THE DAILY RECORD-UNION.

THURSDAY.....FEBRUARY 10, 1881

ADVERTISEMENT MENTION.

Metropolitan Theater—Taylor, the Magician.

Metropolitan Theater—Hooley's Mastodon Minstrels.

Sacramento Lodge, F. and A. M., to-night.

Red Cloud Tribe, Imp'd Order Red Men, to-night.

Lost—A Gold Necklace.

Wanted, a Partner—Carl Strobel.

Turn Verein—Annual Masquerade Ball.

Auction Sales.

D. J. Simmons—Real Estate Sale.

Business Advertisements.

Huntington, Hopkins & Co.—"Eclipse" Fan Blower.

Louis Leley—Importer and dealer in Liquor, etc.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

AN EXTENSIVE ROBBERY SCHEME FRUSTRATED.—About two weeks ago a stranger, who gives the name of George Knight, came to the city, and soon afterwards made the acquaintance of a blacksmith who works in town, and whom he made his confident. He suggested their co-operation to make some extensive robberies in the city, and the blacksmith, named John, fell in with the arrangement. Knight wanted John to make some burglars' tools with which to do the work, and he consented. John at once confidentially made Chief Karcher acquainted with the whole matter, and the Chief instructed him to go on and make the tools and keep him posted. Knight had his plans laid out as follows: First, the Postoffice was to be robbed; then Wachhorst's jewelry store, and all the jewelry establishments on J street, below Seventh; and also the residences of Mrs. Crocker, Albert Gallatin, N. Greene Curtis and several others. The intention of the Chief of Police was to let Knight, while being watched, break into the Postoffice, so as to make his crime complete, and arrest him while in there, but before the tools, consisting of diamond drills and various burglars' implements, were completed, Knight changed the programme and concluded to take Wachhorst's establishment first, and make the entry by cutting out a portion of one of the show-windows. John informed the Chief of this change of plans, and it was at once concluded that he must be arrested before being allowed to commit so much damage as cutting out one of the large French plate glass would cause. The Chief had John try to have Knight take the Postoffice first, but Knight would not. Therefore as soon as the tools were completed and taken possession of by Knight, the Chief and officer Smith arrested Knight, and thus this extensively-laid plan came to a sudden termination. Knight will be tried before Judge Henry to-day upon the charge of having burglars' tools in his possession.

POLICE COURT.—In this Court yesterday, George Knight, who had pleaded guilty to having burglars' tools in his possession, was allowed to withdraw his plea, and he pleaded not guilty. The case was then continued for trial until to-day. Ed. Fellows pleaded guilty to the charge of disturbing the peace, and was sentenced to pay a fine of $90 or be imprisoned in the County Jail for a term of 90 days. George Miller was examined upon the charge of forgery and held to answer, with bail fixed at $2,000. Ah Cue, charged with larceny of a quantity of gunny sacks from M. Hirsh's junk store, on J street, was tried, and case taken under advisement until to-day. John Doe, drunk, forfeited his deposit of $5, which was passed into the city treasury. Gustavus Ammen was examined upon a charge of burglary, and held to answer in the sum of $2,000. John Farley pleaded guilty to petit larceny, and was fined $150. The robbery case of Pat. Connelly was continued till to-day, and Mrs. Chris. Curtin, for disturbing the peace, was continued until the 16th instant. The Court then adjourned.

PROMPT ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.—John Farley, about 30 years of age, and claiming to have arrived from Stockton night before last, was detected yesterday forenoon stealing a bolt of cloth from in front of the dry goods store of C. H. Stevens & Co., at the corner of Eighth and J streets. L. P. Scott and A. L. Lavine, connected with the store, saw him take the goods, and with the aid of others, caught him, after running about half a block, and took him to the police headquarters. The Police Court was in session at the time, and he was at once tried and sentenced to pay a fine of $150. In default of payment he was sent to the County Jail for 150 days. The whole transaction, from the time he took the goods until sentence was passed upon him, did not occupy more than forty minutes, and he was soon after safely deposited in the County Jail.

MERCHANDISE REPORT.—The following freight for Sacramento passed Ogden on the 7th: For Locke & Lavenson, 1 bale mats; Weinstock & Lubin, 3 cases boots and shoes; Adams, McNeill & Co., 1 barrel syrup; Billingsley & Co., 1 case brushes; H. C. Kirk & Co., 1 keg and 6 boxes drugs; Huntington, Hopkins & Co., 800 kegs nails, 47 slabs steel, 200 boxes shoe nails, 1 case whip-handles, 1 box latches, 2 bales of rope, 2 bales of cordage, 2 boxes printed blanks, 1 box drills; L. Lewis & Co., 1 bundle newspapers; Mollus & Co., 15 cases canned meats; Whittier, Fuller & Co., 1 box looking-glass; W. D. Comstock, 1 box cots.

HELD FOR FORGERY.—The examination of George Miller, for passing the forged check upon G. W. Chesley, drawn on the bank of D. O. Mills & Co.'s, was held in the Police Court yesterday. Mr. Chesley, Frank Miller of the bank and officer Jackson gave testimony in the case, which was regarded by the Court as so conclusive that no further witnesses were called for the prosecution, and no defense was made. The defendant was bound over to the Superior Court upon the charge of forgery, with bail placed at $2,000, and was sent to the County Jail.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.—Articles of incorporation have been filed with the Secretary of State as follows: Enterprise Mill and Building Company. Place of business, San Francisco. Directors—D. A. MacDonald, Howard Chapman, D. L. McDonald, W. N. Miller, R. S. Falconer. Capital stock, $150,000, in 30,000 shares of $5 each....St. Paul's Church Association, San Francisco. Vestrymen—William Sutton, William L. Merry, William T. Fonda, J. S. Wilson and T. P. Stoney.

POLICE ARRESTS.—The following arrests were made in the city yesterday: Jacob Hammond, grand larceny, by officers Ferral and Rider; Ah Fong and Loo Hip Lee, keeping opium den, Dan Sullivan and James Brown, visiting opium den, Ah King, keeping opium den, Steve Fisher, visiting opium den, by local officers Karcher and Ostwaldt; George Knight, petit larceny, by Chief Karcher and officer Smith.

CHILD ON A BENDER.—A 9-year-old boy on M street yesterday practiced on his mother with a sling-shot, and succeeded in hitting the target. He immediately went on a bender—over his mother's knee. All his efforts to slipper round and keep out of sight were unavailing, and stern necessity now compels the young marksman to indicate contempt for chairs, and will for some time to come.

MINSTRELS COMING.—Announcement is made that Hooley's Mastodon Minstrel Company from Chicago will appear at the Metropolitan Theater for five nights and a matinee, commencing on the 15th instant. Martin & Homer, managers. The company is stated to embrace the leading minstrels in the East. Reserved seats can now be procured at the theater.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.—The Board of Supervisors was in session yesterday, but transacted no business of importance. Sitting as a Swamp Land Board, a warrant issued by Swamp Land District No. 89, in favor of R. H. Gardner for $50, was approved. The Board then adjourned until 10 A. M. to-day.

AUCTION SALE.—D. J. Simmons will sell, by order of S. S. Baldwin, executor, on Saturday, February 12th, the south half of north half of lot 5, K and L, Second and Third streets. Also, on Thursday, February 24th, the furniture and carpets in the private residence, No. 13 Eighth street, between H and I.

CITIZENS' MEETING.—A meeting of prominent citizens was held at Pioneer Hall yesterday afternoon in relation to the city bonds, and it was decided, in view of the recent threatened disaster by flood, to take steps looking to the refunding of the debt.

SCHOOLS REOPEN.—The schools at Tenth and P, Ninth and O, and Twenty-seventh and J streets, will reopen to-day. The fifth grade classes of the Fourth and Q-street school will for the present be accommodated at Seventh and G streets.

GENTS' French calf, hand-sewed shoes, $6 per pair, at the Red House.

GENTS' CASSIMERE SUITS, all wool, $12 and $14, at the Red House.

A "NATIVE" PARTY.

The "Native Sons of the Golden West"—the English of which is, young chaps who first saw light on these shores—gave their fourth invitation party at Turner Hall last evening, and there was a rousing company of these same sons, and quite as many native daughters. There were over 500 persons in the hall, and fully 400 were young people, the "native" boys and girls and young men and women, or, as a hopeless and bald-headed old bachelor present expressed it, the future martyrs to matrimony and the fulfillment of the Biblical command, for which utterance he was instantly fired out, and was followed by the under Sheriff of this county with blood in his eye, as he had at the party four native sons and five native daughters—other people's—to look after, and in whom he took especial pride. As he put it, when he returned, it was an admirably arranged and conducted party, and a credit to the good taste of the young men who had it in hand. Certainly no more heartily social gathering has been seen, and it made old hearts young again to witness the exuberant manifestations of pleasure which the 400 young men and women experienced in this annual reunion, under the auspices of an organization all their own. The hall was decorated in a manner at once novel and attractive. The entire floor was laid out in water-color designs by Griggs and Graham. The center-piece was a mammoth horse-shoe, with the words "Good Luck," and inclosing the lines of the invitation to the guests. Surrounding this, on the borders of the floor, were neatly lettered in ornamental designs these words: "Our Fourth Annual;" "A Native Son for a Native Daughter;" "Our Object—Mutual Benefit, Mental and Moral Improvement;" "We are Sons of the Old Pioneers;" "Scratch Here, You May Find Gold;" "Solid Aid and Comfort for Our Unfortunate." In the four corners were these words: "Didn't I tell you so?" "Socially we are par excellence." "1882 we'll meet again." "1881. Aint you glad you came?" "You bet." One of the old Pioneers, looking on this last, boldly lettered, suggested that from the prominence given it, it might be the key to the password, at least he was certain his native sons very frequently uttered those emphatic words. Above, the hall was handsomely dressed with bric-a-brac designs, mottoes and words of welcome, mirrors, laces, birds, tri-color festoons, evergreen wreaths and tinted shades to the gas jets. The programme, which kept the youths busy till near daylight, embraced twenty-four dances, and to each programme-card for the "Daughters" was suspended a neat little fan—a novel idea, and, considering the crowded and heated condition of the hall, a useful one. The collation was laid by Henry Fisher, and was plain, sufficient and good. The management of the party was under direction of these committees:

Arrangements—Clarence E. Parker, Geo. C. Kohler, George E. Kuchler, Jr., Charles E. Addington, Herbert W. Taylor, Henry A. Heilbron, Charles Sellinger.

Reception—Harry B. Sharp, James A. Sepulveda, Nealy J. Stanley, Frank G. Swift, Herbert C. Cantwell, E. Merrill Smith, John A. Myers, Wm. S. Dunleavy.

Floor Director—President Frederick B. Houston.

Floor Committee—H. Clay Chipman, Ed. F. Cohn, Louis G. Dickman, G. E. Kuchler, Jr., Frank D. Ryan, M. A. Hamburger, J. W. Nixon, John Barrett.

THE SUPERFLUOUS WATER.—There was no particular change in the water question within the city, except that in the southern part the water continued to rise, and last evening was from three to four inches higher than twenty-four hours previous. On the outside of Y street the water has fallen about five inches more up to last evening. It is thought that by to-morrow the water inside will be as high or higher than on the outside, and that the outlet may probably be safely opened; but it is not expected that the water will be sufficiently lower south of the levee for some time to come to make the natural flow outward sufficient to meet the demands for relief. The pumps had not been started up yesterday afternoon, but it was expected would be during the night. Parties from Stockton representing the Norton propeller pumps are in the city, and have made arrangements to have one of that kind attached at Sixth and Y streets to test its effectiveness for the work. It is claimed for it that a 12 inch stream will be carried over the levee, and that it will discharge at least 2,500 gallons per minute for each pump. One arrived by train last night and will be set and operated in addition to the Chinese pump today. The Sanborn artesian wells were examined yesterday by Mr. Rose, at the request of the Board of Supervisors, when it was found that only a small part of the filling put in the tubes to stop their flow a few days since has been forced out of them, and that the present flow from them on this account is estimated to be not more than ten or fifteen thousand gallons per day. This, however, will be effectively stopped this morning. The water has now ceased to flow through the breaks at Mesick's ranch, and yesterday stood at slack water in them. A few more inches fall in the river will cause it to flow outward.

SENTENCED TO FOLSOM.—About two weeks since the store of T. H. Cook, at the corner of Eighth and J streets, was entered and robbed of a quantity of groceries, cigars and a small amount of money. Gustavus Ammen was arrested upon suspicion, and the cigars were found in his room. The groceries were afterward found under an old house on J street, between Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets. While he was awaiting examination it was ascertained that he had previously committed four burglaries at San Jose, taking in the aggregate nearly $500 worth of groceries, dry goods, cutlery, tobacco, etc. Chief Karcher went down to San Jose in relation to the matter, and found nearly all the property. When Ammen left San Jose he boxed up the spoils and then said to a confederate that he was going to Sacramento to make a further raise, and then ship his things to Arizona. He had only made one robbery here, so far as known, when he was arrested. When he found that his transactions had been fully brought to light he confessed the whole matter to Chief Karcher, and yesterday waived an examination. In the afternoon he appeared before Judge Clark in the Superior Court upon information for burglary of the Cook store, and pleaded guilty. He also waived time, and was at once sentenced to a term of five years in Folsom State Prison, and will be taken there to-day. About three years ago he and another person robbed several dwellings, stores and a church at Nicolaus stole a boat to bring his booty away with, and upon his arrival here was arrested by officer Jackson, and was sent from Sutter county to San Quentin for a term of three years.

FROM WALNUT GROVE.—A correspondent at Walnut Grove writes in relation to the present state of high water at that place, and the effects produced by certain levees as follows: "The water is falling here both in the river and inside the levees. From observation we have concluded that all levees running in an easterly and westerly direction act directly as dams to keep the water from pursuing its course to the sea. For instance, the water ran over the north levee of Grand Island, and fell one or two feet into the district; thence across the island over the south levee into the river, with a fall of two feet; thence across Old river into Andrus Island, falling two feet more; thence across Andrus Island, falling over the south Andrus levee into Georgiana slough; thence across Tyler Island into the San Joaquin river. The levee at the head of Tyler Island also dammed the water up two feet or more. The water which came down through Yolo county struck the Montezuma Hill (which also runs east and west), and ran south about six miles up Old river to Isleton, and crossed Brannan Island into the San Joaquin river. No levees could have dammed the waters up from its passage in a southerly direction. There is a general belief among the people here that all efforts to reclaim these lands against future floods by individual enterprise will fail, as continual misfortunes have made the settlers poor, with heavy outstanding indebtedness already weighing them down, and the rivers rapidly filling up its channels with sediment."

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE.—The Sixth-street M. E. Church was well filled last evening to hear the third free lecture of the course. It was delivered by Dr. J. H. Wythe, and the subject embraced a consideration of the lower forms of life, vegetable and animal, and "The Scavengers of Nature." He illustrated his lecture with drawings upon the blackboard, which received a little more light than on the occasion of the first lecture. The improvement should, however, have extended to the entire auditorium, and have contributed to that atmosphere of cheerfulness so necessary to the lecture-room, and without which even so fine a one as that used last evening is not inviting or calculated to aid in popularizing a couse of lectures. More "power" to the gas-jets, Messrs. managers, and off with the obstructible shades. Dr. Wythe drew the attention of his audience, and interested it deeply. His exposition was of a character calculated to stimulate microscopic research and earnest reading of approved scientific works.

A NOVELTY!—Ladies' lace fichus of latest designs, in large variety. Ask to see them, at Fancy Goods Department, Mechanics' Store.

BREVITIES.

Grand Master Ezra Pearson, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, returned yesterday from a five weeks' trip of official visitation to the Lodges located in the counties of Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo.

The information against George E. Landes for bigamy was filed by the District Attorney yesterday, upon which the defendant was arraigned and pleaded not guilty. The case is set for trial in March.

The gross receipts from the St. Rose Festival, held at the Pavilion on the 24th and 25th of November, amounted to $2,850, and the expenses were $350, leaving the net receipts $2,500.

Among the freight shipped to the East by rail yesterday was a carload of oranges from San Gabriel, Los Angeles county.

Railroad Commissioner Stoneman passed Omaha yesterday, to arrive in this city on the 16th instant.

Railroad conductor Willard of the Sacramento Division leaves to-day for a month's trip to the East.

Miss E. Hill of Sacramento will arrive from the East by the overland train this morning.

A carload of lumber from this city was shipped yesterday to Benson, A. T.

Forty-six immigrants will arrive from the East to-day, including 30 males.

SUPREME ENCAMPMENT.—The Supreme Encampment of the Order of Caucasians concluded its session yesterday. There was quite a large attendance during the two days of the session, and reports rendered from the subordinate camps indicates a prosperous condition of the Order. At the meeting yesterday resolutions were adopted, and forwarded by telegraph in the name of the Order to the California Representatives in Congress, urging them to aid in securing the ratification of the new treaty with China. Officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows: Supreme Chief, A. A. Smith, of Nevada; Vice-Chief, Samuel Scott, of Amador; Supreme Councilor, F. Shearer, of Amador; Supreme Marshal, A. I. Zekind, of Nevada; Supreme Treasurer, W. C. Allen, of Sacramento; Supreme Secretary, W. B. G. Keller, of Sacramento; Supreme Sentinel, Fred. Botcher, of Amador; Supreme Guard, Josiah Davis, of Amador; Supreme Executive Committee, J. H. Langhorst and E. M. Brace. After the appointment of committees the Encampment adjourned, to meet in Sacramento the second Monday in April, 1882.

THE RIVER.—There is a continued falling of the river, but owing to the almost unlimited surface from which it has to draw off the overflow, the fall cannot be expected to be rapid. The hight last night was 23 feet and 5 inches. The water in the tules beyond Washington is growing perceptibly lower, and the condition of the railroad to Davisville is being examined. It is found that a great deal of the track and ties are gone. The steamer Dover goes down with a barge this morning, to pass up through Minor slough to the line of the road and wherever rails or ties are found. A derrick will be rigged on the barge for hoisting purposes. Boats continue to ply up and down the river, bringing in stock from levees and the higher places. Captain Foster received information yesterday that the grain in the damaged warehouses at Vernon would all be taken out safely.

WASHINGTON SUFFERERS.—Richard Dale, President of the Howard Benevolent Association, yesterday received a dispatch, signed A. J. Bryant, Chairman of the Eureka Relief Committee, and Jacob S. Taber, President of the Board of Trade of San Francisco, as follows: "We send you $840, balance left over from Eureka Relief Committee, for benefit of the Washington sufferers. If more is necessary, we recommend you to ask the Mayor of San Francisco to call a meeting of our citizens." Upon receipt of the dispatch, the following reply was sent by Mr. Dale: "Your telegram received. Many thanks. The sufferers need it. I have called a meeting of the Howard Directors to take action this evening." A meeting was held by the Board of Directors of the Howards last evening at the office of W. P. Coleman, when arrangements were made to render assistance at once.

MASQUERADE BALL.—The Sacramento Turn Verein will give their twelfth annual masquerade ball at the Pavilion, on Thursday evening, February 24th. Eight valuable prizes will be awarded, which are on exhibition at the dry goods store of S. Rothfeld & Co., at the corner Sixth and J streets. Subscription lists are now open at F. Heilbron's, No. 619 J street; C. H. Krebs, No. 626 J street; J. Kaerth, J street; J. M. Gattman, No. 622 K street; J. Bauer (of Ross & Bauer), K street, between Third and Fourth; and at the Turner Hall.

METROPOLITAN THEATER.—Taylor, the necromancer, continues to draw good houses and give satisfaction to his auditors, as well by his "magic" as by the useful presents distributed. A change of programme this evening.

PIONEERS' CONVENTION.—The Pioneers' Convention was to have met again last evening, but after waiting until 9 o'clock and after, no quorum being had, those present adjourned the meeting until the 21st instant, at 7 P. M.

THE COURTS.

SUPERIOR COURT.

CLARK, Judge.

WEDNESDAY, February 9th.

The estate of Wm. F. Neidhardt, deceased—Petition of widow for letters of administration filed, and set for hearing February 26, 1881.

Maria Segal vs. A. Segatin—Publication of summons ordered issued.

The People vs. Geo. E. Landes—Information for bigamy. Defendant arraigned; pleaded not guilty; case is set for trial.

The People vs. Gustave Ammen—Information for burglary. Defendant arraigned; pleaded guilty to charge of burglary in first degree; time waived, and sentenced to four years in the State Prison at Folsom.

Frederick Lohman et ux. vs. Frederick Elliott—Continued, as per stipulation, for the session.

The People vs. Geo. M. Farr—Information for grand larceny. Set for hearing March 16, 1881.

Court adjourned.

TO-DAY'S CALENDAR.

Lohman vs. Elliott.

INDIAN SUPERSTITION.—The following is from the Bridgeport (Mono county) *Chronicle* of February 5th:

A short time ago one of our citizens, whose wife is an artist, had two Indians—Boker Dick and Walking Sam—cutting wood. Sitting by the window the wife sketched the mountains, and in the foreground were the Indians. She showed it to a mahala, who was washing for her. Recognizing Boker Dick and Walking Sam, she exclaimed: "Heep bad, Indians die!" One day last week Sam rode at a furious rate from Walker river to town, forty miles, to see the picture. Greatly excited he strode into the house and demanded to see the sketch. Upon seeing it he became more excited, and said that "a picture of Piute make him die." Not knowing who it was, and to quiet him, the little daughter of the lady told him that it was another Indian; that it was Walking Sam. Striking his chest, he ejaculated: "I'm Walking Sam!" Offering to buy it—bluff price $50, he said that three Indians would get the money, and he would take the picture.

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FOR THE COUGHS AND COLDS now prevailing, Hammer's Glycerole of Tar is a specific.

HAMMER'S GLYCEROLE TAR. The most perfect cough cure extant. Hundreds can testify to its good effects

HAMMER'S CASCARA SAGRADA BITTERS touches the right spot in dyspepsia, constipation and liver complaint.

DR. UNGAR'S LIQUOR ANTIDOTE, carefully prepared of the best Quill Bark by M. S. Hammer, druggist, Sacramento. (The celebrated cure for drunkenness.

HAMMER'S CASCARA SAGRADA BITTERS for all complaints arising from an obstructed state of the system.

REGULATE THE LIVER with Hammer's Cascara Sagrada Bitters, and health is the result.

HAMMER'S CASCARA SAGRADA BITTERS for habitual constipation.

EXCELLENT VALUE!—Ladies' fancy striped cotton hose, three pairs for 25 cents. Fancy Goods Department, Mechanics' Store.

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GENTS' MELTON OVERCOATS, $5 and $7, at the Red House.

MEN'S AND BOYS' HIP RUBBER BOOTS!—Boot and Shoe Department, Mechanics' Store.

INFANTS' BLACK KID BUTTON SHOES, at 50 cents per pair. Boot and Shoe Department, Mechanics' Store.

HANK MONK AND THE ENGLISHMAN.

A Mammoth Opera Glass and an Extraordinary Curve.

[Carson Times.]

To the right of the stage-road leading from Glenbrook to Carson, at a point on the old overland route in the valley, are the ruins of a mill, including two boilers, which lie side by side. Last summer, as the veracious Henry Monk was tooling his four-in-hand, with a full load of tourists, past the old mill, a venerable English gentleman, who sat by his side on the box, inquired:

"Aw, Mr. Monk—they said your name was Monk, I believe?"

"Yaas," drawled Hank.

"And you once drove Horace Greeley?"

"They say so, but I never b'lieved that ere yarn."

"What is that object in the valley that looks like an enormous opera-glass?" continued the inquisitive tourist, who was a Baron in his own country, and likewise here—of ideas.

"Them is an opery glass," replied the Munchausen of Tahoe, "and the finest glasses you ever see; they're out of repair now, but I've known the time when you could look through 'em at Saints' Rest and see Elliott and his Chinamen piling lumber in the Carson yard."

"Bless my soul! is it possible?"

"Yaas," resumed Hank—"steady there, Doc; you Frank, git," as he touched up the leaders. "That was a powerful fine invention of Rigby's—same principle as an opery glass with a reef-acting mirror. Them things you saw were the tubes; they were mounted on stilts just below the Saints'; old Baxter used to keep the hotel, and you bet the pilgrim's progress was slow after sampling his refreshments."

"Wonderful," said the Englishman. "This is a great country. I am rather inquisitive about these things, and have a curiosity to see the famous crooked railroad."

"We'll soon be there," said Hank, "and I'll introduce you to a conductor who likes nothin' better than answerin' questions."

"Aw, guard, they tell me this is a very crooked road," said the tourist when he boarded the local for Virginia.

"Well, rather," was the reply. "There are several places between here and Virginia where a passenger can hand a cigar to the engineer."

"By Jove, that's astonishing. I must watch out for those curves, you know."

He watched, and though snaked around pretty well between the tunnel and Scales, failed to swing such a tremendous circle.

"Look here," said he to Follett when they arrived at Virginia, "where was the place where a passenger in the rear car could hand a cigar to the engineer?"

"Why, one point was Mound House; there is a good saloon there, and there is plenty of time for any passenger to get off the car, get a cigar and hand it to the engineer."

The tourist tumbled, for even Englishmen can appreciate a joke sometimes. He treated all hands and acknowledged the sell.

COMMERCIAL.

San Francisco Produce Market.

SAN FRANCISCO, February 9th—1 P. M.

FLOUR—The China steamer yesterday carried away about 6,500 bbls. Best City Extra, $4 87½; Bakers' Extra, $4 25@4 50; Superfine, $3 50@4; interior Extra, $4@4 50; interior Superfine, $3 50@3; Oregon Extra, $4@4 25; Oregon Superfine, $2 50@3; Walla Walla Extra, $4 25@4 50 ₩ bbl.

WHEAT—The market is gradually assuming better shape. If the policy of holding back supplies so as not to overcrowd the market be maintained, it is possible that the situation will continue to improve. On 'Change to-day there was little apparent evidence of business, though the result denoted more than usual inquiry and consequently larger transactions than reported for a week. Some very choice milling sold at $1 38¾, though the quantity was limited to 200 centals. Further sales of milling were made, embracing 1,311 and 350 ctls at $1 36¼; 4,000 do, $1 35; 800 do, $1 35 ₩ ctl. The top rate paid for shipping was $1 35, at which figure 2,000 ctls changed hands. The next best figure was $1 32½ for 2,800 ctls, said to be very good quality. A retail parcel went at $1 28¾, and a lot of some 50,000 ctls No. 2 was transferred at $1 27½ ₩ ctl. A parcel of 6,000 ctls below No. 2 changed hands at $1 25 ₩ ctl, while 800 ctls mixed with oats found a buyer at $1 22½. A lot of 2,800 sks inferior, small grain, and pinched, sold at 90c ₩ ctl. We quote: No. 1, $1 32½@$1 35 with an advance for choice milling; No. 2, $1 27½@$1 30 ₩ ctl.

BARLEY—There was a little better feeling to-day among holders, owing to more attention being given to offerings. A transfer of 1,800 ctls was made at $1 15 ₩ ctl. The parcel was clean, and the grain looked sound, but it was old crop, against which buyers discriminate. Another lot of 500 sacks light brewing sold at $1. Feed changed hands in a small way, some 200 sacks choice selling at 85c, and 300 do good at 82½c ₩ ctl. Brewing is quotable at $1 10@1 20; feed, 80@85c; Chevalier, $1 15@1 20 for choice standard bay, and 90c@$1 10 for coast.

CORN—Further accessions from the interior coast to-day, including free supplies of White and Yellow. On 'Change this morning, sales to the extent of 500 sks large Yellow were made at 97½c, and 140 sks small do at $1 02½ ₩ ctl. Some choice large White, say 160 bags, sold at $1 20, though not over $1 19 ₩ ctl was bid for the balance of offerings.

RYE—$1 55@1 65 ₩ ctl.

BUCKWHEAT—$2 ₩ ctl.

HAY—$8 to $15 50 ₩ ton.

HORS—Nominal at 15@21c ₩ lb.

POTATOES—The market has a buoyant tone. Sweet sold to-day at $1 25 ₩ ctl. Wharf rates for other kinds are as follows: River Red, 65@70c; Early Rose, 90@$1; Tomales, 80@90c; Petaluma, 80@90c; Cuffey Cove, 50c@$1; Humboldt, 90c@$1 for Red, 65@75c for Kidney and 80@85c for Peachblow; Jersey Blues, 90c@$1 ₩ ctl.

ONION—No strength to the market. On the wharf this morning prices ranged from $1 37½@1 75 ₩ ctl.

BEANS—Bayos, $1@1 25; Butter, $1 35@1 40 for small, and $1 60@1 75 for large; Castor, $3@3 50; Lima, $2; Pea, $1 50@1 60; Pink, 95c@$1; Red, 90@95c; small White, $1 60@1 65; large White, $1 45@1 50 ₩ ctl.

VEGETABLES—Asparagus sold this morning chiefly at medium rates, very little changing hands at extreme figures. Green Peas and Rhubarb are cheaper. Green Peppers, 12½@15c ₩ lb; Marrowfat Squash, $10@15 ₩ ton; Artichokes, 35c ₩ dozen; Parsnips, $1; Beets, $1; Carrots, 50@35c; Turnips, 60@75c ₩ ctl; Cauliflower, 75c ₩ dozen; Cabbage, 75c ₩ ctl; Garlic, 10 ₩ lb; Sprouts, 2c; dry Okra, 8@10c; dry Peppers, 12½@15c; Mushrooms, 12½c; Asparagus, 10@15c; Green Peas, 7@8c ₩ lb; rhubarb, 10c ₩ lb.

FRUIT—Fresh supplies of Bananas are at hand. Apples, 30@40c ₩ box for ordinary, and $1 25@1 75 for choice qualities; Lemons, $6@9 ₩ box for Sicily, and $2 50@3 ₩ box for California; Limes, $8@10 ₩ box for Mexican, and $3@5 ₩ box for California; Tamarinds, 12½@15c ₩ lb; Bananas, $2@4 ₩ bunch; Cranberries, $22 50 ₩ bbl; California Oranges, $2@3 ₩ box; Sugar Cane, $1 50@2 ₩ bunch.

DRIED FRUIT—Sun dried Apples, 6@6½c for sliced, and 5½@6c ₩ lb for quartered; Alden do, 12½c; Apricots, 18@20c; Blackberries, 12½@15c; Figs, 8@9c for pressed and 5@6c for unpressed; Smyrna do, 24@25c; Nectarines, 14@15c; Peaches, 18@20c for peeled, and 10@13c for unpeeled; Pears, 9@10c for whole, and 9@10c for sliced; Plums, 14@15c for pitted, and 5@6c ₩ lb for unpitted; German Prunes, 11@13c ₩ lb; California Raisins, in lots of 250 boxes and upwards, are quoted as follows: $1 50@2 for whole boxes, $2@2 25 for halves, $2 25@2 50 for quarters and $2 50@2 75 for eighths, with the usual discount to the trade.

HONEY—Comb, 12@15c; strained, 5½@6½c for dark, and 6½@7c ₩ lb for white.

BUTTER—Very little is sold at our fancy quotation. The bulk of business for choice is done at 35c, with occasional sales at 35@36½c ₩ lb. The Constantine brought up but 6 pkgs from the lower coast, though the Senator has arrived with 58 pkgs from the same direction. We quote as follows: Fancy, 37½c; choice roll, 32½@35c ₩ lb; fair to good, 25@27½c ₩ lb.

CHEESE—California, 11@14c; do, in drums, 14@15c ₩ lb; Eastern, 16@19c; Western, 14@15c ₩ lb.

EGGS—The market is mixed. We obtain prices ranging from 20c@22c ₩ dozen. Some dealers insist that our inside figure is too low, but a reliable person claims to have bought a liberal quantity this morning, of good quality, at that rate. Free transactions are reported at 21c ₩ dozen.

POULTRY—Ducks continue to improve. Turkeys, 16@18c ₩ lb for live and 16@20c ₩ lb for dressed; Roosters, $5@6 for old and $6@7 for young; Hens, $6 50@7 50; Broilers, $5@5 50, according to size; Ducks, $7@8 ₩ dozen; Geese, $2@2 25 ₩ pair.

GAME—Canvas and Mallard are very scarce. Good Widgeon is almost a novelty, nearly all arrivals being in poor condition and selling much be ow our rates. Quail, $1 12½@$1 25; Mallard Ducks, $4 50@5; Canvas Back Ducks, $4@4 50; Sprigs, $2@2 75; Teal, $2@2 50; Widgeon, $1 50@2; Brant, $1 50@2; Geese, $1 for white and $2 50@3 for gray; Honkers, $4 50@5; Snipe, 20@50c for common, and $2 50@3 ₩ dozen for English; Hare, $2@2 25; Rabbits, $1@1 25 ₩ dozen.

Sacramento Market.

FRUIT—Our Sacramento quotations are from the price-lists of W. R Strong & Co., and are revised up to 6 P. M. yesterday. They represent trade prices, and have in view selected fruits suitable for shipment: Spitzenberg, and other choice eating Apples, $1@$1 25 ₩ box; cooking, 90c@$1; papered for long shipment, $1 25; oranges, California, $3 50@4 50; lemons, Sicily, $8@10 ₩ box; California, $4@5; bananas, $4@4 50 ₩ bunch; sugar cane, $2 50@3 ₩ bunch; pineapples, $3@9 ₩ dozen; limes, $1 50@1 75 ₩ 100; do, ₩ box, $10@11. In fruit the variety is small, confined mainly to apples and tropical fruits. California Oranges are now coming forward freely, and are improving in quality as the season advances. The prices are low, and dealers are taking note of that fact and ordering largely.

DRIED FRUIT—California raisins, whole, $2@2 25; half, $2@2 75; quarters, $2 75@3; eighths, $3@3 50. Pears, 10@12c; plums, 14@15c; peaches, 14@16c; apples, sliced, 7@8c; do quartered, 6@7c; prunes, 12½@16c; blackberries, 18@19c; figs, choice, 8@9c; fair do, 6@7c; apricots, 20@22c.

NUTS—English Walnuts, 9@10c; new California do, extra choice, 10@12c; Almonds, 16@18c; Peanuts, 6@7c for California and 8@9c for Eastern; Hickory Nuts, 8@10c; Pecan, 15c; Filberts, 15c; Brazils, 13@14c ₩ lb; Cocoanuts, $9@10 ₩ 100.

HONEY—Comb, San Diego, 13@17c; comb, in 2 lb cans, $3 50@4; extra extracted, 8@10c ₩ lb; common extracted, 6@8c ₩ lb. Reports reach us that the new crop of Honey will be late, and, if so, holders of last crop may be induced to advance prices over present rates.

SEED—Alfalfa, 12½@15c; Timothy (Eastern), 10@12c; Red Clover, 14@16c; Red Top, 13@15c.

FEED—Our quotations are from the price-lists of E. A. Burr, of this city, and are corrected to date: Oat hay, $15@17 ₩ ton, baled; alfalfa, $11@12 ₩ ton, baled; bran, $14@15 ₩ ton; barley, $20 ₩ ton; ground barley, $1 10 ₩ cwt.; wheat, $1 30@1 40; oats, $2 ₩ cwt.; white wild oats $2 25.

GENERAL NOTICES.

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