ADVERTISEMENT MENTION.

Metropolitan Theater to-night—"Madame Favart."
O. C. F.—Meet this evening, Firemen's Hall.
Special sale—French mantalets, S. Lipman & Co.
Card—New England Mutual Life Insurance Company.
Attention, Boys in Blue—Meet th's evening.
C. T. U.—Regular meeting to-night.
Imp. O. R. M.—Meet at Wigwam to-night, Cosumnes Tribe.
A nice home for $800—Carl Strobel.
Two headers for sale—J. H. Carroll.
To let—Three furnished rooms.
Wanted—Three good mustangs.
Red Men's picnic to-morrow.
Knights of the Red Cross this evening.
British Mutual picnic prizes.
Sarsfield Guard prize list.

Auction.

D. J. Simmons & Co., Monday and Tuesday next, at Orleans Hotel.

Business Advertisements.

Mechanics' Store—Ladies' day.
Hardware house—Charles Zeitler.
Splendid success—Bristol's pills and sarsaparilla.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

THAT CLOSED RAILROAD.

Another Step Toward Opening the Road from Folsom to Shingle Springs.

For some fourteen months the Folsom and Shingle Springs line of railroad (as familiarly known) has been closed against the public, it having been placed in the hands of a receiver pending litigation concerning certain bonds issued by the corporation that built the road, known as the Placerville and Sacramento Valley Railroad Company. The stoppage of trains on the road has been not only a source of great inconvenience to the traveling public, but of great loss and injury to those who have relied upon it for the transportation of freight to and from this city. The people of El Dorado county and the northern part of Amador have suffered very material injury in consequence of the road not being operated, and if not opened again soon they will suffer still more than they yet have done, as the present outlook is favorable for an immense fruit crop in El Dorado, where reliance has been and must be had upon this road to market the same, as it cannot be successfully done with wagons. The course which has been pursued in this case by the receiver and the party at whose instance he was appointed would seem to be

ENTIRELY UNJUSTIFIABLE,

And, under the circumstances in this case, in violation of all the principles usually governing the action of receivers in this class of cases. It is the opinion of the best lawyers that the law never contemplated the appointment of a receiver simply for the purpose of closing up operations on a railroad, where such action can result in no benefit to either of the parties litigant, but only in running up a bill of costs and expenses against the property, and leave the public, who are not parties to, or interested in the result of the action, but who are interested in having the road operated, to suffer the consequences of such dog in the manger proceedings. Soon after trains were withdrawn from the road, Judge C. F. Irwin of Placerville, and John C. Burch of San Francisco, attorney, were employed by the Board of Supervisors of El Dorado county to use their endeavors to have the road opened again, but the county not being a party to the action, and having no standing in Court, other than as "friends of the Court," they have thus far failed in accomplishing the purpose.

Recently, however, a petition was presented to the Attorney-General for permission to use the name of the People of the State, which, upon a bond against costs and liability being given, was granted. Under this permission these gentlemen, acting as of counsel, presented to the Supreme Court at its recent session at Los Angeles a petition in the name of the People for

A WRIT OF MANDATE

Against the receiver, but this was denied, the Supreme Court holding that if any remedy existed it was with the Court appointing the receiver. They have since filed a petition in the Superior Court of San Francisco, and have made a motion in the case, in which the receiver was appointed, based upon the facts stated in the petition, upon which motion Judge Hunt has made an order directing the receiver to appear in Court on May 30th and show cause why he does not operate the road, and why he should not be removed and another appointed in his stead. Some hopes may now be entertained that something will be accomplished, and that the road will be opened again in time to move some portion, if not all, of the immense fruit crop likely to be shipped from El Dorado, although some time will be required to move the grass from the track, and make necessary repairs, for nothing has been done in that direction.

THE FACTS

Stated in the petition filed, which is the basis of the motion on which Judge Hunt's order was made, may be thus presented: That the railroad line from Folsom to Shingle Springs was constructed under a property incorporated company. That in 1877 it passed from the original company to the Sacramento and Placerville Railroad Company, which operated it, carrying passengers and freight as presented, and continuing to do so until in 1879, when it was taken out of the possession of that company in an action by Louis McLane against the company to foreclose a mortgage claim against the company. In that action Louis McLane was appointed receiver of the road.

That the order of the Court so appointing the receiver was in force and effect in 1881 and still is in force, and said receiver is now in charge of said line of road. That said line connects at Folsom with a line of railroad to Sacramento, and thereby connects with the general railroad system of the State of California. That the line of road from Folsom to Shingle Springs is the only railroad leading into or out of the county of El Dorado. That when said road is operated, it does the chief transportation business of the people of El Dorado county and of a large portion of

THE PEOPLE OF AMADOR COUNTY.

[illegible]at to be deprived of transportation by this [illegible]is is a severe injury to the people of said [illegible]ty and their industries. That it is the [illegible] of Receiver McLane, under the laws of [illegible]fornia requiring railroad corporations to [illegible]te their roads, to open the road in ques[illegible]or the carriage of freight and passen[illegible]nd to receive all freight and passengers [illegible] the roads and system of [illegible] connecting with such railroad so [illegible]chargeable. That though said receiver [illegible]n often requested, he refused, and still [illegible], to operate said road, to receive pas[illegible]s that have desired carriage over the [illegible] refused freight offered for transporta[illegible]over the road, though both fares and the [illegible]lar rates for freight have been tendered; [illegible] refused to received passengers and freight [illegible]m the connecting road and roads, or to [illegible]nsport freight and passengers to said con[illegible]cting road; has refused to maintain sta[illegible]ons and agents and ticket-sellers on said line, though often requested so to do; refuses to run cars on said road, though often requested, etc., and finally, that the petitioners believe the receiver will continue to refuse to operate the road, and hence the prayer for relief.

MERCHANDISE REPORT.—The following freight passed Ogden for Sacramento on the 7th: For Hale Bros. & Co., 1 box shoes, 1 box dry goods, 1 box stationery; Billingsley & Co., 10 bales paper; G. W. Chesley & Co., 9 boxes sauce; Whittier, Fuller & Co., 3 barrels and 3 boxes sponges, 1 sponge basket; C. H. Krebs & Co., 6 bags and 2 boxes sponges, 1 sponge basket; [illegible]ofield & Tevis, 3 bales and 1 box [illegible]s; Mary C. Cowger, 1 bale carpet; Huntington, Hopkins & Co., 1 case and 2 boxes hardware, 1 case sad-irons, 25 bars iron, 1 box maple sugar, 3 crates machinery castings, 3 boxes lawn mowers, 26 boxes wedges; Weinstock & Lubin, 2 cases boots and shoes, 1 box soap; Adams, McNeill & Co., 150 boxes candles, 26 pails tobacco; N. S. Arnold & Co., 14 hand-pumps; Central Pacific Railroad, 1 box lamp-burners; Hall, Lubin & Co., 1 cask liquor, 10 boxes tobacco; James I. Felter & Co., 1 barrel liquor; C. Schaeffer, 1 car cooperware; Waterhouse & Lester, 1 car wagon material; Armington, Millis & Morse, 4 cases boots and shoes; Leftwich & Gaines, 1 box fine machinery; Van Heusen & Huntoon, 1 bale upholstered goods; E. Lyons & Co., 7 boxes shirts; 2 boxes household goods for J. Flanagan passed Deming for Sacramento on the 6th.

THE UNION PICNIC.—The Union picnic of the Congregational and Presbyterian churches was held at East Park yesterday. The wind blew very hard during the afternoon, making it disagreeable, and the attendance was quite small. But few grown persons were in attendance. The crowning of the May Queen, which was to have taken place at 1, from some cause was delayed until almost 3 o'clock. The whole affair was managed, to say the least, badly. During the ceremony of crowning some twenty-five or thirty grown people formed a circle around the May Queen and her attendants, thus shutting from view to all others present, both adults and children, any chance of seeing or hearing what was going on. A great many left the grounds thoroughly disgusted with the management and the treatment received at their hands.

FOUND IN THE RIVER.—Yesterday about 1 o'clock P. M., as some little boys were playing on Front street near the Sacramento Lumber Company's yard, they discovered the dead body of a man floating in the river. The boys called the attention of some boatmen to the corpse, and they went in their boat, secured the body and tied it to the shore. The Coroner was notified of the discovery and took the body in charge. It proves to be the body of George Conmer, who was drowned Sunday morning, April 30th, at the foot of N street. Mr. Conmer was a native of Belfast, Ireland, and 28 years of age. The body of Thomas McGeeny, who was drowned at the same time with Conmer, has not as yet been recovered.

AT THE RED HOUSE.—Saxony plaids, 11 cents per yard, worth 25 cents; excellent for misses' wear. *

LANSING'S MURDER.

Trial of Raten for the Murder of James Lansing.

A large crowd of spectators assembled in the Superior Court-room, Department Two, yesterday morning, at 10 o'clock, to watch the proceedings in the trial before Judge Denson of Simon Raten, who on the 10th of last month shot and killed James Lansing, proprietor of the International Hotel, in the alley between Third and Fourth, K and L streets. The defendant occupied a seat beside his counsel, Elwood Bruner. For The People District Attorney Buckley, City Attorney Anderson and C. T. Jones appeared. The prosecution announced that it was ready for trial. The defense inquired if George Graves was in Court. The bailiff called Mr. Graves, and received no answer. Counsel for the defense then stated that he could not consent to allow the case to proceed without this important witness. He stated that a subpena had been sent to the Sheriff of San Joaquin county, and that the same had been served on Graves. He learned by letter from the Sheriff of that county that since being served with the subpena he has left the State, and at this time is somewhere in Arizona. If the return of the service had been made by the Sheriff of San Joaquin county as promptly as it should have been, together with the statement that Graves had intended leaving this State, counsel could have procured an order from the Court and could have brought him back before he reached the State line. It is true, he added, that he made a statement before the examining magistrate, and the same was reduced to writing, sworn to and signed by George Graves. However, that statement was given with the understanding that he would attend the trial of the case before this Court. In counsel's opinion Graves' only object in leaving the State at this time is to escape being a witness in this case.

THE DEFENSE.

Counsel for defendant then submitted an affidavit made by Raten setting forth that he had caused Graves to be served with a subpena; that Graves had failed to respond and appear; that Graves has, as defendant is informed and believes, left the State to avoid testifying in the case; "that affiant expects to prove by said witness, Graves, that it was a shot accidentally discharged from the pistol of said Graves that killed James Lansing, for whose death the affiant is on trial for the crime of murder; that affiant has fully informed Elwood Bruner, his counsel, of all the facts within affiant's knowledge, and his said counsel informs him that he has a good defense to said action. Affiant believes that he cannot safely proceed to trial without the testimony of said Graves. Wherefore affiant prays that the trial of said cause be continued until the testimony of said Graves can be procured."

Mr. Jones stated that he had just received a telegram from the Sheriff of San Joaquin county, which stated that Mr. Graves would be in the city to-day or to-morrow, and that there would be no difficulty in securing his attendance before the trial was brought to a close.

The Court denied the application for a continuance, but instructed and authorized counsel on both sides to use every means in their power, regardless of expense, to secure the attendance of the defaulting witness, Graves.

THE JURY.

The work of securing a jury was then entered upon. Nothing unusual in the method developed, except that each juror was asked what secret societies he belonged to, and whether he was a member of any association of which Mr. Lansing was also a member, and whether the juror had taken part in the passage of resolutions of respect for Lansing.

These citizens were challenged and excused: B. F. Alexander, Peter Newman, B. A. Farr, Isaac Lea, C. M. Ackerman, Charles Swartz, M. Rigney, P. A. Miller, Peter Flaherty, T. P. Smith, John Sexton, Milton Twigg, C. M. Harney, J. Beauchamp, Daniel Meagher, Joseph Bailey, George W. Young, F. S. George, William Boyne, Wm. Avery, E. E. Custer, Stephen Beck, R. A. Fisk, D. Gardner, William Rippon, M. Dwyer, F. W. Schwamb.

These jurors were accepted to try the case: E. E. Ames, C. N. Snell, William Curtis, G. C. Churchman, Milton Sherwood, Wm. Shattuck, G. D. Almond, Samuel Jelly, J. H. Carrington, Albert Grubbs, W. J. Renfro, John Real.

Messrs. Real, Renfro and Carrington were also jurors in the Hurtado case.

The jurors were charged by the Court to express no opinions, refrain from discussion, and keep themselves aloof from all discussion, remark or information concerning the case during the trial, except such as comes to the jury from the Court, counsel or witness stand. The Court then took a recess for ten minutes.

WHAT HE LOOKS LIKE.

Raten, the defendant, as he sits beside his counsel, may be thus sketched: He is of medium hight, standing about five feet eight inches. He will weigh about 140 pounds. His body is too long for his legs. His head is round, with a low forehead, and is covered by coarse, short, black hair, combed forward and without any parting. The back of the head and the neck form nearly a straight line. The low, wrinkled forehead rises almost straight above heavy brows clothed with black eyebrows, that very nearly meet above a sunken nose, that at the point of the bridge rises but little above the level of the cheekbones. The eyes are dark brown, very deep set, and shadowed heavily by the overhanging brows. The face is of the Malay type, rather short, very broad at the cheekbones and narrow at the chin, with sunken cheeks, heavy jaws, a broad nose, rather flattened at the end, and with large nostrils. The ears are small and set high up on the head. The lips are thick and protrude above and below a large mouth, the ends of which droop. The neck is not short but is very thick. The complexion is that sickly apology between the olive of the tropics and the pallid cast of extreme northern climes. A bristling mustache adds to the prominence of the features of Raten's countenance. The prisoner would pass readily for one of the lower order of Chinese, or fill the bill for a Malay. The countenance is inexpressive, stolid, slightly downcast, and not manifesting any particular care or emotion. While the testimony was being given yesterday Raten was perfectly unconcerned, and occupied himself with smilingly instructing a Deputy Sheriff how to cut fancy figures from folded paper with a pair of scissors, or else amused himself with watching the motions of the reporter's hand as he took these notes.

THE TESTIMONY.

At 3:06 P. M. the Court reassembled, the presentment was read to the jury, the witnesses called and placed under the rule not to converse about the trial. City Attorney Anderson made the opening statement to the jury. The prosecution expected to show that April 9th Raten became involved with a fellow workman and a fight resulted. That he brooded over the matter, and resolved to kill his foe, and on Monday started out in search of his victim, and found him late in the day near the International Hotel. He at once drew his pistol and fired, but his enemy dodged and the ball struck a young man named Livingston in the right hand. That Raten turned and fled toward Fourth street, and when Richard Leslie tried to intercept him he threatened him and so escaped. Defendant then ran along Fourth street to the alley, between K and L, and down that toward Third street. That Lansing came out of his gate on to the alley and called on Raten to stop, when the prisoner turned, fired at and shot Lansing, and then threw his pistol over a fence into a lot. That Lansing subsequently died of his wound. That the shooting was murder, and that defendant is guilty of murder, would be the claim of the prosecution.

J. W. WILSON,

Supervisor of Sacramento county and livery stable keeper, was first sworn: Knew deceased. The day James Lansing was shot, about 4:30 P. M., witness saw four or five men in a scuffle in front of the International Hotel. Raten was one of them. He jumped to the outer edge of the sidewalk and fired. One of the men broke and ran, and Raten after him, toward Fourth street. The pursued ran across K street, toward Hammer's drug store, northerly, but defendant turned and went down Fourth street, southerly, to the alley. Witness pursued. Defendant ran into the alley and past the property of Lansing. Lansing came out of his gate. Defendant had then passed the gate. As Lansing came out defendant stopped. Lansing went toward him, when defendant fired at him, and Lansing returned into his own lot again. Raten ran on to Third street, westerly, thence southerly to L street, and thence off up toward Fourth street again. Saw no pistol in the scuffle on K street, but distinctly saw defendant step out and shoot. The pursued man was too far up K street for defendant to catch him when he reached the corner of Fourth and K. When Raten fired at Lansing the latter was the nearest man to Raten. When Raten fired he had stopped, and as Lansing came up drew up his pistol, very quick and shot. After shooting he did not run away immediately. Lansing, when shot, put his hands on his stomach, and, turning, walked into his lot. When Lansing was shot witness was 75 or 80 feet distant. There was much noise and outcry. Lansing made no demonstrations toward defendant. In the scuffle on K street it was something like men colliding in the street, and one jumping on one side.

Cross-examination—Think defendant came from Third street way. Think there were one or two with him. Defendant had the only pistol witness saw. A crowd ran after defendant on K street and was shouting "Police!" There was a good deal of excitement. Think there were cries of "Shoot him!" Can't say if they cried out "Hang him!" Saw no one fall down in the alley. Was some 60 to 75 feet from Lansing when Raten shot him. Think some others were nearer, in front. Witness kept his eye on defendant. Saw no pistol thrown away. Lansing walked toward Raten very unconcernedly.

Redirect—The exclamation "Hang him" was not till after Lansing was shot, but the other cries were before.

DR. G. L. SIMMONS

Was the next witness. He described Lansing's wound and death result. The bullet wound appeared as if received from the front, unless it was a ball deflected from an original course. There was nothing apparently in the way of the ball and the clothing [here examined] of deceased does not indicate that the ball came from other than the front. Witness was present when Lansing made his dying declaration. He had told him he must die, and made it with that knowledge. His mind was perfectly clear. [Witness here identified the declaration in writing, signed by Mr. Lansing.] The wound would not have been what it was if Mr. Lansing had made about a quarter turn and was facing northerly. Mr. Lansing died from the wound described.

Cross-examination—It was necessarily a fatal wound. Mr. Lansing was placed under the influence of morphine during the evening after he received his wound. Mr. Lansing was perfectly clear in making his dying statement, responded to questions by Mr. Anderson, and corrected matters spoken of. He understood it was expected that for the ends of justice he should make a declaration.

Re-direct—Mr. Lansing was an ex-Sheriff of Sacramento county. When he made his dying declaration he fully appreciated the position he was in. The witness identified the bullet taken from Lansing's body at the post mortem.

W. A. ANDERSON,

City Attorney, sworn. On the evening of April 10th saw James Lansing. Was with him when he made his dying declaration. Mr. Lansing's mind was perfectly clear. He spoke of his death composedly, and was satisfied he could not live. Four doctors had then told him so. He was an ex-Sheriff, and knew the value and custom of such dying declarations. He knew witness was City Attorney. He said he would make a statement, and did so, and witness took it down in narrative form, after asking him questions as to the facts.

Cross-examination—Witness detailed who were present at the time, and described the method pursued in taking the statement. There was no moment while witness was present that Mr. Lansing had any hope of his life.

THE DYING DECLARATION

Was here introduced. It has already been published in full in the RECORD-UNION.

Defense objected that it does not set forth all it purports to be, and the questions asked and answers given do not appear, and it is therefore incompetent.

The statement sets forth that Mr. Lansing was conscious of death. That he did not know the man who shot him. That he saw a man running in the alley and heard a crowd shouting. Lansing ran out to see what was the matter, and followed about 100 feet, when he saw the man have a pistol, at which he sought to turn away when the man fired, and Lansing felt that he was hit. He had never had any difficulty with the defendant.

Court at 4:55 P. M. adjourned until 9:30 A. M. to-day, the jury being ordered kept together meanwhile by the Sheriff.

METROPOLITAN THEATER.

The brief season of the Comley-Barton Opera Company began at the Metropolitan Theater last night to a fair audience. But the company deserved a far better house. It is the largest comic opera company that has ever been here. It is the most fully appointed, the most richly costumed, and by all odds the best managed—there not being, from the beginning to the end of the long opera "Olivette" a single "hitch" or the slightest delay. Added to this, the company placed within the orchestra rail the largest orchestra seen here for years, there being sixteen pieces. The company well fills the large stage of the Metropolitan, and while it is not balanced as it should be, the chorus being deficient in male voices, it is without question capable of presenting comic opera in a more attractive form than any company that has been here. Miss Jansen is not an Emily Melville in song, nor a Rose Stella in comedy, but with the support she had, she gave Olivette quite as effectively as either of them, for she had all the aids that a large troupe, strong orchestral combination, fine costumery, and excellent comedians in support give. We have had better tenors and bassos than the Comley-Barton troupe presents us, but no better comedians in song than John Howson and Digby Bell—and so on the comparison in like manner might be extended. Of course—for that is the rule nowadays—the piece was given with a remarkable display of the female form divine, and all the attractiveness of brilliant tableau, dance in abandon, and striking and novel situations, and the corps of handsome women employed have evidently studied the art that resides in these methods of stage business and display, for all it is worth. Miss Joyce, who has a deep, rich contralto, made a very favorable impression, and with Miss Jansen and Mr. Campbell was the recipient of encores. Indeed, encores were too frequent last evening, and this may be taken as an indication of the satisfaction of the auditors with the performance. There was no place in the cast for Mr. Barton, but he will be heard later on in the engagement. To-night the opera of "Madame Favart," which will introduce the whole company, and in addition a full military band in the grand march. As the shortcomings of the company are few and not grievous; as its merit is of a good order and well sustained, and as its performances do not carry the auditor to the extremes of enthusiasm or displeasure, it is a fair judgment to pronounce the entertainments offered by the company superior, and to suggest for them liberal encouragement.

AUCTIONS TO DAY.—Bell & Co., auctioneers, will sell at 11 A. M. to-day the premises described as follows: The north 30x80 feet of lot 8, bounded by I and J, Fifth and Sixth. It is a two-story brick house, store below and residence above. The residence has six large rooms and is well finished and supplied with all conveniences....D. J. Simmons & Co. will sell at 10:30 A. M. to-day, at No. 418 J street, a large consignment of dry goods, dress goods, boots and shoes, fancy goods, clothing, furnishing goods, etc. The above are the contents of a country store and are sent here to be sold, and the sale will take place without reserve. The trade is specially invited to this sale....Sherburn & Smith, auctioneers, will sell at No. 606 J street, at 10:30 A. M. to-day, one writing desk, whatnot, pictures, one handsome walnut and marble-top chamber set, spring beds, feather pillows, Brussels and three-ply carpets, wardrobe, bed lounge, three-quarter bedstead, spring and top mattresses, hall and stair matting, walnut bureau, washstand, extension table, crockery and glassware, hair cloth parlor set, kitchen furniture, etc.

POLICE COURT.—In the Police Court the following four cases were continued until to-morrow: Mike McCarty and John Duffy, battery; James Aherrin and Thomas Drew, battery. Charles Connell, charged with disturbing the peace, and Mike Desmond, for battery, had their cases set for trial on the 16th. Andrew Rollo, the man who robbed the store of B. Lasky, was held to answer to the Superior Court and bail fixed at $2,000. James Gilday was tried for disturbing the peace and discharged. Thomas Riley, disturbing the peace, fined $10 or ten days in the County Jail. Frank Burns, Harry Rivers and John Hogan, for stealing a ride on the Central Pacific cars, judgment deferred until to-morrow in the case of Burns; the other two discharged. Frank Burns, Harry Rivers and John Hogan, malicious mischief, Burns discharged; Rivers and Hogan were each fined $15 or fifteen days in the County Jail.

CAPITAL TURF CLUB.—The Capital Turf Club met last evening at the reading-rooms of the Capital Hotel. A communication was read by the Secretary from I. N. Killip, of San Francisco, stating that a great many trotters were in training and that they would be entered at the Sacramento spring meeting. After discussing various questions which came before the meeting and hearing partial reports from the Programme and Canvassing Committees, the Club adjourned to meet Saturday evening, May 13th, at 7:30 P. M.

AUCTION OF HOTEL FURNITURE.—On Monday and Tuesday, May 15th and 16th instes., commencing each day at half-past 10 A. M., D. J. Simmons & Co. will sell the furniture and carpets of the Orleans Hotel, being the entire material in forty rooms, and consisting of black walnut, marble-top bedroom sets, bedding, fine Brussels carpets, curtains, cornices, fixtures and numerous other articles. This auction will afford a rare opportunity to housekeepers and to the trade.

FARO BANK TAKEN IN.—Last night about 11 o'clock officers Jackson and Green surprised and captured a faro game, which was in full blast up stairs in the Skaggs building on the southeast corner of Seventh and K streets. The keeper of the game, A. J. Hardin, was arrested, and the entire paraphernalia of the institution confiscated. After arriving at the city prison he furnished a bond of $500 and was released.

LATE ARRESTS.—The following names appeared at 12 o'clock last night on the slate at the police station: Eliza Connell, disturbing the peace, by officer Green; Patrick McHale, battery, by officer Carroll; A. J. Harding, gambling, by officers Jackson and Green.

RED MEN'S PICNIC.—The annual picnic of the various tribes of Red Men of this city will take place to-morrow at Natoma Grove. Music will be furnished by the First Artillery band. For places where wagons will call for lunch-baskets, see advertisement elsewhere.

IMMIGRANTS.—One hundred and three immigrants, including seventy males, passed Carlin yesterday en route to California. They will arrive by the overland this afternoon.

SPRING VEGETABLES.—We receive all kinds of vegetables daily from southern points, and can give the public great variety, also handle the stock of several gardeners in this vicinity, brought in fresh every morning. The first lot of string beans and summer squash of this season was received yesterday. Also, receive and sell on commission all kinds of garden and orchard produce and poultry. Country orders promptly filled. D. DeBernard & Co., 308 and 310 K street. *

FROM Mosgrove's bankrupt sale, at the Red House: Seal-brown linen, for summer suiting, 8 cents per yard, worth 25 cents. *

MILVILLE SUITINGS.—Summer fabric, with trimming attached, 17 cents per yard, worth 65 cents, at the Red House. *

HANLEY'S CRONK BEER.—Barrels, kegs and cases. Finest summer drink out. For bar and picnic use. Depot, 51 Front street, Sacramento. *

FOR banquets, etc., use Eclipse Champagne. *

PACIFIC SLOPE.

Additional Crop Reports—Death of a San Jose Journalist—Shooting Affair in Tulare County—Mexican Killed While Resisting Arrest—Suicide of a Hospital Patient—Indignation Meeting at Tombstone—Advices from Oregon—Festivities Near Stockton—Etc.

[SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE RECORD-UNION.]

Further Crop Reports.

COLUSA.

COLUSA, May 9th.—The crop prospect is anything but flattering. We have had for five days a hot north wind, which has destroyed many fields where half crops were expected. Even some of the river lands have succumbed. On Grand Island a majority of the acreage will make something, and on the tule lands the prospect is magnificent. The area of these low lands, as compared with the whole, is small, however. The prairie lands around College City, at the lower end of the county, have a tolerable crop, and land on some of the foothills, once thought worthless, show well, but the crops are all gone on the second rate land, or where there is any alkali, as well as much of the good land. On both river and plains the crops will fall below one-fourth of an average.

SONOMA.

SANTA ROSA, May 9th.—From information received from every portion of Sonoma county to-day, the grain harvest—wheat, oats and barley—will be unusually heavy; corn is quite prolific; hops are very plentiful; hardy vegetables are abundant, and the grape crop never promised so well as to either quantity or quality. Late frosts and the high winds have together done much harm to fruit. The peach crop will fall off one-half; cherries largely; plums above one-third; best qualities of pears nearly one-half, and the poorer varieties not so much; almonds promise a medium crop, and apricots and apples will be fully up to the average. The hay crop will be in excess of that of any former year now realized, and cattle and sheep are thriving finely. Altogether the outlook for the season is very favorable.

SUTTER AND YUBA.

MARYSVILLE, May 9th.—Grain in Sutter and in Yuba counties continues to look well, and there is every prospect of a big harvest. The north wind, which ceased this evening, did comparatively little damage in these counties, owing to the moisture in the soil and the healthy condition of the crops. The fruit crop suffered some from the north wind, but not to any great extent. Heading will begin in the barley fields in the course of a week or two.

YOLO.

WOODLAND, May 10th.—The north wind is having a drying effect on the ground and crops in this county, though so far there is no serious damage reported other than that. The next two weeks will be the critical time, and the weather during that period will determine what the cereal crops of this county will amount to. Up to ten days ago the prospect was good for an average yield. Since then we have had north winds most of the time. They are letting up now somewhat, with indications of a change, and if we get our usual cool May weather from this on there will be a good deal of grain harvested, though it is hard to say what proportion of a full crop. Haying has commenced in some localities, but the crop is lighter than last year.

Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.—Second Day.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 10th.—The Grand Lodge convened for its second day's session at 10 o'clock this morning. The Committee on the State of the Order reported against repealing the order requiring subordinate Lodges to transact their business in the third degree.

A resolution was presented for the amendment of Section 1, article 4, of the subordinate Lodge constitution to read as follows: The fees and dues shall not be less than $10 for initiation, $3 for admission by card, $5 for an Ancient Odd Fellow, $15 for degrees ($5 each), and such amount of dues as shall be determined by the Lodge. Referred.

A minority report was presented by R. H. Lloyd, of the committee to whom the matter of providing a system of mutual life insurance was referred. The report was adverse to the establishment of such a scheme, which, it was held, would subvert the principles of the Order, and, instead of mutual aid being a subordinate quality, it would immediately become the chief object of interest and the Order would be turned into a mere beneficiary society. Since the introduction of the resolution the Sovereign Grand Lodge has decided that a lodge may require monthly or quarterly contributions to create a fund to pay a stipulated amount to the widow or heirs of a deceased brother. That carries the principle as far as it is safe to go. The Grand Lodge has also decided that an endowment scheme cannot be made compulsory.

A majority report recommending the establishment of an insurance system was also returned. Pending discussion of this question—which is the most important that will come up before the Grand Lodge—a recess was taken until 2 o'clock.

Died of His Wounds.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 10th.—Matthew Neary, who was stabbed in the abdomen by ex-police officer Daniel Keefe during a drunken row on Fourth street last Sunday morning, died this morning at 1 o'clock, at the City Receiving Hospital, from the effects of his wounds. Keefe was arrested at the time of the assault and booked at the Central Police Station on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon, but was admitted to bail last Monday in the sum of $2,000.

Mining Matters.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 10th.—At the annual meeting of the Scorpion Mining Company today, 57,483 shares were represented. The following were elected Directors: Robert Sherwood, O. P. Griffin, H. B. Cutter, T. G. Margeton and Colonel John P. Jackson. The following officers were elected: Robert Sherwood, President; H. T. Cutter, Vice-President; George R. Spinney, Secretary; R. P. Keating, Superintendent. The Secretary showed a balance to the company's credit on the 1st of May of $5,542 45 above liabilities.

The Martin White Mining Company levies an assessment of 25 cents.

The Northern Belle Mining Company passed their dividend to-day.

The Death Record—California Prison Commission.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 10th.—Twenty-seven deaths were reported to-day at the Health Office.

The Board of Trustees of the California Prison Commission held a meeting this afternoon to complete their organization, which had been postponed ever since the annual meeting of the Commission. The officers and committees elected are as follows: President, Ira P. Rankin; Vice-President, Dr. Henry Gibbons; Secretary, James Woodworth; Treasurer, Nathaniel Gray; Executive Committee, Messrs. Rankin, Gibbons, Gray and Robert Beeching. Various standing committees were appointed. The Prison Visitation Committees were instructed to visit the respective prisons to which they have been assigned; to make such examination of them as may be practicable; to confer with the officers in charge, and to report the result of their inquiries to the Board, or to the Executive Committee, with such suggestions and recommendations as they may deem proper to make.

A Decision Reversed by the Supreme Court.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 10th.—To-day the Supreme Court reversed the judgment of the Superior Court of Butte county in the case of Ah Lee and Ah Coon, who were convicted of the murder of a fellow countryman and sentenced to be hanged. The Court holds that it was an error in the Superior Judge to charge the jury that defendants, by their plea of not guilty, rested their defense upon the sole ground that they, nor either of them, are persons who committed the offense of which they stand charged. Further it was an error to charge the jury that there were no circumstances in the case to reduce the offense below murder in the first degree.

Verdict for Full Amount Claimed—Resolutions of Thanks—Baptist Convention.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 10th.—The suit of Amelia Barnett against Contra Costa county, which has occupied Department Eight of the Superior Court for three days, resulted today in a verdict in favor of plaintiff for $10,000—the full amount asked for. The suit was brought to recover damages for personal injuries sustained by plaintiff.

The Eleventh Ward Republican Club met this evening and adopted resolutions tendering the thanks of members of the Club to Senator Miller and Representative Page for their efforts in securing the passage of the Chinese bill.

At the fifth annual session of the Baptist Convention, now being held in this city, 21 churches are represented and 75 delegates are in attendance.

Chinese Christening Ceremonies.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 10th.—To-day the son of Lee Ah You, a prominent Chinese merchant of this city, having attained his twenty-sixth day, was christened according to Oriental rites and ceremonies. It was the occasion of a regular feast, lasting some three or four hours. In response to invitations extended by the happy father, 290 Chinese, including the wives and children of twenty merchants, attended the christening ceremonies and dinner.

Three Days' Festivities.

STOCKTON, May 10th.—A grand three days' military encampment, picnic and barbecue opened yesterday morning at Good Water Grove, two miles from this city. The affair is given under the auspices of the Veterans of the Mexican War, G. A. R., Stockton Guard, Emmet Guard and Pioneers. Tents have been provided on the grounds for the military. An immense concourse of people from all parts of the San Joaquin valley are in attendance. An invitation has been extended to Governor Perkins and staff. The camp has been named Camp T. E. Ketchum, in honor of Brigadier-General Thomas E. Ketchum.

Suicide of a Hospital Patient—Educational Sensation.

NEVADA, May 10th.—Frank Biddle, an inmate of the County Hospital, committed suicide this morning by drowning himself in a pool of water a few hundred yards distant from the hospital. He was in his room at 12 o'clock last night, but his sudden disappearance being noted this morning, a search was instituted, and he was found with his head and shoulders submerged in a shallow pool. He was troubled with softening of the brain, and had been in a demented condition for a long time. Deceased was about fifty years of age.

Considerable excitement is brewing in educational circles over the alleged dishonest practices that occurred on the part of certain successful applicants for certificates during the late teachers' examination here. Evidence is offered to the Board of Examination, who have been called upon to look into the matter.

Death of an Old Newspaper Man—Verdict for Plaintiff.

SAN JOSE, May 10th.—Francis B. Murdock, a pioneer resident and the oldest newspaper publisher in this city, died at 9:30 this morning. He was stricken with paralysis on the 27th of April, and never rallied. He came to California in 1852, and in 1853 established the *Weekly Telegraph*. In 1857 he brought out the *Tribune* and changed the name to the San Jose *Patriot*. He ceased his newspaper labors two years ago. He was always a consistent Republican. His age was 77 years, and he was a native of Maryland.

The jury in the case of H. A. Sanborn vs. The Madera Flume and Trading Company returned a verdict this afternoon in favor of plaintiff for $7,000 damages. The suit brought to recover $26,000 damages for injuries alleged to have been sustained at defendant's mill in Fresno county.

Shooting Affair in Tulare County.

HANFORD, May 10th.—Much excitement here over a shooting affair that occurred late this afternoon. Benj. H. Paddock, Superintendent of the Mussel Slough Ditch Co., and Daniel Spangler had some words on the sidewalk near Melone's store. The latter struck at the former, and Paddock knocked him down. Wm. Spangler, his son, stood near, and at once drew a pistol and shot at Paddock. He was at once seized, and prevented from firing a second shot. The ball went through the upper part of the left arm of Paddock, then struck J. H. Melone, who had nothing to do with the difficulty, just below the left knee. It inflicted a painful wound, but it is hoped not a very serious one. Mr. Spangler was at once taken in charge of by the Deputy Sheriff, who left with him for Visalia.

The Chinese Question at San Bernardino.

SAN BERNARDINO, May 10th.—The President's final decision on the Chinese bill seems to have come about the same time that our Grand Jury came to theirs, which is that the wash-houses in town are a nuisance, and that a fine of $50 be placed to the names of the several proprietors for allowing pools of water to become stagnant about said premises. The Chinamen are somewhat excited, and propose to have legal advice, and if possible cause a non-payment of the same.

ARIZONA.

Indignation Meeting—Mexican Killed.

TOMBSTONE, May 10th.—A great indignation meeting was held here to-night, with an immense crowd in attendance. Speeches were made by Hon. Mark Smith and Judge Robinson, of Tucson—one a Republican, the other a Democrat. A committee was appointed to draft resolutions conveying the sense of the meeting, and forward them to the President and Congress.

A Mexican named Antonio Fejuarde, while drunk to-day, fired at officer Poening while the latter was going to arrest him. The ball struck Poening in the groin, and his life is endangered. Chief of Police Nagle pursued the Mexican, who fled, and refusing to surrender, was shot and killed.

NEVADA.

A. O. U. W.—Election of Officers.

WINNEMUCCA, May 10th.—The Grand Lodge of A. O. U. W., in session here, elected the following grand officers for the ensuing year: Grand Master, S. W. Chubbuck, of Gold Hill; Representatives to the Supreme Grand Lodge of the United States, R. W. Wood of Winnemucca, E. W. Robinson of Eureka, and J. V. McCurdy of Virginia; Grand Treasurer, William Sutherland, of Virginia; Grand Overseer, J. A. McDougall, of Helena, Mont.; Grand Recorder, D. Shorburn, of Gold Hill; Grand Receiver, C. F. Sharp, of Carson; Grand Guide, E. Dishaw, of Park City, Utah; Grand Watchman, H. Warren, of Paradise; Grand Trustee, J. R. Shaw, of Dayton. The Grand Lodge is being entertained at a ball and banquet to-night by St. James Lodge, of this place.

OREGON.

Items from Portland.

PORTLAND, May 10th.—The case of Lawrence, the bigamist, will probably go to Astoria, as the crime was committed in Clatsop county. He is still in jail, being unable to furnish bail.

A Vigilance Committee has been formed at Cabinet Landing, Montana, the Union Pacific front, and five rough characters were requested to leave within twenty-four hours. The order was obeyed.

The State of California, which arrived at San Francisco at 7 o'clock this morning, left here at 9 A. M. Monday, making the passage from dock to dock in 46 hours—the fastest trip on record.

Walter Adair and Alonzo Strange, each about 19, were drowned at the mouth of the Calapooia river at Albany last night, while crossing in a scow loaded with sand. The scow was found the next morning below the dam bottom side up. The bodies have not been recovered.

A six-year-old son of Captain O. Olsen was drowned yesterday in Cowlitz river. The