THE DAILY RECORD-UNION.

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NEW YEAR'S PAPER.

According to a custom which has marked the course of this journal for many years, its issue on the first day of January, 1884, will be quadruple in pages, and of enlarged size of form. The holiday number will be devoted to special articles of living interest from a number of skilled writers. It will also present very prominently the interests of the city of Sacramento and fairly and fully present its claims as the second city in the State in commercial importance. We shall not make special business notices a prominent feature, nor permit them to subordinate the literary matter and commercial exhibits, but a reasonable space will be allowed to the presentation of the claims of leading lines of business. The aim will be to make the issue thoroughly readable and representative. The paper will be a superior one to mail abroad and for home reading. Orders for extra copies should be filed at once, that the edition, which will be a very large one, may be made adequate to the demand.

DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

UNITED STATES SIGNAL OFFICE, SACRAMENTO, December 16, 1883—8:02 P.M.

Place of observation.	Barom. High	Barom. Change in 8 hours.	Ther. Exposed	Ther. Change in 24 hours	Direction of wind and velocity	Rain in 24 hours	Weather
Tatoosh	30.29		33		S. W.		Fogy
Olympia	30.32		36		Calm	0	Cl'dy
Portland			36				Fogy
Fort Canby			34		N. E.		
Roseburg	30.34		58				
Mendocino	30.4						
Red Bluff			45		N.W.		Clear
Sacramento	30.19		52		N. E.		Clear
S Francisco	30.22		67		S. E.		Cl'dy
Los Angeles	30.11		72		N.E.	11	Cl'dy
San Diego	30.05						

Maximum temperature, 54.9; minimum, 26.8.
River, 7.2 feet—no change in 24 hours.

JAMES A. BARWICK,
Sergeant, Signal Corps, U. S. A.

ADVERTISEMENT MENTION.

Y. M. C. A.—Social this evening.
Entertainment—Pioneer Hall, December 20th.
A. O. F.—Court Capitol, to-night.
I. O. O. F.—Uniformed Degree, to-night.
R. and S. M.—Sacramento Council, to-night.
K. of H.—California Lodge, to-night.
I. O. C. F.—Capital Council, to-night.
Germania B. and L. Association—Installments due.
Hermon Perry—Notice to creditors.

Auction.

Easton & Eldridge—Diamonds, watches, etc.

Business Advertisements.

Mechanics' Store—Holiday notions.
Red House—Christmas greetings.
Hale Bros.—Xmas goods.
Theodore Schwamb—Holiday goods.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

PARDONS.—Governor Stoneman has pardoned Henry McDonald, convicted in the May term of the Superior Court (1882) of San Francisco for burglary and sentenced to the State Prison for four years. The prisoner is but 17 years old, and his mother, living in Seattle, Washington Territory, needing his support, desires that he be allowed to come to her on condition that he never returns to this State, and he is pardoned on that condition, said pardon to be null and void if he fails to clear out; Mary McGinley, convicted at the November term of the Superior Court (1883) of Sacramento and sentenced to one year in State Prison for grand larceny, on the written testimony of Judge Armstrong, in whose Court she was tried, the District Attorney and eight jurors stating that there were grave doubts concerning her guilt; Henry Moore, convicted at the August term of the Superior Court (1881) of San Francisco of grand larceny and sentenced to ten years in State Prison, on the recommendation of prison physician for pardon on grounds that he is dying with tumor, and that justice will not be more fully subserved by a longer imprisonment.

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS. — Governor Stoneman has appointed the following District Directors of Agriculture: District No. 5, Edward Younger, of San Jose, vice Abram King, resigned, and George Bennett, of Redwood City, vice himself, term expired. District No. 6, Frank A. Kimball, San Diego, vice E. J. Barretts, term expired; Sherman Washburn, of Pasadena, Los Angeles county, vice O. W. Childs, term expired. District No. 7, J. B. Iverson, of Monterey county, vice E. Sherwood, term expired; Jesse D. Carr, of Salinas City, Monterey county, vice himself, term expired. District No. 8, L. G. Norris, of Plymouth, Amador county, and Dana Perkins, of Rocklin, Placer county, vice Seless, term expired. The Governor has also appointed J. J. Rice, of Silver Mountain, Alpine county, a Supervisor for Supervisor District No. 1, vice H. C. Ginn, resigned, to hold until the next general election.

THE HOP MARKET.—The latest hop circular from Messrs. LeMay, of London, giving present prices and indications in that market, says: "Our market still continues exceedingly firm; there is a good steady demand and all sales are made at full rates; lots on offer are becoming scarce, the great bulk of the crop having passed into brewers' hands. The price of German hops remains without alteration, which admits of no importation to this country. Four-fifths of the foreign hops that are now arriving come from America, a great portion of which are of very poor quality, but meet with a ready sale at fair prices. The imports of foreign hops into England last week were 3,844 bales; for the corresponding week last year, 3,932 bales. The total import of foreign hops into England from October 1, 1883, to November 24, 1883, were 26,198 bales; from October 1, 1882, to November 25, 1882, 54,398 bales."

THE PRIZE-WINNERS.—The award of prizes at the skating carnival was as follows: First gent's prize, gold medal, Fred Kidder; second prize, silver cup, C. P. Marsh; best lady skater, first prize, toilet set, Miss Roberts; second prize, perfume case, Miss Lena Roddy; best dressed gent, amethyst ring, Ed. Hawley; best dressed lady, opera glasses, Mrs. Warner; best sustained character, cigar case, Bert Kidder; best sustained character by a lady, cologne set, Mrs. Dickerman; best local character, monthly admission ticket, D. Ross; best boy skater, pair skates, James Rogers; best girl skater, pair skates, Miss Emma Duffy.

COMMERCIAL.—Arrived since last report, steamer Varuna, from the upper Sacramento, with barge of grain; steamer San Joaquin No. 2, from San Francisco, with general merchandise and barge of freight for the upper Sacramento; steamer C. M. Small, en route for Marysville. Departed: Steamer San Joaquin No. 2, for San Francisco, with barge of grain; steamer Varuna, for the upper Sacramento, with barge of freight; steamer Dover, light, with barge for the upper Sacramento; steamer Alvarado, for the upper Sacramento, with general merchandise.

CITY AUDITOR'S REPORT.—The receipts for the week ending December 15, 1883, were as follows: William Laufkotter, cemetery dues, $43 75; R. D. Scriver, $560 75; N. A. Kidder, $2 50; W. A. Henry, $17; George A. Putnam, $574 08; George A. Putnam, $1 92; H. B. Nielsen, $217 38. Total, $1,417 38. Disbursements, $7,055 65. Total amount in city treasury, $204,753 61.

PRESTON'S TRIAL TO-MORROW.—The Preston murder case, with which our citizens are familiar, will come up for trial at Woodland to-morrow. The prosecution will be conducted by District Attorney Craig, of Yolo, and Add. C. Hickson and J. C. Ball, and the defense by Chas. T. Jones and B. A. Hudson.

DIAMOND SALE.—On Saturday next Easton & Eldridge, the auctioneers, will hold an auction sale of diamonds and jewelry at their salesroom, No. 22 Montgomery street, San Francisco. The catalogue embraces an elegant variety, and, coming so near Christmas, ought to attract a large number of purchasers.

DRILL TO-NIGHT.—At Armory Hall this evening A, B and G, Governor's Guard, the regimental band, the field and staff and non-commissioned staff will assemble for battalion and skirmish drill and guard mounting, by orders from headquarters of the First Artillery Regiment.

ARRESTS.—The police yesterday arrested J. M. Booth, Joseph Carlton, John Fitzpatrick and J. Langler for being drunk, Ennis Tripp for vagrancy, Ah Loo for disturbing the peace, and Tom Anderson, a boy, charged with stealing 150 sacks from Fourth and P streets.

CONFIRMATION.

Yesterday morning Archbishop Riordan, coadjutor of the Archbishop of the diocese of the Pacific coast, held high mass in St. Rose Church, and in the afternoon at 2 o'clock confirmation was administered. By the time set for the services the building was crowded with people, many from the different Protestant churches attending to witness the beautiful confirmation rites. At the opening of the services the *Veni Creator Spiritus* was sung by a choir of nine boys, Professor Otto Fleissner presiding at the organ. The grand Latin invocation hymn to the Creator rolled over the congregation, the high altar and the white-veiled girls, in a mighty volume of melody, the pure and plaintive childish voices filling in between the great surging waves of organ tone that arose in mighty swells of sound to die away like the moan of distant seas. The candidates for confirmation, of whom there were 50 boys, 68 girls and 12 adults, knelt before the altar and were confirmed, the ceremony consisting of the Archbishop making the sign of the cross over the head and gently tapping the left cheek of each supplicant. The choir then sang the hymn:

Holy Spirit, Lord of light,
From Thy clear celestial hight,
Thy pure, beaming radiance give;
Come Thou, Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure,
Come Thou light of all that live.

At the close of the hymn Archbishop Riordan addressed the young people as the youthful soldiers of the church, in whose service it was now their duty to labor. With a soldierly courage they must now give their powers to the practice of those holy virtues which the Catholic religion inculcates. In this age, when there is a universal scoffing at the religious principles of the few who are struggling along the narrow way, the young Christian needs to fortify himself with the power of ceaseless prayer and a close adherence to the rules of the church of Christ. They were not called upon, said he, to speak great words, but to live virtuously and soberly, to be tender-hearted and loving, to do acts of kindness to each other, to glorify the church of their adoption and reach heaven, the Christian's haven of rest forever. He then repeated in Latin the prayer of invocation to the Holy Ghost, and the confirmed sang *Lauda Sion, Salvatorem* in a grand chorus of voices that filled the large church with the treble thunders of song.

The Archbishop will hold a reception at the Catholic College this morning at 10 o'clock.

LOCAL DASHES.

Major James Buckner, an old citizen of Elk Grove, died last week.

The Marysville express train was delayed several hours on Saturday by the breaking down of the locomotive.

W. H. Carson has been elected Second Lieutenant of Company F, First Artillery Regiment, at Woodland.

The weekly literary meetings of the California Temperance and Benevolent Society have been discontinued until the early part of February.

A free musical and literary entertainment will be given this evening in the Young Men's Christian Association rooms, No. 1009 Fourth street, at 7:30.

Ah Die, who was shot in the leg at the Chinese riot last month, on the corner of Third and I streets, was arrested last Friday for carrying concealed weapons.

Three boys, named Abigo, Lefeove and Valentine, have been arrested for robbing the store of Mrs. M. F. Johnston. They owned up, and also confessed to having cut the window of Mrs. Keller's candy store.

The Methodist Episcopal Church at Hueneme, Ventura county, has filed articles of incorporation, with James T. Savier, A. G. McFarland, Thomas R. Bard, John H. Conrad and Frank Pettit as Directors.

The Sacramento Literary and Dramatic Society will give a musical, literary and dramatic entertainment at its own rooms in the Pioneer Hall building next Wednesday evening, to be followed by a social dance.

A careless butcher on the corner of Seventh and N streets left a $200 sack of coin on his window-sill. Three small boys grabbed the money, but officers subsequently grabbed the boys and recovered most of the sum.

Darius Waterhouse, an insane man, claiming to be the King of Belgium, was arrested at the depot on Saturday while trying excitedly to obtain ten express wagons to haul the baggage of the Queen, whom he expected on the overland train.

A correspondent is anxious to have a street railway across the city from east to west, on Fifteenth street, to accommodate persons wishing to visit the Exposition building and that vicinity. The present street railway company has a charter, and it is understood will construct a track along L street, from Tenth to Fifteenth, and thence along Fifteenth to the Exposition building, in time for the State Fair next season. Such a road would not probably prove remunerative at any other time of the year.

The hour for evening services in all the churches is at present 7 o'clock. The attendants at the Congregational Church assembled at that hour last evening as usual, but the minister, who was here for only a Sabbath as supply, and who was not aware of the regulation hour, consulted the published announcement of services, which in error gave the hour as 7:30. This will explain why an audience waited fifteen minutes patiently for the parson, and ten minutes longer in curious and impatient suspense, and then dismissed itself just before the much-looked-for minister came briskly around the corner, in full assurance that he was at least five minutes ahead of time.

CLOSING EXERCISES.—The closing exercises of Trinity term at St. Mary's Hall, Benicia, take place to-morrow, commencing at 10:30 A. M. The programme is as follows: Duet, sonata, D-major, Misses Frank and Ready; vocal solo, "Ye Merry Birds," Miss Lizzie Walsh; reading, "O, Why Should the Spirit of Mortal be Proud?" Miss Durbin; piano solo, "Tarantelle," op. 85, No. 2, Miss Lizzie Nichols; reading, "The Pauper's Death-bed," Miss Whitney; piano duet, Speilmann's "Stanchen," Misses Foster and Waldever; French recitation, "Mon Pays," Miss Brown; piano solo, minuet, E flat major, Miss Dreisbach; lecture on geology, "Classification of Rocks," Miss Locklin; vocal solo, "O, Loving Heart, Trust On," Miss Marsh; recitation, "Swan's Nest," Miss Gisela Kruger; piano solo, "Aux Bords du Gauge," Miss Frank; original translation, "Fourth Eclogus," Miss Clarkson; piano solo, hunting song, E-major, Miss Giffard; reading, "Rich and Poor Man," Miss Nichols; vocal duet, "Cheerfulness," Misses Marsh and Lewis; reading, "Philosophical Explanation," Miss Mattoon; piano solo, "Nocturne," G-minor, Miss Foster; recitation, "The Brides of Enderby," Miss Waldever; piano solo, sonato, D-major, Miss Ready; class in vocal gymnastics; vocal solo, Miss Mansfield; benediction, Rt. Rev. J. H. D. Wingfield.

NEW THOROUGHBREDS.—Mr. Haggin, of this city, has lately purchased some fine thoroughbreds, which consist of a Mortimer yearling for $1,025, a twe-year-old by Kyrle Daly for $2,000, and a Great Tom yearling for $5,000. His Eastern agent, John W. Mackey, lately purchased at Lancaster, O., the following: Kyrle Daly (imported), bay stallion, foaled in 1870, by Artillery (he by Touchstone, from Jeannette, by Irish Birdcatcher), out of Colleen Rhue, by Gemma di Vergy, a son of Sir Hercules. Kyrle Daly was bred in Ireland by Joseph Lyons, and won the Irish Derby at the Curragh as a three-year-old, and as a four-year-old won the Currah plate, seven furlongs; the Dardistown plate, one mile and a quarter; the Steward's plate at the Curragh. His greatest race was for the Queen's plate, three miles, in which he ran a dead heat with Old Tom and won the deciding heat, carrying 133 pounds. He stands 16¼ hands, and has a sound constitution. Bonnie Kate, chestnut mare, foaled in 1369, $2,000; Lady Middleton, bay mare, foaled in 1875, $2,500; Nettie Peyton, chestnut filly, foaled in 1879, $1,200; Bessie Peyton, chestnut filly, foaled in 1881, $1,100, and a weanling chestnut colt by Kyrle Daly, $485.

CLUB OPENING.—The "Aztec Club," an organization of young gentlemen of this city for social enjoyment, formally opened their new rooms, over Fisher's restaurant, on Saturday evening. It is intended to have the rooms nicely furnished and fitted up with all the adjuncts to render them an agreable place for spending their evenings and to which to invite their friends. The club starts with twenty-two members and the following officers: President, A. Abbott; Vice-President, George Conway; Secretary, A. E. Shattuck; Directors, W. C. Van Fleet, J. H. Parkinson and E. J. De Pue.

POLICE COURT.—The case of Ah Die, for carrying concealed weapons, has been continued until December 18th. Ah Hung, for stealing 20 cent's worth of coke from D. Gardner's wood-yard, was discharged, at the request of the prosecution. Hance Hanson, has been sent to the County Jail for four days for sleeping in the railroad depot. Jack Smith has been convicted of petit larceny, and will be sentenced to-day. James Brady, a common drunkard, has been sent to the County Jail for fifteen days.

OUR grand opening to-day of holiday goods. See double column advertisement. Red House. *

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mrs. W. E. Chesley has gone to Arizona.

John Twiggle, of Galt, has gone East, on a visit.

William Ahrberg, of Colfax, returned home yesterday.

Mrs. W. W. Grissim returned from Butte county yesterday.

Dr. Cluness and family came up from San Francisco yesterday.

Mrs. A. Randolph, of Hicksville, leaves Kansas to-day for home.

Miss Maggie Cook, of Tulare, is visiting her uncle, T. P. Elam, at Galt.

Alexander Stoddard has returned to Grass Valley from a European trip.

George W. Knox and wife, of Dixon, have returned from the East.

Miss Virginia Chinn, of Tuolumne Hill, will spend the winter at the Bay.

Dr. W. E. Briggs returned last evening from a visit to San Francisco.

Mrs. L. Wilsey has returned from a visit to relatives in Alameda county.

E. N. Clark, formerly a resident of Red Bluff, was recently married in Texas.

Mrs. James Simpson, of Woodland, has returned home from an Eastern visit.

Mrs. Joseph Hogeboom has returned to Sutter county from an Eastern visit.

Ed. M. Crane, of Yuba City, has gone East via Mexico for a few months visit.

Ex-Senator Conness will shortly visit California, after an absence of fifteen years.

Thomas J. Clunie and wife are visiting the city for a few days before going East.

Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Hinds and son, who have been visiting St. Helena, have returned East.

Miss Ella McDaniel, of Sacramento, has taken charge of the school in Mokelumne District.

Miss Mamie Briggs, of San Francisco, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. A. T. Ames, at Galt.

Edward Curtis, of San Francisco, was in the city yesterday, and went to Chico in the afternoon.

Miss Clara Steinman, of San Francisco, the niece of Bernard Steinman, came up yesterday on a visit.

Miss Maggie Greely, of Rattlesnake Bar, has returned from Bartlett Springs after over a year's absence.

Rev. T. C. George, of San Jose, occupied the pulpit of the Congregational Church yesterday, and returns home this morning.

Henry Quaas and bride (formerly Carrie Heilborn) are expected home from their stay at the Bay the latter part of the present week.

Miss Cora Wallace, well known in our society circles, will be married on Wednesday evening next in San Francisco to Dr. M. Hewstein.

J. T. Stephenson, formerly with C. W. Rapp & Co., has completed a neat residence on the upper portion of his father's place, and has 500 acres in grain.

Leo L. McCoy and Miss Emma Befinger will be married to-morrow evening in the Presbyterian Church at Reff Bluff, and hold a reception at the residence of C. W. Fickert.

Arrivals at State House: Tracy Fairchilds, Oakland; W. L. Willis and wife, Elliott; John Crompton, Courtland; J. Matthews, George Matthews, J. W. Smith, Amador; G. W. Leitch, G. Brainard, J. H. Bales, city.

Miss Minnie Sharp, daughter of William Sharp, a former Sacramento merchant, will be married this evening at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, San Francisco, to Fred L. Alderson. A reception will follow at 2510 Clay street.

Yesterday Henry Brink, of Biggs Station, and Miss Lena Smith, of this city, were married by Rev. Mr. Bird at the residence of the bride's parents, 1410 Q street. A reception was held, after which the couple departed for Biggs Station, their future home.

In the city yesterday: Dwight Hollister, of Courtland; C. E. White, of Los Angeles; R. Kunigh, of San Francisco; J. H. Hoppin and W. H. Nord, of Woodland; Harry Wescott and D. O'Brien, of Colusa; J. R. Flannigan, of Biggs; Henry C. Vandenburg, of Mariposa, and H. Hayes, of Galt.

Arrivals at the Golden Eagle Hotel yesterday: Geo. Cadwalader, Sacramento; W. A. Johnston, Richland; F. E. Taylor, Folsom; A. Listenberger, South Bend, Ind.; R. Knapp and wife, Oakland; C. F. Adams, New York; C. E. Doan, Stockton; Wm. F. McCracken, T. M. Grimshaw, Cosumnes; S. P. Jewett, Los Angeles; Mrs. Buck, Oakland; S. H. Gunder, New York; Wm. Beckman, Colusa; W. T. Edwards, Truckee; Geo. Newell, Chico; P. J. Van Lobel Sels, A. D. Levy, W. G. Turrell, S. J. Haley, C. W. Brown, A. A. Brown, M. Lichenstein, Mrs. H. A. Stone, Mrs. Powers, San Francisco.

MERCHANDISE REPORT.

The following freight passed Ogden on the 13th of December:

For Sacramento—Huntington, Hopkins & Co., 1 barrel castings, 1 box castings, 750 kegs nails, 10 cases mattocks, 30 locomotive tires, 1 barrel axle pulleys; W. D. Comstock & Co., 5 boxes walnut chairs; Holman, Stanton & Co., 1 car plows; A. A. Van Voorhies & Co., 3 boxes hardware; A. Coolot, 4 packages cards; Billingsley & Co., 15 cases playing cards, 1 barrel cotton twine; Whittier, Fuller & Co., 1 box window-glass; Continental Oil and Transportation Company, 2 boxes tank oil; Kirk, Geary & Co., 500 boxes soap, 1 case drugs, 10 bags seed, 3 boxes drugs; W. R. Strong & Co., 2 boxes apple seedlings, 5 bags coffee; A. Meister & Co., 1 box enameled cloth, 1 bundle wagon reaches; John F. Cooper, 2 boxes planes; H. Fisher & Co., 1 case licorice; Booth & Co., 50 cases mince meat; H. D. Nash & Co., 1 barrel malllable iron; J. D. Burns, 4 hogsheads crockery, 8 barrels tinware; H. Eckhardt, 1 box gun wads; Hale Bros., 2 boxes goods; W. F. Peterson, 6 cases chewing gum; H. Davis, 1 box iron locks, 1 case hardware; Baker & Hamilton 1 barrel plated ware.

For Benicia—C. H. Smith, 1 box hardware.

For Shingle Springs—J. W. Deust, 1 organ.

For Woodland—J. T. Harris, 3 boxes N. B. cases.

For Yolo—C. R. Hoppin, 1 barrel hickory nuts

For Stockton—E. D. Cadle, 1 bag nuts; Austin Bros, 2 cases hammers, 2 cases sledges; Charles E. Owens, 1 organ; H. F. Ordinance, 1 box whips; W. F. Sawyer, 1 box books; N. Easter, 1 box black walnuts.

For Davisville—L. & D., 1 barrel whisky.

For Lodi—W. A. Perkins, 8 boxes household goods.

For Athlone—C. R. Sargent, 1 chest goods.

For Fort Jones—M. Lightfall, 1 saw machine.

For Tehama—C. T., 1 keg whisky.

For Linksville, Oregon—Reams & Martin, 1 organ.

For Anderson—J. M. Townsend, 1 case dry goods, 1 bale mattresses, 1 bed spring.

For Marysville—Gran Baskirk, 1 tank wagon.

The following freight passed New Orleans on December 10th, via S. P. R. R.:

For Sacramento—Huntington, Hopkins & Co., 2 cases valves, 10 packages felt; A. A. Van Voorhies & Co., 10 cases oil soap; John F. Stoll, 1 box felt; Lindley & Co., 2 cases citron; Hale Bros., 5 cases flannels.

For Woodland—C. M. Banney, 1 case hardware, 1 case brushes, 1 case saddlery.

PASSENGER LISTS.

DUGGETT, December 16th.—Passed here to-day, to arrive in San Francisco December 17th: T. D. Stevens, Judge Axtell, Judge H. L. Waldo, Santa Fe, N. M.; M. Davis and wife, Los Gatos, Cal.; Joseph Bill, wife and child, Albuquerque; C. B. Northrup, St. Louis; A. O. J. Parson, Kansas City; Mrs. G. W. Galtauer, New York.

NEWHALL, December 16th.—Passed here to-day, to arrive in San Francisco to-morrow: C. M. Houghton and wife, Benicia; J. F. Houghton, Dr. W. F. Peabody and wife, F. E. Eaton, wife and daughter, Steven Roberts and wife, San Francisco; Miss Sarah Magee, Tucson; J. W. Merchant and wife, L. M. Merchant, F. Vowes, New York; J. K. Duffree, Anaheim; Mrs. A. Barrett and children, S. J. Johnson, Los Angeles; D. W. Johnson, Louisville; J. Hopkins, Red Bluff; William Tomlinson, Tombstone, A. T.; H. K. Brown, New Mexico; M. P. Martin, William Goodwin, John Faulkner, Casa Grande.

CARLIN, December 16th.—Passed here to-day, to arrive in Sacramento to-morrow: J. F. Smith and wife, New York; Mrs. William De Groff, Henry De Groff, Chicago, Ill.; A. J. Barker, Queensland, Australia; G. T. Somerville, Sydney, N. S. W.; A. K. Loss, Jamestown, D. T.; G. Yourdan, Dr. F. E. Downing, San Francisco; P. L. Howkinson, Miss Howkinson, Chicago; William H. Stowel and wife, Mrs. Carrie R. Gunner, San Francisco; Roby Y. Foote, Eagles Nest, Tex.; Mrs. Nuss, Mrs. Simonson, Miss Nettie Simonson, San Francisco; Adolph Paquien, Sacramento; Allen Fisher, Fiji Islands, E. G. Bennett, Boston, Mass.; John Dillon, Chicago, Ill.; also 91 emigrants, including 71 males, to arrive December 18th.

GALT ITEMS.

Dr. O. Harvey is building a large barn on his farm.

The Harvey House and Arcade stables have been connected by telephone.

John Lentini was in Galt last Thursday, and was believed to have been insane.

Phœnix Lodge No. 239, I. O. O. F., has elected the following officers: Wm. Angrave, N. G.; D. K. Stringfield, V. G.; W. T. Bottomore, Secretary; J. H. Sawyer, Treasurer.

Freight movements at Galt last month were as follows: Freight received—12 cars lumber, 1 car salt and 293,020 pounds merchandise. Shipments—22 cars or 611 188 pounds of grain, 23 cars wood, 150 hogs, 1 car lumber, 1 car potatoes, 150,340 pounds of merchandise. Ticket sales for the month, $802 80.

Galt is experiencing a building boom. Buildings are either in course of construction or contemplated in the near future by Frank Ritter, Bert and Ed. Wright, Charlie Linnell, Mr. Kiefer, J. W. Eler & Son, W. H. Prouty and the Odd Fellows. The new Congregational church edifice will be started about the 1st of March, and the Galt Lumber Company will increase their capacity by a planing machine. Real estate in many localities has doubled in value within a year.

DON'T fail to see the low prices that watches, jewelry, etc., have been marked at at the jewelry store of J. Hyman, Jr., & Bro., 506 J street, between Fifth and Sixth.*

DOLLS! DOLLS! All nicely dressed and trimmed with beautiful wreaths and flowers, with movable eyes; from 75 cents to $1 25. Red House. *

5-4 PEQUOT sheeting, 12½ cents per yard; Woonsocket muslin, yard wide, 10½ cents per yard. Domestic Department, Red House.*

THE finest Bourbon whisky in the market is Simmond's Nabob. Don't forget to ask your druggist and grocer for it. Recommended by the best physicians everywhere. For medical and family use nothing to equal it. *

FINE Handkerchiefs in fancy boxes—3, 4 and 6 in box. Price, from 45 cents upwards. Red House. *

OUR display of fine slippers, boots, hats and men's fine neckwear for the holidays will be made to-morrow. Red House.*

COME and see; come and see Red House to-day and this week. More dolls than anybody, and at half their values, nearly. *

COME and see; come and see Red House. *

"MATERIALISM."

Some Recent Press Opinions upon the Subject.

A medical pretender was recently arrested in Brooklyn on a charge of fraud, it appearing that he had enjoyed a very extensive patronage from all classes, whom he had deceived and swindled. It was the old story of human credulity, renewed in every passing generation. The capacity for accepting whatever is spurious in healing arts and in religion has never been measured. But in this more realistic age, when all theories and all beliefs are challenged, it does not appear that this capacity for accepting what is spurious in the place of what is true has been much abridged. The most ignorant of medical pretenders never was more secure in his patronage. The grosser forms of deception were never more prominent than now. The capacity for detecting shams and frauds is given only to the few. The greater number take everything on trust. An illustration of this capacity has recently been furnished by a former journalist on this coast, who was evidently the victim one of the grossest forms of deception ever practised on simple and credulous people. After the deception had been exposed by a number of witnesses, this man, clinging to his delusion, resorts to the public journals to defend his belief and the parties who had imposed upon him, taking care at the same time to berate those who had taken any interest in exposing the fraud. The psychological condition of a mind which has this amazing receptivity for shams and outrageous frauds is one of the curious problems of the day. The outlines of disordered mental action are sometimes very obscure. But in this instance there is very little obscurity. In a large number of cases of mental aberration there is a sound judgment in respect to many things, and unsoundness with respect to many others. Nearly all persons who have the capacity for credulity become sooner or later the victims of this morbid condition. It grows upon them. They come to have faith in whoever "loveth and maketh a lie."—[San Francisco Bulletin.

We have but little sympathy for innocent victims of so utterly unreasonable and transparent a humbug as we know this thing to be. If there was no other evidence of the fraud of spiritualism than the kind of women who practice it, and the men who aid them, this would of itself be sufficient to stamp the whole business with crime. The wisdom of ages has never been able to draw aside the curtains that guard the mysteries of the future world, or move upon their imponderable hinges the gates that guard its eternal silence. Listening angels at the keyhole of heaven's entrance have not been able to bear down to gossiping priest or inquiring scientist one breadth of intelligence. Yet, the man of culture and the lady of refinement, father and mother, will climb to the third-story of a vile tenement, mingle with a bad-smelling mob of vulgar men and women in a dirty room, dimly lighted, to meet their dead child, fresh from the companionship of purified ones. The mother will take upon her knees, and fold to her embrace in tears and love, the father bending over with kisses, a little harlot, coached by an older strumpet, to impersonate the material essence of their dead daughter. It is a careless guardianship, unworthy of eternal vigilance, that would permit the pure spirit of dead innocence to leave heaven's dormitory for a night-lark among the spiritualists of San Francisco. Materialization in such society would be a most dangerous experiment for the spirit of an honest girl. There is but one kindly excuse for the men and women who we know are deluded by these most bungling knaves, and who have become their dupes, and that is "insanity." When the man or woman allows himself or herself to begin to believe in the supernatural, that moment they begin to drag the intellectual anchor through immoral mud. The believer in the supernatural, or in the happening of events that cannot be explained by any known law of nature, becomes the slave and victim of superstitious delusions at war with common sense. The only charitable interpretation to be put upon their illusion is to credit them with a mind distraught. In comparison with these spiritualists and all their tricks, played in dark rooms with sliding-panels, masks and false faces, the skillful prestidigitator, practicing his artful jugglery of cheating necromancy in the open light, is infinitely the higher intellectual display; the thimble-rigger, or the three-card monte dealer, is upon the higher moral plane. Hence, we say, the *Chronicle* has rendered humanity good service in exposing these knavish adepts and credulous idiots who practice and are practiced upon by Spiritualists and spiritualism.—[The Argonaut.

The *Monitor* publishes an article calling attention to a pretended spirit communication, alleged, by *Mind and Matter*—a Philadelphia Spiritualist paper—to have been received recently from a Catholic girl in spirit land, who, in life, resided in Santa Barbara. It is given as showing the bitter hatred which these "infidel and impudent charlatans have of the Catholic Church, which is ever the implacable foe of infidelity and fraud," and the shameless manner in which they "attempt to influence young Catholics who, from curiosity, sometimes attend their witch circles and peruse their mendacious journals." This pretended communication from the spirit land purports to be from Catherine McKais, and the substance of the matter if that she had been brought up a Catholic, and had in life devoted her time chiefly in instructing young children in the "foolishness of that religious belief," and she had now returned to confess that her whole life thus employed was "worse than useless to humanity," hoping that this confession of her error would be the means of saving others from a similar course of life. The editor of *Mind and Matter*, a man named Roberts, as is stated, indorsed this evident fraudulent communication as genuine, and says: "Here was a devout and sincere Catholic girl, who devoted her time to instilling into the minds of little children the bigoted ideas that constitute the teachings of Catholic Christianity. Catherine McKais has truthfully testified that Catholicism and Christianity are a delusion and a snare to the feet of those who walk in the paths in which she mistakenly walked," etc. It will be remembered that *Mind and Matter* is the paper which published Mr. Parsons' and other communications defending the fraudulent Mrs. Reynolds' materialization performances. The editor, Roberts, has recently been convicted of libel.—[S. F. Call.

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