ADVERTISEMENT MENTION.

A doubtful compliment—Baking powder.
Wanted—A good barber.
To the public of Sacramento.
Republican County Central Committee.
Special meeting, Sacramento Lodge, F. and A. M. —To-night.
Chosen Friends, Sacramento Council—To-night.
Red Jacket Tribe, Red Men—To-night.
Notice to business men.
Land for sale.
For sale—160 acres land.
Attention—Independent Light Battery.
Knights of Sherwood Forest—Meets to-night.

Auction.

Auction of Government ranch.

Business Advertisement.

Mechanics' Store—One price.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

RUN OFF THE BRIDGE.—Two highly connected but clever young gentlemen of this city a short time ago started on a business trip. About dusk, as they were nearing Franklin, and busy talking on some very interesting subject, and the road being narrow, they allowed their horses to run the carriage off the bridge. The young men came to their senses in the bottom of the ditch, one (Esau-like) holding on to the other's heel and hallooing for help. Finding they were more scared than hurt, and their horses gone, they rose up and shook themselves and approached the nearest farm-house, seeking assistance. The inmates all being up-stairs, save one young lady, the gentlemen knocked rather loudly, causing this young lady to tremble with fear and cry out: "Are you gentlemen? Are you gentlemen?" A hurried consultation on the outside, and one gentleman spoke up, saying: "We are, and in sore distress." Soon the head of the house appeared, and being a clever and sociable gentleman, he quickly had our two uninjured townsmen at their ease, singing and dancing, while Mr. —— sent out scouts, who soon returned with the lost team, which were only scratched a little, and the axles of the carriage slightly bent. The young men returned to town highly pleased with their visit, and mum on the bridge question. But such good things never escape our perambulating pencil-pusher.

MERCHANDISE REPORT.—The following freight passed Ogden on the 19th for Sacramento: For J. M. Wiedmann, 2 barrels and 2 boxes candy; H. Fisher, 9 barrels and 1 box candy; C. H. Gilman, 8 cases hats; W. A. & C. S. Houghton, 1 case copying books; G. A. Bills, 2 boxes picture frames; Lindley & Co., 1 box cigars, 30 boxes canned fish; L. L. Lewis & Co., 15 barrels and 9 boxes glassware, 13 boxes and 1 barrel lanterns, 1 crate lamps; Hall, Lahrs & Co., 56 cases and 25 kits fish; E. L. Billings, 10 barrels whisky; Weinstock & Lubin, 3 boxes collars; Gattmann & Wilson, 1 box dry goods, 1 box shirts; Central Pacific Railroad Company, 1 roll wire, 12 boxes machinery, 8 reservoirs, 15 bundles pipe, 100 bundles car-springs; Gu Lavenson, 2 cases shoes; J. G. Davis, 2 boxes brackets; S. Lipman & Co., 2 boxes dry goods, 1 box underwear; Billingsley & Co., 200 boxes clothes-pins; M. T. Brewer & Co., 1 box blanks; Huntington, Hopkins & Co., 120 bundles sheet-iron, 3 boxes screws, 1 box currycombs, 3 boxes hardware, 1 box hoes, 1 box saw-clamps, 4 barrels traps, 1 bundle trucks, 1 box cutlery, 1 box padlocks, 1 box chalk; Standard Oil Company, 600 cases oil; Kirk, Geary & Co., 1 bag, 15 packages, 1 case and 2 boxes drugs, 1 box fancy soap, 1 box inkstands.

AUCTION SALE.—On Saturday, October 7th, at 1 P. M., in front of the Court-house, at Martinez, Contra Costa county, the following property will be sold: The west half of the tract known as the Government ranch, comprising about 1,258 acres, together with the undivided half of the Hastings & Frisbie Swamp Land District No. 174, containing about 1,812 acres, lying adjacent to said ranch, and subject to agreement of record, by which said swamp lands are to be divided so as to give each owner the part lying adjacent to the uplands. Also, the southeast quarter of section 8, and the northwest quarter of section 9, in township 2 north, range 1 west, Mount Diablo meridian, containing about 333 acres, and known as the Bird ranch. There are commodious farm buildings on both tracts. The uplands are first-class wheat lands, and the swamp lands are first-class pasturage and garden lands. Upon the Government ranch is situated Avon station of the San Pablo and Tulare Railroad, only three and a half miles from Martinez. Possession will be given on delivery of deeds.

AN EXAMPLE AND A LECTURE.—Last evening a man who gave his name as Dr. Wood took a drunken person to the station-house who had a bad attack of delirium tremens, and asked officer Leavy to keep him locked up for three or four days. The doctor also left a bottle of medicine and requested the officer to give him a dose every three hours. Before leaving he asked for the names of some of the worst class of drunkards in the city. They were given to him. He told the officer that he was devoted to the cause of humanity, and said his purpose was to help fallen man. In about two hours a hack drove up to the City Prison, and when the door was opened there lay the humanitarian of two hours before so fearfully drunk that he had to be carried into a cell. Officer Leavy is unable to account for this sudden change, unless it is upon this hypothesis: That his plan to benefit mankind is to drink all the liquor himself, or sample it, as he did last night, and learn what kind of stuff he has to save men from.

A RUNAWAY.—Charles E. Bishop, County Superintendent of Schools, is the owner of a fine and fast horse. Occasionally Mr. Bishop, when weary from the duties connected with the office, hitches his flyer to a wagon and speeds him over the fine drives that Sacramento is noted for. Yesterday morning happened to be one of those occasions, and as Mr. Bishop was driving on Twelfth street, near G, a boy on horseback ran into his wagon and broke the axletree. The Superintendent of Schools was thrown out, but held on to the lines and was dragged about four rods through the mud, and then let go of the lines. The horse ran a short distance, collided with an express wagon and was captured. Mr. Bishop's wagon is a complete wreck. Mr. Bishop thinks it is fortunate for himself and the educational interests of this county that he invariably rides alone.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.—The Board of Supervisors met yesterday in their rooms at 10 o'clock, and transacted the following business: All the members were present. Mrs. Ann Wood petitioned the Board for relief; she stated that she was in destitute circumstances. On motion Supervisor Christy was appointed to investigate the case, and report at the next meeting of the Board. The resignation of Albert Haller, County Horticultural Commissioner, was read and accepted. The committee appointed to investigate the application of Mrs. A. Woods for relief, recommended that $15 be appropriated. The same was allowed. The following bills were then ordered paid: M. A. Fry, $84 50; Sacramento Lumber Company, $154 38. The Board adjourned to 10 o'clock this morning.

POLICE COURT.—The following business was transacted in the Police Court yesterday: Dennis Maddigan, charged with battery and disturbing the peace, had his case continued until the 25th. Ah Judge was examined for misdemeanor and discharged. G. H. Mootry, charged with battery, was dismissed. Mrs. Sarah Johnston, charged with disturbing the peace—case was dismissed on motion of the prosecuting attorney. The charge of petit larceny against John Heppe was taken under advisement until this morning. Valentine was tried and convicted of misdemeanor; judgment was deferred until this morning. Carrie Harris was examined for petit larceny, and discharged.

GRAND JURY DRAWN.—Yesterday Judge Deason issued an order for a Grand Jury to meet on October 31. The following-named persons were drawn: H. M. La Rue, Samuel Gerson, John McIntire, Oliver Plummer, John Miller, Solomon Kruger, John McGuire, James Furnisch, Thomas McConnell, John C. Martin, N. Clark, Jabez E. Turner, Edward Twitchell, E. K. Alsip, William Farmer, O. S. Ferrell, George W. Chesley, Frederick Mier, Joseph Routier, A. Mull, O. P. Goodhue, Fred. Cox, R. J. Merkley, A. S. Greenlaw, Robert Anderson, Alexander Neilson, W. S. Manlove, Robert Devlir, S. B. Moore, W. A. Strobel.

INCORPORATED.—There were filed with the Secretary of State yesterday the following articles of incorporation: By the Pacific Coast Railway Company. Directors—Chas. Goodall, William Norris, John Rosenfeld, John E. Howard, W. H. Knight and S. O. Graham. Capital stock, $2,628,500, divided into 26,285 shares. Principal place of business, San Francisco. Also articles of consolidation and amalgamation of the San Luis Obispo and Santa Maria Valley Railroad Company with the Pacific Coast Railroad Company.

LITERARY SOCIETY.—A meeting of the debating and literary society of the Sacramento Institute was held Wednesday evening at the Christian Brothers' college. The members were entertained by a debate on "Music and Eloquence," in reference to their influence on man. The young gentlemen who espoused the cause of "Music and Her Sister, Song" were: J. W. Doyle, R. H. Smith and G. W. Thomas. For "Potent Power of Eloquence" was sustained by J. S. Quinn, G. W. Pickett and Wm. J. Hoehn. The debate was decided in favor of the latter.

[illegible]CURED.—On Wednesday, while [illegible]ng, an employe in the cabinet department of the railroad shops, was running [illegible] right hand was caught in the [illegible] and before assistance could be [illegible] all of the fingers of that hand were [illegible] Mr. Schilling was for a number of [illegible]ployed with Van Heusen & Hunt[illegible] this city.

THE STATE TAX LEVY.

The State tax levy, as fixed by the State Board of Equalization, for 1882, is based upon a property valuation of $582,158 981, or $51,420,696 less than that of last year, which was $633,579,677. The following table shows the comparative assessment valuations, by counties, for the two years:

Counties.	1881.	1882.
Alameda	$45,657,968	$45,801,464
Alpine	312,007	310,068
Amador	2,921,854	2,858,185
Butte	12,794 168	12,358,099
Calaveras	2,693,585	2,621,869
Colusa	17,841,410	17,442,318
Contra Costa	8,758,344	8,596,539
Del Norte	892,819	862 690
El Dorado	2,895,267	2,918,768
Fresno	8,818,800	8,298,097
Humboldt	6,239,550	6,895,079
Inyo	1,057,595	1,086,831
Kern	6,028,722	5,431,691
Lake	2,400,408	2,295,827
Lassen	1,215,353	1,405,519
Los Angeles	20,203,791	20,916,835
Marin	7,557,500	7,581,093
Mariposa	1,626,421	1,503,283
Mendocino	6,117,014	6,282,449
Merced	6,647,345	6,234,800
Modoc	1,793,370	1,750,000
Mono	3,133,622	2,896,148
Monterey	8,255,474	8,144,184
Napa	9,157,047	9,136,515
Nevada	8,308,667	7,695,149
Placer	8,887,921	7,733,524
Plumas	2,194,714	2,046,635
Sacramento	22,267,249	20,623,031
San Benito	4,111,736	4,149,939
San Bernardino	3,967,866	3,925,843
San Diego	6,928,983	7,039,955
San Francisco	222,284,255	201,962,162
San Joaquin	25,336,994	28,114,757
San Luis Obispo	5,029,163	5,178,526
San Mateo	6,558,495	8,030,894
Santa Barbara	5,022,722	5,094,143
Santa Clara	26,017,127	26,018,176
Santa Cruz	5,825,910	5,613,498
Shasta	2,728,790	2,510,276
Sierra	1,612,745	1,685,368
Siskiyou	3,538,005	3,476,691
Solano	11,617,756	11,787,656
Sonoma	17,749,950	18,962,610
Stanislaus	11,414,256	10,620,719
Sutter	4,613,181	4,256,682
Tehama	7,132,799	6,837,592
Trinity	1,074,071	1,126,326
Tulare	7,840,993	7,997,616
Tuolumne	1,957,337	1,99 ,897
Ventura	3,347,787	3,171,136
Yolo	13,666,940	13,207,022
Yuba	4,828,614	4,301,492
Totals	$633,579,677	$582,158,981

For 1882 the tax rate is 59.6 cents on each $100 of assessed valuation. This is divided for the funds as follows: For the general fund, 27.8 cents; for the schools, 24 3 cents, and for the interest and sinking fund, 7.5 cents. The tax levy for 1881 was 65.5 cents. The reduction is therefore very nearly 6 cents. The appropriations made by the last Legislature were about $600,000 less than were made by the preceding body. The comparative showing above given shows a reduction of assessed values in San Francisco of $20,303,093, or a fraction less than 9 per cent. The reduction in assessed values in Sacramento county amounts to $1,644,215, or slightly in excess of 7 per cent.

Alameda, El Dorado, Humboldt, Inyo, Lassen, Los Angeles, Marin, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Sierra, Solano, Sonoma, Trinity, Tulare and Tuolumne show increased assessed values, while all the others show reductions. Yolo's is $459,918, Yuba $527,152, Tehama $295,297, Stanislaus nearly $1,290,000, Santa Cruz about $300,000, San Joaquin $422 237, Placer $1,149,397, Plumas $148,079, Nevada $1,113,458, Mono $237,474, Merced $412,545, Lake $106,581, Kern $1,197,031, Fresno $520,703, Colusa $99,092, Butte $540,069.

Mr. Dutton, President of the Board of Equalization, is reported as saying that the difference in the assessments is mainly due to the work of local Assessors, who have been less successful than usual in listing personal property, especially money, and to this latter cause he attributes the 9 per cent. decline in San Francisco. The new revenue law had a tendency to bring out increased values. Some of the County Supervisor Boards reduced individual assessments, and this accounts for a portion of the reductions. Railroad assessments are somewhat lower this year, and he says that in many cases the State Board made material reductions, but the cases were chiefly those of small railway lines and on some of the Central Pacific Railroad leased lines. On the main line the valuation was increased $2,000 per mile. Mining property has suffered depreciation, especially in hydraulic-mining sections. Mr. Dutton says Plumas county has fallen off a million dollars, but in that he was much mistaken, her declination being but $148,079. Reductions, he says, were made on railroad property, because the assessments were found in some cases to be too high, as compared to the valuation of other property. On the line of the Southern Pacific Railroad beyond Goshen a reduction of $3,000 per mile was made. The Board has not the power, under the ruling of the Supreme Court, to review class assessments. Mr. Dutton says that in one county milk cows were assessed at $10 each and in another at $25 each, but the Board had no power to correct either assessment. Unless the basis of valuation was that of incomes, the railroad assessments, he said, were too high in many cases in 1881. In the counties showing the largest increase in assessed values, he thinks the reason is due to vigilant and thorough Assessors. Where reductions are noted, it may be due to the laxity of Assessors and the reduction on railroads. He believed that railroad lands all over the State have been assessed with fairness, and the corporations have made returns of their patented lands promptly and will pay taxes on as high valuations as the same class of other property. The Board, he added, was aware of inequalities in taxation in the various counties, but has no power to equalize them.

CAPITAL CHIPS.

One hundred and six immigrant passengers will arrive by the overland train this afternoon.

Officer Shellars is doing good work with the chain-gang. For the last two days they have been employed on J and K streets cleaning the cutters.

People who pass back and forth on K street, between Fifth and Sixth, complain about an old counter that occupies about one-fourth of the sidewalk.

A box of peaches was received at this office yesterday from C. F. Fobas, of Penryn. They were very large, fine-flavored and of a superior quality.

The Johnston Brandy and Wine Manufacturing Company, located near the Sacramento river, between S and T streets, in this city, is receiving large quantities of grapes, and commenced crushing and manufacturing.

John B. Lemay, a son of the foreman of the pattern department at the railroad shops, was severely injured by a fall at Battle Mountain on Tuesday. Last evening his mother left on the overland train to bring him home. They will arrive this morning.

The steamer San Joaquin No. 2 arrived from San Francisco yesterday with merchandise and a barge of lumber for Friend, Terry & Co. and N. L. Drew. Also the steamer Reform, from San Francisco, with lumber for Friend, Terry & Co. and W. F. Frazer.

Last evening Court Capitol, No. 6,742, A. O. F., paid Court Sacramento, No. 6 861, Ancient Order of Foresters, a fraternal visit. The Court suspended the regular order of business, and a lengthy programme of songs, speeches and music was presented. The visiting Court was very much pleased with the manner in which they were entertained.

Last evening W. F. Norcross, who is visiting the city, received a dispatch from the Sovereign Grand Lodge of I. O. O. F., now in session in the city of Baltimore, Maryland, stating that the following named persons had been elected Grand Lodge officers: Eri J. Leech, of Georgia, Grand Sire; J. F. Garvey, Deputy Grand Sire; Theodore A. Rose, present incumbent, elected Grand Secretary.

The Arizona monster, owned by officer Dunlevy, broke from his cage last night and ran out into the court in the rear of the prison. Officer Leavy marshaled all the available force at his command, and armed them with shovels and clubs, and then took a position on a chair and gave the order to advance. The lizard, which is about twenty inches in length, and the ugliest reptile on earth, was soon captured and returned to its cage. The officer says he would sooner face three men than that blasted ugly thing.

THE PERJURY CASE.—Minor Waldron and Oscar Lyons have been arrested for perjury on complaints sworn out by District Attorney Buckley. They are both held to appear October 10th under $5,000 bail each.

LADIES, before purchasing we would invite your inspection of the many new lines of silks and dress goods just received at our establishment. Hale Bros. & Co., Ninth and K streets. *

BLACK LACES—Just received a splendid line of black Spanish, French and guipure laces, handsome patterns. Hale Bros. & Co., Ninth and K streets. *

PIERCE BROS., corner of Eleventh and J streets, are selling good dairy butter for 70 cents, and gilt-edge butter, 75 cents. Come and see. *

A FEW more of those very cheap goblets and sauce-plates left, advertised in the closing-out sale of Ackerman & Co. *

ALL GOODS, in quantity, quality, variety, style and price, unequaled at Hale Bros. & Co., Ninth and K. *

NEW, bright and stylish goods daily arriving. Call first at Hale Bros. & Co., Ninth and K streets. *

PURSES, hairbrushes, and combs sold regardless of cost, at Ackerman's closing-out sale. *

ROCK AND RYE cures colds, coughs and bronchial diseases. G. W. Chesley, agent.*

FOR fever and ague, liver complaint, etc. physicians recommend IXL Bitters. *

NOVELTIES in silks, satins, etc., incomparable values, at Hale Bros. & Co. *

SEE our advertisement of this issue. Hale Bros. & Co., Ninth and K streets. *

BUY your dresses at Hale Bros. & Co., Ninth and K. *

Arthur Sullivan is working hard upon his new fairy opera. Those who have had a partial sight and hearing of it state that it is likely to be full of fun and melody.

PACIFIC SLOPE.

The Oregon Senatorship—Shooting Affair in Colusa County—The Fair at Stockton—Confession of an Incendiary—The M. E. Conference—Campaign Meetings—San Mateo County Republican Nominations—Etc.

[SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE RECORD-UNION.]

CALIFORNIA.

Shooting Affair in Colusa County.

ARBUCKLE, September 21st.—In a drunken row to-day between Doc Stewart and W. Finnell, the latter was shot by Stewart through the lungs. There are small hopes of his recovery. Stewart was immediately arrested.

The Fair at Stockton—Races.

STOCKTON, September 21st.—The stock parade at the Fair Grounds this morning was a very creditable affair. There was a large display of horses and cattle of the finest in the State. The district trotting race, continued over from yesterday, was won by Shippee's Inauguration in 2:40¾. Silverthread second. In the district running race there were three entries—May D., Jim Douglas and Inauguration, Sr. May D. was the winner in two straight heats, with Jim Douglas second and Inauguration third. Best time, 2:44¾. In the free-for-all equestrienne tournament there were six entries. Miss Amanda Rodgers, of San Jose, took the first prize; Miss Belle Ellis, of Sacramento, the second, and Mrs. Trefry, of Tulare, and Miss Lottie Bailey, of Stockton, tied on the third. In the special race there were three entries—Ashley, Tump Winston and Mosco. In the first heat Winston was first, Ashley second, Mosco third. Time, 2:27. In the second heat Mosco was first, Winston second, Ashley third. Time, 2:30¾. In the third heat Winston was first, Mosco second, Ashley third. Time, 2:30¾.

Shooting at Tahoe.

TRUCKEE, September 21st.—A shooting affair occurred at Lake Tahoe last Sunday night, the particulars of which have just been received at this place. It appears that William Pomin, proprietor of the Tahoe House, last Saturday evening had a dispute with a barber who worked in the Grand Central Hotel, during which words ran very high, but no assault took place. It was supposed that the trouble was amicably settled, but it now appears, however, to the contrary, for Mr. Pomin and the hairdresser met on the sidewalk Sunday evening, and after a few angry words the barber drew a pistol and fired five shots at Pomin, only one of which took effect, and that one striking him on the hand.

A Domestic's Death.

PORT COSTA, September 21st.—Lizzie Smith, a domestic at the Port Costa House, walked overboard last evening, and was drowned.

The Campaign.

HANFORD, September 21st.—A political meeting assembled from all the Mussel Slough country to hear Estee and Morrow this afternoon.

SAN JOSE, September 21st.—The Democrats held a meeting this evening at Music Hall. C. T. Ryland presided, and the speakers were C. A. Sumner and Stephen M. White.

SAN LUIS OBISPO, September 21st.—Governor George L. Woods and Colonel E. M. Gibson spoke here to-night to an audience of citizens from all parts of the county.

VISALIA, September 21st.—Estee addressed about 300 people to-night at the City Hall.

LOS ANGELES, September 21st.—Judge Tully, Democratic candidate for Congress in the Fourth District, Colonel Tobin and Mr. Markley, spoke last night at Wilmington.

San Mateo County Republicans.

REDWOOD CITY, September 21st.—The Republican County Convention met here this afternoon at 1 o'clock. The Convention was called to order by W. Z. Price, Chairman of the County Committee. Alexander Gordon was elected Chairman, and J. C. Williamson and C. M. Morse Secretaries. The following ticket was nominated: Member of Assembly, Charles N. Felton, of Menlo Park; Clerk and Recorder, George Rice, of Redwood City; Sheriff and Tax Collector, H. W. Walker, of San Mateo; Treasurer, P. P. Chamberlain, of Redwood City; District Attorney, George C. Ross, of Redwood City; Superintendent of Schools, G. P. Hartley, of Redwood City; Auditor, E. Ekerson, of Searsville; Surveyor, J. J. Cloud, of Redwood City; Coroner and Public Administrator, William Stewart, of Redwood City.

The M. E. Church Conference.

OAKLAND, September 21st.—The Conference reconvened this morning in the First Baptist Church. Rev. J. H. Wythe, M. D., conducted the opening services.

Dr. Briggs moved that a committee be appointed to consider the request of Rev. Mr. Newton for supernumerary relation.

The consideration of the twentieth question was resumed. Reports of character nominations were given. B. F. Taylor asked for supernumerary relation without appointment. Granted. A. J. Wells was granted location at his own request.

Rev. Mr. Fowler, of New York, spoke for over an hour on the question of missions in foreign countries, and spoke of the best methods of gaining money for the support of missions. He advised the pastors to carry out the methods of the Discipline.

On motion, the supernumerary relation of several ministers was continued.

Confession of Arson.

NAPA, September 21st.—G. A. Schulte, of San Francisco, lately held in this county to answer on a charge of arson, to-day confessed to the Sheriff and District Attorney that he burned the premises which he was charged with having set on fire.

Caught in Machinery.

SAN DIEGO, September 21st.—W. F. Williams, one of the oldest and most highly esteemed citizens of this place, was caught in the machinery in the flour mill, of which he is Superintendent, this morning, and received injuries which are considered fatal by his physicians.

OREGON.

The Senatorship.

PORTLAND, September 21st.—To-day's ballot resulted: Mitchell 36, Prim (Dem.) 33, George P. Williams 16, Boise 3, George 1.

Incorporation—Mechanics' Fair.

PORTLAND, September 21st.—Articles were filed to-day incorporating the Metropolitan Savings Bank. Capital stock, $150,000. C. P. Hogue, V. B. Delashmutt and E. Williams, incorporators.

The Mechanics' Fair opened to-night with a large attendance. The exhibits in every department are much larger than last year. The display of cereals and minerals is the finest ever made in the State.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Arrival of the Marquis of Lorne and Princess Louise.

VICTORIA (B. C.), September 21st.—Yesterday dawned brightly, and the people of Victoria and vicinity were early on foot to witness the reception of the Governor-General and Princess Louise. The royal party landed from the Comus at 11 o'clock, the sailors manning the yards, bands playing, batteries saluting and the populace cheering. They were received by the Lieutenant-Governor, who read an address. They were then escorted to Victoria by several hundred citizens, the firemen, military and benevolent societies. At the city gates the Mayor presented the freedom of the city and an address. On reaching the grand stand, 500 children sang the national anthem, and another address was presented. Replies were given by the Marquis. As the carriage passed along the streets to the Government House the occupants were repeatedly cheered. All the houses and stores along the line of march were duly decorated, the Americans vieing with the British residents in showing respect for the visitors. The Chinese arch was forty feet in hight and shaped like a pagoda. The ornamentation cost several thousand dollars. Across the front are the words, "The Occident Greets the Orient." The mail steamship Dakota and United States steamer Oliver Wolcott, lying in port, were decked in American colors. Among the gentlemen presented to his Excellency and the Princess was the American Consul.

The Vice Regal Party.

VICTORIA, September 21st.—The Vice-regal party visited Esquimalt to-day, and examined the dry dock. His Excellency also examined the capacious harbor of Esquimalt, the ultimate terminus of the Canada Pacific Railway. The distinguished visitors will open the Agricultural Show on Wednesday next, and on the following day will proceed to the interior. Returning, the Governor-General will visit the vast coal field on the coast of the island on the 7th of October.

SAN FRANCISCO.

Grand Reception to Senator Miller—The Veterans' Home Site—Assistant Engineer Brady Killed—On Trial for Mail Robbery—Suicide with Laudanum—Mate of a Steamer Drowned—Etc.

[SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE RECORD-UNION.]

Arrival of Senator Miller.

SAN FRANCISCO, September 21st.—Senator Miller arrived on the overland train to-day. He was met at the Oakland depot by the following Committee of Reception: P. B. Cornwall, Chairman of the Republican State Central Committee; F. F. Low, President of the Republican League; Mayor Blake, Chancellor Hanson, F. R. Watson, William B. May, S. F. Backus, O. C. Miller, J. L. Tharp, W. H. Sears and H. C. Miller, by whom, after the usual greetings, he was escorted to the ferry-boat, and on arriving on this side, to the Palace Hotel, where he will during the day receive his friends informally.

[SECOND DISPATCH.]

SAN FRANCISCO, September 21st.—During the afternoon Senator Miller remained at the Palace Hotel, receiving the visits and congratulations of personal and political friends. Soon after sunset crowds began to assemble in and around the Palace, and before 8 o'clock the court, brilliantly illuminated, was thronged with citizens, the galleries lined with ladies and their escorts, while in the street without the marching and countermarching of Ward Clubs, Garfield Invincibles and other uniformed political organizations, with torches, lime-lights, fireworks and transparencies, and bursts of martial music, made an animated feature. At ten minutes past 8 the guest of the evening, accompanied by ex-Governor Low, President of the Union Republican Club, P. B. Cornwall, Chairman of the State Central Committee, and General W. H. L. Barnes, appeared in the court, entered a barouche drawn by four handsome dapple grays, and drove through the archway into the street, amid the cheers of the crowd, which gathered around the carriage and pressed forward to grasp the hand of the popular Senator. Bands struck up, the clubs fell into line, and the column of gleaming torches marched through New Montgomery, Market, Fourth and Mission streets, accompanied by cheering thousands, to the Grand Opera House. The building was thronged to its utmost capacity, and the brilliant toilets of the ladies made the upper circles gay with color.

Senator Miller, as he appeared upon the stage at the Opera House, was greeted with loud and prolonged applause, which he gracefully acknowledged. He was escorted by ex-Governor F. F. Low, President of the Union League, P. B. Cornwall, Chairman of the Republican State Central Committee, and General W. H. L. Barnes. Seated on the platform were Mayor Blake, Chancellor Hartson, William B. May, Moses Heller, Senator Sears, W. W. Cameron, Captain W. L. Merry, L. Wadlow, Assessor Badlam, J. S. Tabor, President of the Board of Trade, ex-Supervisor Frazer, Bank Commissioner Litchfield and many others. The band discoursed a medley of lively national airs, when ex-Governor Low, President of the meeting, arose, and in a few happy remarks, introduced to the immense audience General W. H. L. Barnes. This gentleman made a most appropriate address, in which he paid an eloquent tribute to Senator Miller, enumerating the valuable services rendered by him as a public servant of the State. General Barnes concluded his remarks by introducing Senator Miller. He appeared on the rostrum amid great applause. His address was modest, forcible and to the point. Among other things, Senator Miller said that there were others of his co-laborers who were entitled to the same share of public indorsement and commendation as himself. He claimed that he had done no more than his simple duty in laboring for the interest of every section of this great and growing State, which had so highly honored him. He thanked the people of San Francisco for the great compliment bestowed in according him such a cordial reception on his return home. It was most gratifying to him. Senator Miller was followed by J. S Taber and W. H. Sears, both of whom alluded in very complimentary terms to the active and efficient services rendered by Senator Miller and the other Senator and Representatives of California, in securing the passage of the bill appropriating $1,000,000 for river and harbor improvements, and also the bill which restricted Chinese immigration, mentioning in brief, but effective language, the vast benefits which have already resulted and will result to the State, in fact to the whole Pacific coast. The addresses were interspersed with music by the military bands. At the conclusion of the addresses, the meeting adjourned, when all formalities were laid aside and a general hand-shaking and congratulations were indulged in. At a late hour the immense audience filed out of the opera house and dispersed.

Suicide with Laudanum—Mate of a Steamer Drowned.

SAN FRANCISCO, September 21st.—William H. Gaylord, a stable-keeper on Mission street, committed suicide this morning by taking laudanum. The cause was whisky.

Charles Anderson, mate of the steamer Yreka, fell overboard last night, while attempting to board the steamer, and was drowned. The body was recovered this morning.

Prominent Fireman Killed by a Runaway.

SAN FRANCISCO, September 21st.—While Assistant Chief Engineer Brady was answering an alarm of fire this afternoon, a team attached to a hay express wagon became alarmed and ran away. The team ran into Brady's buggy, causing his horse to become unmanageable, and he was thrown out and instantly killed. The driver of the express wagon is said to be very badly injured.

On Trial for Robbing the Mails.

SAN FRANCISCO, September 21st.—A. A. Winslow, late conductor on the Vacaville Railroad, is on trial before a jury in the United States District Court on charges of stealing registered money letters from the United States mails, on his train, in March last. The accused was arrested at Elmira, on the Vacaville road, by Postoffice Inspector Mahoney.

Loss by Fire—The Dead Fireman.

SAN FRANCISCO, September 21st.—The total loss by the fire at the corner of Fourth and Berry streets foots up $58,913.

Assistant Chief Engineer Brady was not killed instantly by the runaway accident this afternoon, as at first reported. His skull was fractured by the fall, and his body terribly bruised. In an unconscious condition he was removed to the Receiving Hospital, where he died about 9 o'clock to-night. He remained unconscious up to the time of his death. Deceased was for many years connected with the fire department of San Francisco. He was a member of old Washington Hose Company. The driver of the wagon which ran into Brady's carriage was thrown out by the collision, but escaped with slight injuries.

The Veterans' Home—A Site Selected.

SAN FRANCISCO, September 21st.—The committees having in charge the work of selecting for recommendation for purchase a tract of land for the site of the Veterans' Home met this afternoon, and decided in favor of General Clark's place, nine miles from Napa, on the St. Helena road. The tract selected is on the railroad, and consists of 900 acr s of valley, rolling and hill land. The Directors of the Veterans' Home Association will hold a meeting next Monday, to which the recommendation decided upon yesterday will be submitted for final action.

Stabbing Affray—Somewhat Improved.

SAN FRANCISCO, September 21st.—At half past 10 o'clock to-night Joseph Uriate, while passing along Hinckley street, near Pinckney Place, was set upon by Edoardo Reyes, who cut him seven times in the face with a knife. Uriate then drew a knife and stabbed Reyes in the neck and in the left arm. The two men were arrested and locked up for assault to murder. Neither of the prisoners offered any explanation.

To-day the condition of Miss Emma Perry, who fell from the top of reservoir hill, was somewhat improved. She had not, however, recovered consciousness up to a late hour tonight.

Sailed for China.

SAN FRANCISCO, September 21st.—The steamship City of Tokio sailed this afternoon for China and Japan, with a full cargo of assorted merchandise and a large number of Chinese passengers, nearly all of whom contemplate returning to California.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

A. A. Wood came to the city from San Francisco yesterday.

T. H. Wallis, State Librarian, returned from San Francisco yesterday.

Mrs. Nelson Peck and children have returned from a visit to Santa Monica, Los Angeles county.

Mrs. E. B. Crocker, Mrs. Lansing, Mrs. Baldwin, Mrs. Crouch and Miss Mamie Crouch, went to Tahoe Thursday evening.

Mrs. Dr. Gates and daughter Gertie have returned to their home in San Francisco after a visit of several days as the guests of Dr. Nixon.

W. Cole and family, who have been rusticating for two or three months at Bartlett Springs and vicinity, have returned to the city.

Mrs Hiram Garrett left Thursday morning for a few weeks' visit to Galt, where she will remain the guest of her sister, Mrs. T. J. Smith.

SUPERIOR COURT.

DEPARTMENT ONE—DENSON, Judge.

THURSDAY, September 21, 1882.

Margaret Taylor vs. Mary E. Ober—On trial.

THE TOAD AND ITS HABITS.—Formerly the toad was considered a venomous reptile; but in our days its habits have been more carefully observed, and its great value to the pomologist and gardener has been fully established, on account of its propensity for destroying insects, especially those injurious to vegetation. We should, therefore, sedulously cultivate the friendship and crave the assistance of the inoffensive reptiles, including the snake, as well as that of birds. Every tidy housewife detests the cockroach, mice and other vermin. Two or three domesticated toads would keep the coast clear of these and would be found more desirable than a cat, as they are wholly free from trespassing on the rights of man as does the cat. The toad is possessed of a timid and retiring nature, loving dark and shady places, but under kind treatment becoming quite tame. Many instances are cited of pet toads remaining several years in a family, and doing valuable services with no other compensation than immunity from persecution. All that is necessary to secure their co operation, indoor or out, is to provide them cool and safe retreats by day, convenient access to water, and they will go forth to the performance of their nocturnal duties "without money and without price." In Europe toads are carried to the cities to market, and are purchased by the horticulturists, who by their aid are enabled to keep in check the multiplication of the insect tribes which prey upon their fruits, etc.

HE UNDERSTOOD HUMAN NATURE.—The death of Bertali, the caricaturist, recalls this incident: When illustrating Balzac's novels he came upon a passage of which he could not catch the sense. Balzac said: "There is no meaning to it at all. That's why I put it in. You see, for the average reader all that is clear seems easy; and if from time to time I didn't give him a complicated and empty sentence, he would think that he knew as much as I did. Consequently, every now and then I tip him something heart-breaking, and he puzzles over it, and rereads it, and takes his head between his hands and glares at it, and then when he can make neither head nor tail of it, he is perfectly happy, and says: 'Great man, that Balzac; he knows more than I do.'"

According to the Greek journal *Ephemeris* there have been discovered at Salonica several works of the famous physician Galen hitherto considered lost. The manuscripts found date from the fifteenth century, and contained originally 248 sheets, eighty of which were lost.

PASSENGER LISTS.

OMAHA, September 21st.—Left here to-day, to arrive in Sacramento September 25th: Mrs. J. W. Bryant, Diamond Springs, Cal.; Miss Emily D. Watson, Ontario; A. Wolf, Yokohama; Mr. Ralph, Boston; Cyrus Jones and family, San Jose; Mrs. Rice and two children, Shanghai; Mrs. Kelley, Mrs. Chapman, Chicago; Miss C. T. Pardee, New York; F. Bachelor, San Francisco; Robert D. Rhodes, Quebec; J. H. Hickox and wife, Oakland; William Kelsey and wife, Philadelphia; E. Mudge, Miss Mudge, M. M. Barlow, Boston; Miss E. Dawson, Leeds, England; John Dallar, Florence, Italy.

CARLIN, September 21st.—Passed here to-day to arrive in Sacramento to-morrow: J. R. Elliott, James Rathroy, New Zealand; Fred. Yates, Paris; J. A. Freeman, Chicago; C. B. Jones, Topeka, Ks.; John Campbell, Mrs. A. M. Edgington, H. R. Judah, Max Oberfelder, L. Schweitzer, San Francisco; Geo. Mullett, L. Wood, Denver, Col.; Mrs. Captain J. C. Currier and two children, Charlie Currier, San Luis Obispo; W. K. Smith, Portland, Or.; Mrs. E. H. Barton, Newton, Mass.; Sol. E. Bocharach, Cincinnati; P. G. Malcolm, Melbourne, Australia; Chas. D. Irons and wife, Fargo, Dakota; Major David M. Clifton, Bristol; J. C. Armstrong, Ogden; G. Lane, Colorado; William Kissel, Leadville, Col.; H. McKinnon, Huntsville, O.; Robt. Nicol, Scotland; Chas. C. Grant, Canada; W. N. Porter, Modesto; Chas. Bennett, Los Angeles; H. W. Olmsted, Mrs. Olmstead, Miss S. F. Olmsted, Lincoln, Neb.; D. Tuthill, Santa Cruz; John Glasson, Grass Valley; John A. Hudson, New York; A. P. Hendricks, Omaha; 106 emigrant passengers, including 62 males, to arrive in Sacramento September 23d.

NEWHALL, September 21st.—Passed here to-day, to arrive in San Francisco to-morrow: Van