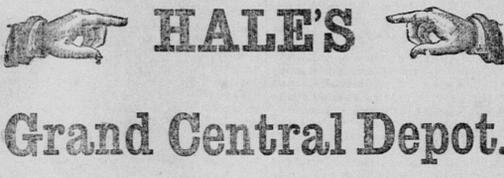


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SAN QUENTIN.

Progress of the Inquiry at the State Prison.

THE NINTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

Governor Perkins, Warden Ames and Others Testify.

(SPECIAL BY TELEGRAPH TO THE RECORD-UNION.)

SAN FRANCISCO, July 22.—The State Prison Investigating Commission met at San Quentin at 10 o'clock this morning.

FIRST WITNESS. William P. Harky, Sheriff of Sutter county, testified that he came to San Quentin to arrest one McNeal, an ex-convict, sentenced from Sutter county, otherwise known as "Strychnine Jack."

McNeal was taken into the prison on the morning of the day upon which the convict was to be discharged; went into the prison and shook hands with the convict, and when the convict was going out of the prison at the front gate, he told him he was his prisoner. The convict was taken into the prison by the Captain of the Yard to pay him some money for work done by him for the State.

Witness waited in the Warden's office for the return of the prisoner. As the prisoner did not return he inquired, and found that his man had escaped. Instead of going into the prison he had disappeared around the corner, and crossed over the hills toward San Rafael.

Witness went to San Rafael and offered a reward of \$25 for the capture of the prisoner. Then went to Oakland and received information of the arrest of McNeal. Came over to the prison, received the prisoner, and paid the reward to a Constable from San Rafael.

Cross-examined by Warden Ames: Was told by the Warden to look out for his prisoner; didn't connect the Warden with the transaction in any way; supposed Captain Edgar to have colluded with the prisoners to escape; was warned by the Warden to make his arrest and keep the prisoner in his possession; staid all night at the Warden's house.

Warden Ames explained that the convict was arrested by a guard on the day after Harky left.

WARDEN POKEMAN. Of the Folsom prison, was the next witness. Was told when he went before the Board of Directors as a candidate for Warden that Ames had agreed to consult the Directors on the appointment of subordinate officers, and made a similar agreement himself; did not understand by the agreement that he had surrendered his right to discharge the men; understood the Board of Directors to have the right to nominate them, but he was obliged to appoint them; was under no special promise to resign, but had given assurances that he didn't quit the Board of Directors he would hand in his resignation, and would not resist his removal. The condition of the prison at Folsom was described as a place of forcible detention for convicts. There were no employments in the prison; there were 324 cells and 306 prisoners; did not assign a prisoner to each cell, because some of them were in an unfinished state; employed the prisoners in finishing up the work of the prison; some were employed in making clothes, and boots and shoes for officers, and for convicts; couldn't say that the prisoners were employed in productive pursuits; had no industry of any kind worth mentioning; the 306 prisoners at Folsom were merely detained.

Very little further testimony was taken beyond a general inquiry into the prison at Folsom. Then followed a close examination of the Warden with reference to his ideas of the penal system.

GOVERNOR GEORGE C. PERKINS. Was the next witness. In the examination of Governor Perkins the name of each Director appointed was canvassed, and the reasons for the appointment given by the Governor. The reasons given were satisfactory as to all the Directors except Wallace Everson of Oakland. The explanation of the appointment of Mr. Everson was not fully understood by the Commission, and a number of questions intimating this lack of understanding were asked by them. A long and critical examination of the manner in which the pardoning power had been exercised followed, which occupied nearly two hours. The Governor did not know when lawfully by name of Folsom approached him to secure a pardon for a criminal, or that Moral Instructor Cummings held money in his hands to be paid to an attorney in the event a pardon was obtained. Had he known it he would have refused to hear the application. The Governor gave his views of the present condition of the prison, and the proper penal system, and in relation to the employment of the prisoners on behalf of the State, in a clear, ready and concise manner, occupying over an hour in delivery.

DAVID PORTER. Sworn: W. H. Sears acted as his attorney in the sale of the land; he had paid \$250 for his services; denied having said to Worden that it cost him one-half of the money he obtained for the land to effect the sale to the State; knew he had not made the statement.

SENIATOR WATSON. Sworn. His testimony was in confirmation of the story that the Directors of the prison used their personal influence to pass the law giving them \$100 a month for expenses.

Governor Perkins, recalled, testified that Wallace Everson spoke to him in support of a bill to give him \$100 a month; also that Judge Schell wrote him a letter defending the constitutionality of the bill, and that he understood the Directors to be in its favor; did not believe the provision constitutional; becoming convinced of its constitutionality he signed it, because of other provisions in the bill, but would not have approved of the bill to give the Directors \$100 a month if presented with that single provision.

Senators Watson and Sears were then examined relative to prison discipline and reform. Both gentlemen had been members of the Prison Committees of 1880 and 1881.

Director Chapman was granted indefinite leave of absence.

Director Schell was permitted to attend the further sittings of the Commission at his option.

Three hundred and five papers, filled out by convicts in the prison, were then handed to the Chairman of the Commission.

Captain Edgar testified that the Chairman of the Commission had handed him 350 blanks to be filled by prisoners. He had made no suggestion to any prisoner, but had required the prisoners to return to him the blanks when filled. They had been so returned, and had not been examined by him.

"THE BAY."

Items of Interest from San Francisco.

CITY POLITICAL SITUATION

A Man Suicides Because He Could Not Support His Family.

Etc..... Etc..... Etc.....

SAN FRANCISCO, July 22.—A German named Herman Ehrlich, 38 years old, a stationer at 959 Mission street, shot himself at North Beach at 2 P. M. with a revolver in the right temple, the ball coming out of the left temple. His death was instantaneous. He left a wife and two children. In a letter he told his wife that he killed himself because he could not support his family.

THE REPUBLICANS. Last night the Republican Convention concluded its labors by indorsing names, nominations, and adjourning sine die. One of the sessions of the convention has been harmonious, for a political nominating body; and, while the struggle by friends of the many candidates were sometimes sharp, there have been no bitter animosities created that will prevent the Republican party concentrating on the entire ticket.

Taken as a whole, the ticket is a good one, and is made up of representative men of the several wings of the party in San Francisco. The candidate for Mayor, Judge Blake, is a concession to the workers of the party, and he is without an acceptable man to the respectable element of the community. He has been in public office for years, and his record is clean. Republicans generally believe he will be elected, no matter who the Democrats put up against him.

For Auditor, the most important office on the list, the nominee, Henry Brickwood, is probably the best that could be named. He has an good record, which he made while in the Board of Supervisors, as many who ever held office in the city, and he has the respect of the people. The Board of Education is a good one; and the same may be said of the Supervisors; although there are already rumors afloat that the majority are favorable to Spring Valley. This, however, is mere assertion so far, as but two of the nominees have any record on the question, and both of these gentlemen have been opposed to the water company for years. The platform is rather ambiguous as to the Spring Valley bugbear, and pledges economy with an "if." That the platform could have been made stronger in these respects is the opinion of strong party men.

THE STOCK MARKET. Continues very quiet, the continued levying of assessments having had an effect on the entire list. Any attempt at raising values has been met with all the stock wanted.

THE FREIGHT MARKET. Is strong, and extreme rates are asked for all vessels suitable for wheat. The fact that an immense amount of tonnage is on the way has had no effect so far in affecting prices, and for spot charters and for ships to arrive \$4 per ton, U. K., is readily obtained.

THE GENERAL MERCHANDISE MARKET. Is considered in a satisfactory condition by the trade, though for the moment trade is dull. A good fall trade is confidently expected, and stocks are accumulating in the hands of importers and jobbers with that expectation. Rice is a fraction lower. Salt is a dollar a ton better than last week.

PRODUCE MARKET. In the produce market a quiet tone has prevailed the past week, and quotations are 2 1/2c lower for choice wheat than last Friday. The best price obtainable is \$1.42 for No. 1, and \$1.37 for No. 2.

MISCELLANEOUS. Joseph Goldwater has filed his petition in insolvency. Liabilities, \$4,000; assets, none.

The prizes won at the spring tournament of the California Rifle Association will be distributed to the winners on Monday evening next.

James Muller, a native of Ireland, aged 50 years, and Levy Falk, a native of Poland, worked for 67 years as a tailor by trade, were committed to the Insane Asylum at Napa Thursday.

An old lady, over 30 years of age, came to the police station yesterday morning. She could not distinctly give her name, but said her son, who was well off, had turned her out of doors. The police are looking him up.

The time for filing briefs having expired, the Supreme court yesterday morning dismissed the case of Danielwitz vs. Harvey, a contest for a seat in the Board of School Directors, of which case it is in possession under a decision of Judge Lawler of the Superior court.

At the meeting of the Mechanics' League Thursday night Mayor Kailoch was denounced. A resolution was adopted to the effect that all mechanics and laborers inaugurate an agitation to shorten the working hours and to give to all a half-holiday. Several other speakers addressed the meeting.

If the Workmen accept the three offers tendered to them, John P. Dunn will be nominated for Auditor, J. H. Grady for Tax Collector, and Thomas Desmond for the position of Public Administrator. T. J. Finner, ex-Assemblyman, thinks he was cut out for that place.

There has been a moderate demand for real estate this week. The demand for good-paying business property continues. Occasionally a seller of such appears in the market, and when that is the case the property is quickly taken in. After sales are made advances are often offered before the ink on the papers is scarcely dry.

John Fitzgerald, for many years Private Secretary to Archbishop Alemany, and for three years past a special police officer on Market street, died last evening at 1631 Dupont street, after an illness of three days, of congestion of the brain. The deceased, who was a son-in-law of Captain Douglas, was a native of Ireland, 37 years of age.

Mr. Critcher, late Secretary of the Democratic County Committee and Financial Secretary of Company G, Second Regiment, has left the city, it is believed on a trip for Liverpool. It is charged that he took funds belonging to his company, collected for June dues. The sum is small, and his friends deny that he left because of that. It is said there is a woman in the case.

The number of Democratic citizens who are willing to sacrifice their time for the benefit of the public, by holding office, is constantly increasing. The latest candidate announced for the Mayoralty is Frank McCoppin. The Yosemite Convention is considered a success, and the place to which Robert Howe, who is a member of the Manhattan Club, and thus mollify the wrath of a large number of the members of that body.

The name of the defrauding clerk of the Anglo-California Bank is Henry E. Lewis. As there was indisputable evidence that Mr. Lewis had appropriated on some manner made away with several thousands of dollars of the bank's funds, President Lewis is inclined to think that the missing clerk would make no serious objections against the filing of his position by a more reliable person.

Henry T. Scott, of the firm of Prescott, Scott & Co., the iron men, met with a severe accident Thursday afternoon. He was driving with his wife (formerly Mrs. Kennedy, of Sacramento), and when near the corner of Tyler street and Van Ness avenue, the team, a spirited one, was frightened by a passing car, and the driver, Mr. Scott, and not were thrown out and the former received such injuries as to render his removal home in a carriage necessary.

Mrs. H. D. Danner, late Cashier of the San Francisco and North Pacific Coast Railroad Company, has disappeared the places that knew him. On the 24th of July Mr. Agnew, of the same company, E. F. Frazier, of the same company, and several others, stated that he was unable to locate him. He was excused from military duty, and that is the last of his movements which the public has any knowledge of. Although but a few weeks have intervened since Mr. Agnew turned his back on the city, all recollection of him has been fading from the minds of the officials of the company, and all knowledge of his whereabouts, and that there is nothing to show that he is a defaulter.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL. (In communicating information for this column care must be taken to write proper names plainly, and to give the full name of the person, and communications will in no case receive attention.)

Governor Perkins is in San Francisco. H. C. Smith, of Stockton, has gone to Nevada. J. R. Merkle and family went to Santa Cruz yesterday.

J. R. Gibson returned to Heidelberg Monday from Texas. Governor Hinkley of Nevada has been quite sick, but is better.

T. D. Heibel, of the State Board of Equalization, is in the city. Miss Rosa, of Nevada, is a guest of Miss A. Binkhoff, of Dixon. Miss Jennie Govan, of Sacramento, is visiting Mrs. W. Hill, of Dixon.

Mrs. Nelson and Children, of Sacramento, were in the city. Mrs. J. Blum, of Palmdale, has gone to Nevada with her sister, Mrs. Dean.

Mrs. R. H. Newton and Mrs. L. T. Tuba, of Yolo, have gone to Pacific Grove. Miss May Talbot left yesterday for a visit to relations in San Francisco.

John Mason, United States Surveyor-General of Arizona, is in San Francisco. An Ackerman, of Sacramento, spent Thursday in Dixon, visiting his wife's family.

Alfred Galt, of Dixon, is in the city, and his son, who returned from Monterey. Mrs. J. H. Glid and children have come to Oakland to spend the summer with their mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas O'Toole and Miss Doherty left for Allen Springs yesterday. Mrs. W. A. Bessell, daughter of Mrs. Miskel, is visiting with her mother in the city.

J. W. Adams, Lieutenant-Governor of Nevada, is at the Palace Hotel, San Francisco. Chief of Police O. G. Laguardia, of Stockton, came up yesterday and will return to his home in the city.

G. W. Knox, of Dixon, is spending a few weeks in San Francisco with his brother's family. A. L. Frost, Internal Revenue Collector, goes to San Francisco this morning on the vacation.

Mrs. Cyrus Wilson and her daughter, Miss Clara, of Alameda, are at Elgin Springs, Napa county. Mrs. Constance Lamson, of Virginia City, is visiting her mother, Mrs. L. H. Hastings, in this city.

Morgan Hill and M. C. Logan, of San Francisco, and Z. W. Barnham, of Chico, are at the Langham. Sheriff Casson, of Colusa, is in the city, and will pass through yesterday from Folsom to his home.

Pax Reardon, of the State Engineer's force, has returned from a trip connected with that department. Ex-Senator H. E. Conner, of Dixon, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Jessie Rice, in San Bernardino county.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Spencer, of Sacramento, have gone to Santa Cruz, and will be absent about ten days. Joe Champion, formerly Agent at Truckee, and now a resident of Tucson, A. T., was in Sacramento yesterday.

Miss Emma Irwin, daughter of Ex-Governor Irwin, came down from Siskiyou yesterday, to resume her studies at the college.

George Green, Mrs. Curran, Henry Curran and Miss Saunders left Woodland Monday for a three weeks camping trip. J. E. Adams, of Harroville's Minstrel, has gone East, having received a dispatch announcing the dangerous illness of his wife.

Miss Annie Hamilton, of Sebastopol, who has been visiting in Sacramento several weeks past, returned to her home yesterday. Miss Minnie Miller, of Oakland, who has recently been the guest of Mrs. Irwin in this city, returned to her home yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Ashurst and family, of Red Bluff, California, accompanied by the train for Monterey to spend the summer.

TELEGRAPHIC.

SPECIAL TO THE RECORD-UNION.

DOMESTIC NEWS.

The President. EXECUTIVE MESSON, WASHINGTON, July 22.—8:30 A. M.—The President rested well during the night, and is quite easy this morning. Pulse 88, temperature 98.4, respiration 17.

Paper Mills Burned. LOCKHAVEN (Pa.), July 22.—The Pennsylvania pulp and paper mills were burned to-day. Loss, \$100,000; insurance, \$50,000 to \$70,000. Armstrong & Dixon, of Philadelphia, were the owners.

The Albany Streets. ALBANY, July 22.—The ballot in joint convention this forenoon resulted: Lapham 63, Potter 40, Conkling 28, Woodford 11. Necessary to a choice, 67.

Senator Jacobs moved that the Convention take a recess until half-past 1 o'clock. Carried.

The Chair announced that the Democratic members would hold a conference immediately; also that the Republicans would hold a conference immediately.

The Convention then took a recess.

Plot to Wreck a Passenger Train Frustrated. KANSAS CITY, July 22.—The wreck of a wild freight train on the Santa Fe road near Lawrence disclosed a bold plot to rob a passenger train on which the express messenger had \$50,000 or \$40,000 in his safe from Pueblo. A stop near the track had been broken into and tools obtained with which to tear up the rails from the bridge, and the train was to be wrecked, breaking seven cars.

Railroad Accident—Franks of Lightning. CHICAGO, July 22.—A freight train on the Milwaukee division of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad ran into a washout this morning, causing the wrecking of several cars, and killing a brakeman, Ed. Hughes. The wreck delays traffic greatly.

Several cases are reported this morning of lightning striking in the express messenger's cars, and in some cases causing great damage. Reports come in from all over the Northwest showing that yesterday was intensely hot in most places, and that the storm when it came was one of the most severe ever experienced, being a combination of lightning, thunder and heavy rain. Many cases of strokes and lightning are reported, some of them disastrous. Two telegraph operators died at their keys.

Lightning in New England. BOSTON, July 22.—Dispatches indicate that a heavy thunderstorm yesterday did considerable damage in east Massachusetts. Lightning struck in many places, burning a number of barns, killing several horses, scattering daggers, telegraph poles, trees, etc. A large quantity of window-glass was broken by flying missiles and hailstones. Half a dozen prostrations of people are reported, but no fatal cases. At New Bedford a schooner was struck and her mizzen topmast splintered. John Shandy, the steward, was knocked senseless, and the mate injured.

The Next House of Representatives. NEW YORK, July 22.—Speaking of the possibility of the Democrats organizing the next House, the Times' Washington special states that the election returns show that they have elected 151 members of the Congress as distinctive Republicans, 151 members Democrats, 131; Greenbacks, 9; Readjusters, 2. Since the election the Republicans have had a majority of 151 members, namely: Cramer of Michigan, Frye of Maine, and Morton, Miller and Lapham of New York, and gained one in the election of a successor to Conner, thus leaving a Republican net loss of 4. This would leave the present Republican membership 147, or the exact number necessary to constitute a quorum over a full House of 295 members. Since the election the Democrats have lost two members by death—Wood of New York and O'Connor of South Carolina. O'Connor's election is disputed by the Republican competitor, Mackey, and all the testimony in the contest was completed before O'Connor's death.

Frishtful Fall. ST. LOUIS, July 22.—A horrible accident occurred at the show tower, corner Main and Bates streets, yesterday afternoon. There is an elevator on the outside of the tower, and a fuel down in a mass together, and with a terrible crash. Every bone in the man's body was broken, and his remains had to be gathered up in pieces, they being torn almost into shreds.

Fire at Wheatland. WHEATLAND (Yuba county), July 22.—A fire broke out in the evening at Levy, Phipps & Co.'s store at half-past 9. Through the exertions of the citizens it was finally got under control, but, however, nearly \$50,000 worth of goods were damaged; fully insured.

Senator Miller at Home. NAPA, July 22.—Senator Miller, his wife and daughter, arrived at their home last evening.

Young Lady Shockingly Burned. SANTA BARBARA, July 22.—Antonina Lopez, a young lady 17 years old, was seriously and probably fatally, burned yesterday, by the explosion of a coal oil can, while trying to light a fire. Her clothes were entirely burned off. She is suffering excruciating agony, and is thought to be dying.

The Westlake Murder Case. COTTONWOOD, July 22.—In the case of the People vs. Westlake, the jury are now at the place in charge of Sheriff Hill and Judge C. C. Cook, inspecting the scene of the alleged homicide.

Death of a Wealthy Citizen. SAN JOSE, July 22.—Intelligence is received here of the death of B. S. Fox at Council Bluffs, Iowa. Deceased was a pioneer settler of this valley, and one of the wealthiest citizens.

Twelve Years in the State Prison. SAN ANTONIO, July 22.—L. J. Hutchinson was to-day sentenced to twelve years in the State Prison for the crime of arson, committed in setting fire to the town of Mokelumne Hill last June.

Death from Small-Pox. STOCKTON, July 22.—Hattie Arnold, aged 14 years, died of small-pox in this city yesterday. This is the first death in seventeen cases that have appeared this year.

FOREIGN. Hesse Helfmann and Her Child. ST. PETERSBURG, July 22.—Hesse Helfmann's sentence has been commuted to Siberia for life. The child of which she was delivered is not dead, as reported. The Copenhagen Journal Dagbladet reports that a rich old bachelor of that town, who lived many years in Russia, who has written a letter to St. Petersburg for the purpose of taking the necessary steps towards adopting the child, but the mother refuses to part with it. It is probable, however, that she will surrender it to relatives. The police regulations forbid prisoners from taking their children into exile.

The Scarcity of Water in France. PARIS, July 22.—The weather has moderated. The scarcity of water continues. There is also a short supply of water at Bordeaux, Lyons and Rouen.

Appalling Condition of Russian Provinces. ST. PETERSBURG, July 22.—The condition of the provinces is appalling. The Siberian plague is ravaging the western and southern districts, and the peasants everywhere are in despair.

STATE NEWS.

The skeleton of a mastodon was unearthed recently at Albany, Oregon. The trunk is eight feet long, and eight inches in diameter at the base. The teeth, parts of the jawbone, and one tusk, were in a good state of preservation.

Crystal Bay, at the extreme northern end of Lake Tahoe, though very little known, is a beautiful sheet of water, with probably the finest scenery to be found anywhere. At this point an elevated works of the Sierra Wood and Lumber Company.

This is what the Star, at St. Helena, finds to talk of these hot days: There's one thing in which women have the advantage of men—they can wear hats hinged into sixteen ways for Sunday, and it's fashionable, and all right; but let one of us male brutes come down Monday morning with a hat looking like a four days' frolic, and we're set on for five dollars and costs, and warned not to do it again.

Justice Hastings is building a wine cellar at Cordelia of about 150,000 gallons capacity, of which E. B. Smith, late of Kutherford, will take charge, and two St. Helena cooperers, S. P. Conner and A. P. Conner, are getting down this week to build caskage for it. They will make \$3,000 gallons of storage tanks and 24,000 of fermenting tanks. They have been for some time preparing material at Vallejo, and will put on force enough to finish in about a month.

Some two years ago Constable Dougherty died of consumption at Lodi. Recently his widow died, and there not being room enough to bury her in the lot beside her husband, her body was buried elsewhere and he was disinterred to be laid beside her. An examination of his body showed that it had not in the least decomposed during the two years it had lain in the earth. Every feature was perfectly natural, except that his hair was brown spot on one cheek. His hair, during the time he had lain buried, had grown till it swept his shoulders, and his nails were very long. It is a little singular, to say the least, that the man who had lain so long without decomposition.

THE MERIT OF BUGS. The large pieces of furniture that in all rooms stand against the wall—the sofas, the pianofortes, the side-boards, the book-cases, the bedsteads, the wardrobes, the washstands, the bureaus—do not need any carpet under them; the carpet that is put over them stands for no much use, and yet we go on putting down yards of carpet where it is never seen, where the dust collects and is only attacked in weekly sweepings, and where it keeps a sort of color, while the sofas, the sofas, and fades. Let any one give a rug a fair trial, and observe for himself how much less dust will be made in the room, how much more easily the room is kept clean, and how much more easily the furniture is when the weekly sweepings of the daily dusting has to be got through. In no case should any of the large pieces of furniture rest upon the rug; for it ought to be an every-day or at least an any-day matter to turn it up, and if it is not turned up, or if it is not turned up and carry it to be shaken or swept.

It is advisable to buy a good rug, large enough to cover all the floor you wish to cover, even if it is striped, or has a fringe for a good rug will last a lifetime, and, indeed, some rugs are well on their way to last a second lifetime. The best Turkey, Persian and Indian rugs are made by hand, and are of the toughest leather. Its grain is not straight and easily separated like oak, or some other woods, but it is interwoven, gnarled, knotty, and tough, and any one may learn who attempts to cut it. The elm in use is the water-elm found in high places. Until lately it was in demand and considered useless; but any farmer where elm grows, knows the value thereof. When a elm ax-handle is wanted, he does not buy the cheery and coarse-grained hewen manufacturers, to whom it is sold, but makes one of his own handwork from an elm limb. Such helms will outlast a dozen of the machinery-cut kind. For all kinds of farming implements elm is particularly desirable, as it is a little stock and any contrivance that requires strength. One firm is said to be supplied with a half-million feet of elm. The wood is coming into general use, and is a valuable addition to the hard-grain woods.

—[The Northwestern Lumberman.]

The Cardinal Archbishop of Saragossa, who has recently died, is the sixteenth Cardinal who has died since the accession of Leo XIII. The number of Cardinals now living is sixty-five, six Cardinal Bishops, forty-five Cardinals Princes, eleven Cardinal Deacons and three Cardinals in petto. Only one of these, Cardinal Saragossa, derives his nomination from Gregory XVI, forty-seven were appointed by Pius IX., and the remaining seventeen by the present Pontiff. Five of the Red Hats are vacant.

COMETS—One of Professor Newcomb's assistants says that the earth meets 50,000,000 of comets, more or less, every year. Almost all of them are ignited by the rapid passage through our atmosphere, and become shooting stars. Now and then one does not ignite, and strikes the earth. These are called meteoric stones, of which a very large specimen is in the Smithsonian Institution.

It has recently been discovered that the names of several of the most noted lakes in Michigan were secured by chopping one of Secretary Everts' sentences into firewood lengths.—[Chicago Tribune.]

San Francisco Stock Sales. SAN FRANCISCO, July 23, 1881.

MORNING SESSION.

20 Pacific..... 1/2 1/2
100 Mexican..... 1/2 1/2
40 Bond & Bond..... 1/2 1/2
100 California..... 1/2 1/2
100 Nevada..... 1/2 1/2
100 Justice..... 1/2 1/2
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AFTERNOON SESSION.

150 Belmont..... 1/2 1/2
100 Nevada..... 1/2 1/2
30 Pacific..... 1/2 1/2
100 Nevada..... 1/2 1/2

ST. PETERSBURG, July 22.—The condition of the provinces is appalling. The Siberian plague is ravaging the western and southern districts, and the peasants everywhere are in despair.