shortly before leaving his native land. He had settled first in San Francisco, then he went to Berkeley and afterwards to Giant, and in all these

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A FUNNY MISTAKE.

Mayor Taylor gravely called the