

THIS MORNING'S NEWS.

In New York Government bonds are quoted at 124 1/2 for 4 1/2, 114 1/2 for 4 1/4, 104 1/2 for 4 1/8; silver, \$4 3/8 1/2; gold, \$104 1/2; 101 for 4 1/4; 100 for 4 1/8; 99 for 4 1/4; 98 for 4 1/8; 97 for 4 1/4; 96 for 4 1/8; 95 for 4 1/4; 94 for 4 1/8; 93 for 4 1/4; 92 for 4 1/8; 91 for 4 1/4; 90 for 4 1/8; 89 for 4 1/4; 88 for 4 1/8; 87 for 4 1/4; 86 for 4 1/8; 85 for 4 1/4; 84 for 4 1/8; 83 for 4 1/4; 82 for 4 1/8; 81 for 4 1/4; 80 for 4 1/8; 79 for 4 1/4; 78 for 4 1/8; 77 for 4 1/4; 76 for 4 1/8; 75 for 4 1/4; 74 for 4 1/8; 73 for 4 1/4; 72 for 4 1/8; 71 for 4 1/4; 70 for 4 1/8; 69 for 4 1/4; 68 for 4 1/8; 67 for 4 1/4; 66 for 4 1/8; 65 for 4 1/4; 64 for 4 1/8; 63 for 4 1/4; 62 for 4 1/8; 61 for 4 1/4; 60 for 4 1/8; 59 for 4 1/4; 58 for 4 1/8; 57 for 4 1/4; 56 for 4 1/8; 55 for 4 1/4; 54 for 4 1/8; 53 for 4 1/4; 52 for 4 1/8; 51 for 4 1/4; 50 for 4 1/8; 49 for 4 1/4; 48 for 4 1/8; 47 for 4 1/4; 46 for 4 1/8; 45 for 4 1/4; 44 for 4 1/8; 43 for 4 1/4; 42 for 4 1/8; 41 for 4 1/4; 40 for 4 1/8; 39 for 4 1/4; 38 for 4 1/8; 37 for 4 1/4; 36 for 4 1/8; 35 for 4 1/4; 34 for 4 1/8; 33 for 4 1/4; 32 for 4 1/8; 31 for 4 1/4; 30 for 4 1/8; 29 for 4 1/4; 28 for 4 1/8; 27 for 4 1/4; 26 for 4 1/8; 25 for 4 1/4; 24 for 4 1/8; 23 for 4 1/4; 22 for 4 1/8; 21 for 4 1/4; 20 for 4 1/8; 19 for 4 1/4; 18 for 4 1/8; 17 for 4 1/4; 16 for 4 1/8; 15 for 4 1/4; 14 for 4 1/8; 13 for 4 1/4; 12 for 4 1/8; 11 for 4 1/4; 10 for 4 1/8; 9 for 4 1/4; 8 for 4 1/8; 7 for 4 1/4; 6 for 4 1/8; 5 for 4 1/4; 4 for 4 1/8; 3 for 4 1/4; 2 for 4 1/8; 1 for 4 1/4; 0 for 4 1/8.

Mining stocks were fairly active in San Francisco yesterday morning. Prices show more tone. There was an advance of 1/2 to 5/8, in several descriptions. Bolls started off again on the up grade at a lively rate. Hale & Norcross is also going up. The wheat crop of the United States is this year slightly in excess of 600,000,000 bushels, and the cotton product about 6,000,000 bales. General Grant was severely injured in New York yesterday by a fall.

The rebels in Egypt are menacing Khimayah. A statue of Harriet Martineau has been unveiled in the old South Meeting-house in Boston. President Arthur has returned to New York from Washington.

The Irish "Invincibles" propose to blow up the Canadian Government buildings. Attempts to destroy life and property in England and Ireland with explosives continue.

Fifty-three rescued women have been brought to Antwerp. The Mohican ship of war was yesterday successfully launched at Mare Island Navy Yard.

The French Government has decided to prohibit the importation of American salt meats. A Clark was hanged for murder yesterday at Boston, Mass.

Frank Young, who was to have been executed in Boston, Mass., yesterday, has been reprieved for sixty days by the President.

During the past week \$1,500,000 silver dollars were issued by the Mint. Secretary Folger has resumed his duties, having recovered his health.

An important Consistory will be held at Rome in March. A woman and her two children have been found murdered near Beverly, N. Y.

The hoisting works of the Ironclad mine, near Rough and Ready, Nevada county, were burned Tuesday.

In connection with the Sharon divorce case, Burcharth, who claims to have been Miss Hill's sweetheart, has been arrested on a charge of perjury.

The bones of an unknown dead man were found near Santa Barbara, Tuesday.

In a drunken quarrel between William Howell and his wife at Brownsville, Yuba county, the latter was killed.

The crew of the Russia is rapidly recovering from the effects of his recent accident. Colonel Henry B. Rathbone, of Albany, N. Y., killed his wife in Hanover, Germany, and then committed suicide.

The funeral of Mrs. General Rosecrans took place yesterday in Washington. Bishop Henry W. Warren, of Georgia, was married in Denver, Col., yesterday, to Mrs. Elizabeth Huff.

In a railroad accident near Charlotte, N. C., a fireman and brakeman were killed. Several persons were badly hurt in a runaway accident Wednesday night at Rockton, Pa.

Three men were buried by falling earth near Grandville, Pa., yesterday. Peter K. Moran, a veteran of the war of 1812, died yesterday in Richmond, Va.

Archbishop Percheron of Orleans last night. Only ten deaths from yellow fever occurred in Havana during the past week. A severe shock of earthquake occurred yesterday at Saepo, Bolivia.

Thirteen hundred Egyptian troops have arrived at Khartoum from Fashoda, having met with no resistance on the way. Several persons were injured at Buffalo last night by an explosion of gas.

A PROPOSED AMENDMENT.

The constitutional amendment proposed by Senator Wilson provides that Congress may legislate to protect citizens in the exercise and enjoyment of their rights, privileges and immunities, and to assure them the equal protection of the laws. It appears to us that this is not needed. How can any citizen be deprived lawfully of any right, privilege or immunity? The laws are now equal to the need the proposed amendment assumes to exist. If they were not there would be no such thing as American citizenship; if they were not, there could be and would be no Republic. If Congress has not now the power the proposed amendment affirms, then there is no free government. The essence, aim and outcome of the whole system of our Government depends upon the security to the citizen of rights, privileges and immunities, and the protection of the laws. To adopt the amendment and deny that it is unnecessary, is to admit that we have enjoyed the privileges of citizenship all these years by the sufferance of each other—a proposition that cannot for a moment be entertained. To admit the necessity for such an amendment is to confess that there is now some authority that may lawfully deprive citizens of their rights—another proposition that is as absurd as the recognition of a weakness and flaw in the Constitution that has never, as a matter of fact, existed. The overshadowing purpose and latest aim of our form of Government, expressed through the medium of the constitutional compact, is to afford the citizen protection, to guarantee to him the enjoyment of all rights and privileges not surrendered for the common good, which is to be conserved by laws agreed to by the majority of those who make the cession of rights. It is not needed, therefore, that the Constitution shall say to Congress, "You shall have power to do that which is already done." To admit that it is not accomplished is to confess that the laws are inadequate; it is to admit that citizenship is a caprice, a hollow sham. All that the lower Senator proposes to inject into the Constitution is now now. If it were not, the instrument would have disclosed the lack the moment the slightest strain was put upon it. The amendment is not needed to counteract the civil rights decision, because that opinion expressly holds that the laws are ample to secure all the rights of citizenship, and that there is and can be no distinction between citizens. For these reasons we think that not only is there no necessity for the amendment, but that its adoption will open a door to all sorts of patch-work protective legislation by Congress, which in turn will stimulate a disposition to evade it and crawl between its lines.

A CONVENTION WHERE WE MUST BE SILENT.

An international convention or congress and exhibition is to be held next year in Scotland in which, in the chief department, America cannot be represented, and this is saying a good deal, for it has been supposed that no scientific, industrial or commercial exposition or convention could be named in which the Yankee nation would not properly find a place. But how will it be possible for the United States to be represented in the department of "The Art and Science of Forestry and the Preservation of Forests." We may send choice samples of our oaks, pines, redwood, laurel, cedar, ash, hickory, walnut, cherry, maple, etc., that will take the principal premium. We incline to the belief that the Edinburgh Forestry Congress we can carry off the palm for variety of useful woods, but on the question of forest preservation, and the art and science of forestry, we must preserve a painful silence, and confess a shameful ignorance. If, now the promoters of the Con-

PACIFIC SLOPE.

[SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE RECORD-UNION.]

CALIFORNIA.

Charged with Perjury. SAN FRANCISCO, December 27th.—A warrant for the arrest of Frank C. Furber, of this city, was issued yesterday by the District Attorney. The complaint in perjury in his deposition in the Hill-Sharon divorce case. It is stated by Miss Hill's attorneys that they can prove that Furber admitted to him \$5,000 for his services, and that he admitted to two parties on the same day.

Fatal Drunken Quarrel. MARYSVILLE, December 27th.—Mrs. Wm. Howell, wife of a well-known hotel-keeper of Brownsville, in this county, yesterday morning. The coroner's jury last evening brought in a verdict that her death was the result of a drunken quarrel. Both husband and wife were addicted to drink, and he is believed to have killed her while both were drunk. An autopsy was made, and the skull and other signs of violence. No further particulars have been received. Howell was probably arrested to-day.

Unknown Dead. SANTA BARBARA, December 27th.—On Tuesday last a young man, while out hunting in the highest of the Santa Cruz mountains, back of this city, discovered the dried bones of a man which had evidently been exposed to the elements and ravages of wild beasts for several years. The bones were found in a shallow hole, and were accompanied by a few articles of clothing, including a pair of shoes and a hat. The man's name is not known, and it is believed that he was probably a victim of the yellow fever which has been so prevalent in this county.

Tramps Taken In. BAKERSFIELD, December 27th.—A party of fourteen able-bodied tramps were arrested to-day half a mile north of Sumner, who had set fire to a mile of railroad ties, and were warning themselves by the blaze.

Successfully Launched. VALLEJO, December 27th.—The Ironclad mine, a third rate steam sloop-of-war, was successfully launched at the Mare Island Navy Yard near noon at high tide.

Will Probably Recover. LOS ANGELES, December 27th.—Police Officer, the young man injured at the California Calistoga, will probably recover from his wounds.

Deceased. LOS ANGELES, December 27th.—Catherine D. Allen, widow of the late Abram DeFore, and mother of Laura DeFore, died at her residence here this morning, aged 79 years and two months.

Cambler Indicted. SAN JOSE, December 27th.—Indictments have been returned by the District Attorney, Wm. H. Barnes, W. Dwyer and James Reed, for the crime of being a gambler in the town of San Jose, in this direction for a number of years. All gave bonds for their appearance.

A RIVAL OF DR. TANNER.

The Marysville Appeal of December 25th, furnishes the following interesting fact: Flaherty, on conviction of battery, was sentenced to ninety days imprisonment in the County Jail by Judge Garber, November 12, 1883. As soon as the sentence was pronounced he resolved to feign sickness, in order to shun imprisonment and gain admission to the County Hospital. Under Sheriff Aldrich's notice, Dr. Harrington, in regard to the man's complaints, and he called and gave him an examination. Flaherty's tongue was found to be clean and his pulse regular, and he was ordered to remove him to the hospital. But the prisoner, the better to maintain his false representation, refused to eat his meals. This obstinacy was continued from day to day, and all the physicians declared that he did not swallow a crumb of bread or piece of meat. The man was losing flesh daily, and moved about the prison like a sick person about to die any day. Twice a week the physician made an examination of the complaining man, but found no symptoms of disease. Under the facts and circumstances, Sheriff Aldrich refused to intercede for the transfer of the prisoner, believing as he did that he was feigning sickness. These conditions were continued for forty days. The prisoner refused all kinds of nourishment, and grew poorer and poorer. But hunger pinched a little too hard on the fortieth day, and he finally confessed his attempt at imposition. He said he had played the dodge successfully in the army and in three different county jails, and he was content to do any one this time when he commenced. But the prisoner lost both his game and his flesh. He surrendered on the 21st instant, and is almost a skeleton. He has returned as suddenly as he disappeared. He has about fifty days to serve, and is making up for lost time. He is voracious, eating his own meat and bread, and he can borrow or beg from his comrades. He was stripped at the end of his forty days' fast, and found to be a first class subject for the study of anatomy and dissection. The prisoner is supposed to have lost about forty pounds of flesh. Flaherty is at present in the enjoyment of excellent health, and is longing for nursing at the County Hospital.

PROPOSED DOUBLE TRACK.

The Vallejo Chronicle says: Great improvements are projected by the railroad company for their line from Fort Costa to Oakland, and the project is one that has recently occurred between these two points has made it evident that the track facilities for the enormous traffic of the road are inadequate. It was decided to lay a second track from Fort Costa to Oakland, making a double line between these two stations. This improvement will make travel more comfortable for trains than they run safely at a higher rate of speed than with only one track. The business of the road between Fort Costa and Oakland is increasing, and the wheat wharves have been put up. Starr's mills and Heald's quarry have added largely to the business of the road. In addition to this, the great trade of the Napa valley is by the Vallejo Junction, which augments the number of trains on this part of the road. This improvement will add greatly to the comfort of passengers, because it will diminish the great risk which they have always run of being dashed into eternity by a collision. It is now more definitely known what is going to be done to afford the greatest accommodation. The station-house is to be extended out over the bay twelve feet, and the pier is to be enlarged. This will add very good accommodations. In addition to this a shed is to be extended over the board walk in front of the station-house.

A GHOSTLY FIND.

The following is from the Adrin (Modoc county) Argus: When the head of a human being was found a few weeks ago in the vicinity of Willow Ranch, Modoc county, it was immediately pronounced by all to be the head of S. B. Shaw, who had been murdered at Maline Plains, and whose head is missing. Later developments go far to prove that another mysterious murder has been committed. A few days ago fragments of a human anatomy were discovered near where the skull was found; they are believed to be his. At present little is known in regard to the matter. Sheriff Backford is working up the case. In July last, John Casey, an Irishman, who had been in the employ of Mrs. Heckhiss, near Willow Ranch, for over a year, quit work and was paid some \$350. He gambled some, and showed considerable money to the extent of \$1,000. He was taken to the north country immediately, and although none knew of his departure, he was supposed to have gone. It is now thought that the ghostly remains discovered near Willow Ranch are those of John Casey.

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HIGHLY HONORABLE PUBLIC CAREER.

The following very interesting sketch of the life of the late John McKeon, published in Leslie's Weekly, is so full of fresh suggestions of unswerving devotion to principle and the public weal, as above partisanship and trimming to party and public favor, that it is reproduced, both as containing the most interesting facts of his life, and also the more modern methods of men as a bright gleaming in the darkness. The late John McKeon, of New York city, whose sudden death on the 22d instant startled the entire community, was one of the marked men of his time. A New Yorker by birth, and in the city of New York he made his own way in life, he graduated with distinction at Columbia College, and having studied law, entered at once upon a career of peculiar brilliancy and success. He was elected to the New York State Assembly, the last time in 1834, when he was chosen unanimously, both parties having his name on their tickets. He was elected to the New York State Assembly, and served through five sessions at Washington. Here he exhibited his devotion to principle by refusing to support the measures of the Administration in relation to the abolition of slavery, he taking the ground that the right of the people to petition was more important than the right of the Government to expel a member from Ohio (Mr. Giddings) for expressing his opinions adversely to the Administration. He was elected to the New York State Assembly, and served through five sessions at Washington. Here he exhibited his devotion to principle by refusing to support the measures of the Administration in relation to the abolition of slavery, he taking the ground that the right of the people to petition was more important than the right of the Government to expel a member from Ohio (Mr. Giddings) for expressing his opinions adversely to the Administration.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES. Flashes of News from All Parts of the World. The issue of silver dollars last week was 415,000. Three thousand Arabs are reported to be threatening Egypt. Secretary Folger has recovered his health and resumed his duties. A special from Buffalo of December 26th says: It has been learned that the Buffalo Inventions proposed to show, the Canadian Government buildings. The President left Washington Wednesday evening for New York for the purpose of attending to private business. A Saakim dispatch states that rebels are menacing Khimayah. An Egyptian gunboat is protecting the garrison and inhabiting section of Harjamine. A special from Buffalo of December 26th says: It has been learned that the Buffalo Inventions proposed to show, the Canadian Government buildings. The President left Washington Wednesday evening for New York for the purpose of attending to private business. A Saakim dispatch states that rebels are menacing Khimayah. An Egyptian gunboat is protecting the garrison and inhabiting section of Harjamine.

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