PACIFIC SLOPE.

ACTION OF THE STATE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Warehouse Burned—Merced Pioneer Killed—Litigation at Napa—British Columbia Items.

[SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE RECORD-UNION.]

CALIFORNIA.

Regular Monthly Meeting of the State Horticultural Society.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 24th.—At the regular monthly meeting of the State Horticultural Society this afternoon, the subject for discussion—the cultivation of trees and the tools to be used—was opened by Dr. Strenzel, of Martinez. He thought it a good idea to plant something for ground squirrels and gophers to feed upon, thereby assuring their leaving the trees alone. Mr. Milco thought vermin must be kept entirely out of the orchard. He had used poisoned wheat with great success upon gophers, kangaroo rats, squirrels, etc. Dr. Strenzel thought it would be a more difficult matter than Mr. Milco anticipated to keep the vermin out of all qualities of the soil in all localities. He thought it better to feed them a little. Dr. Kimball coincided with this idea. He had found by experience that when he kept weeds entirely out of his orange grove the roots of the trees suffered; but when he left a strip of vegetation it seemed to act as a safety valve. Poisoned raisins he had found a very tempting bait for the vermin. Professor Hilgard thought poisoned carrots an excellent remedy, several gentlemen agreeing with him. A series of resolutions of respect and esteem for the memory of W. H. Jessup were then reported by the proper committee, and unanimously adopted, after which a committee of seven were appointed to take further action toward securing funds for the erection of a proper monument to Mr. Jessup's memory. The discussion being resumed, Mr. Hatch suggested that the gopher evil could be averted, not remedied, by not allowing any root crops, potatoes, etc., to grow among the trees. Dr. Chapin, Inspector of Fruit Pests, had found no means efficacious except the actual extermination of each individual gopher. When one was caught and his head chopped off, they knew they had a gopher. He had great success with the ordinary-sized Newhall wire trap, which cost about twenty cents apiece. Senator De Long used no trap, but simply placed poisoned wheat or carrots in the runway. He had found this very effectual. Gophers were very destructive to young apricot trees. They would girdle them just beneath the surface, for which reason the earth should not be banked up about the tree. He said he kept a man employed all the time making war on gophers. General M. G. Vallejo stated that he had cleared Lacryma Montes of gophers by planting cruz de malta, a plant brought brought from Mexico, all over his place. He recommended it as a most efficacious remedy. The gopher would either die from eating it, or leave in disgust. Being asked how much seed should be sown to the acre, the General replied that it should be scattered indiscriminately. "Gophers don't go by acres." W. H. Aiken thought that if General Vallejo could introduce this remedy generally he would be most certainly a benefactor of his race and the American people. He had sometimes wondered what in the providence of Almighty God these miserable pests had been created for. Mr. Shaw, of Sonoma, called attention to the appearance of a new insect pest, which has been injuring his plum trees of late. Its presence is made manifest by a discoloration of the bark and wood of the tree immediately adjoining a perforation made by some insect, the limb affected soon beginning to fade and wither. The chrysalis is about an eighth of an inch long, somewhat resembling that of the codlin moth. Messrs. De Long and Aiken mentioned having noticed the same thing, or something very similar, upon Fresno apricot trees. The special subject of cultivating orchards being resumed, Messrs. Shaw, Hatch and Shearman gave their views, the first two favoring deep and thorough plowing, while Shearman thought that, particularly in old orchards, it was not well to go too deep. Reports being then called for from different parts of the State as to the probabilities regarding the coming fruit crop, it was generally indicated that not more than a general average crop can be expected, with local exceptions in regard to different varieties. Peaches, apricots and grapes appear to promise well, while pears are almost everywhere likely to be a failure. Upon motion of Mr. De Long, the proposed "Heath" amendment to the Constitution, relative to the taxation of fruit crops, was made the subject for discussion at the next regular meeting of the society.

[SECOND DISPATCH.]

SAN FRANCISCO, April 24th.—The State Board of Horticulture confirmed John R. Sweitzer as quarantine guardian of the Novato, Marin county, district, and directed that General M. G. Vallejo should furnish both the State Treasurer and the Advisory Committee of the Board with a copy of his bond as Treasurer. The Board then adjourned to meet in Los Angeles six months from date.

California Fruit-Growers' Association.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 24th.—At a regular semi-annual meeting of the California Fruit-Growers' Association, held this morning, President A. T. Hatch, Vice-President Wm. H. Mack, Treasurer F. H. DeLong and Secretary A. H. Webb were all re-elected, the former Finance Committee being also reappointed.

Negotiations for the Purchase of Steamers.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 24th.—It is by no means a certainty that the twin steamers Mariposa and Alameda will not leave our waters to hoist the flag of either England or Russia. One of the owners of these vessels to-day stated that a price has been named, but what it was he did not feel at liberty to give to the public, or to say that it would be approved by the negotiating Government, which he presumed to be England. Whatever is done will probably not be long delayed, and an acceptance of the figures of the owner would be proof conclusive of the almost immediate declaration of war between the hostile nations. The negotiations have at least progressed so far as to induce their owners to provide other vessels to perform the work which their sale would leave vacant.

Land Trial at Napa.

NAPA, April 24th.—The trial of the City of Napa vs. J. H. Howland was begun in the Superior Court to-day. In 1850 Nicolas Higuera sold to Nathan Coombs and J. P. Thompson two adjoining tracts of land, upon which part of Napa City is now located. Both of these parties laid out plats of their respective tracts, and on confirmation of the title of Nathan Coombs it was found that Coombs' land extended over part of the tract claimed by Thompson, and which Thompson had laid out as a town. In this disputed tract Thompson had laid out and dedicated a tract as a public landing. J. H. Howland afterwards purchased this tract from Nathan Coombs. In the present suit, Howland claims that Thompson had no right to dedicate land that has proved not to belong to Thompson. The city claims that Coombs acquiesced in the dedication made by Thompson of the land in question. Many of the old residents of thirty years ago are in attendance on the trial. The property is valued at $4,000, and the trial creates much interest.

The Fairfield Outrage.

SUISUN, April 24th.—There were sixteen persons arrested to-day on suspicion of gagging the unfortunate daughter of James Neville, at Fairfield yesterday afternoon. They were lodged in jail, to await until the girl recovers sufficiently to identify the party, but the girl, up to 8 P. M., is still unconscious.

Warehouse and Wharf Burned.

LOMPOC, April 24th.—The Gaviota warehouse, 150 feet of the outer end of the wharf, and a large amount of freight, were burned this morning about 4:30. Nothing was saved but the manifest of last night's steamer.

Odd Fellows' Celebration.

SALINAS, April 24th.—The sixty-sixth annual celebration of the I. O. O. F. took place here to-day, under the auspices of the different branches of the Fraternity at this place. An excursion party from Monterey brought about fifty people, and about the same from San Juan and Hollister, with delegations from Watsonville and Castroville. The day was pleasant, and the parade imposing in numbers and appearance. The usual programme of literary and musical exercises took place.

Thrown from a Wagon and Killed.

MERCED, April 24th.—News has just reached here that Jonas L. Turner, one of the pioneer settlers of Mariposa Creek, in this county, was thrown from his wagon at Fresno Flats, Fresno county, yesterday afternoon, and instantly killed. Friends and relatives have gone up from Plainsburg to bring down the body for burial. No further particulars have yet reached here.

ARIZONA.

Serious if Not Fatal Accident.

CRITTENDEN, April 24th.—John Rusher, an old-timer of this Territory, met with a serious if not fatal accident while on the road between Harshaw and Washington Camp, yesterday. He was engaged in hauling ore to Crittenden from Washington Camp, and while returning to the latter place fell forward on the traces of his wheel horses, and was dragged forty or fifty feet. He fell to the ground, and the front wheels passed over his body, breaking one arm and producing serious internal injuries, from which little hopes are entertained of his recovery.

UTAH.

Another "Unlawful Cohabitation" Arrest.

SALT LAKE, April 24th.—Bishop Hiram B. Clawson was arrested to-day, on a Commissioner's warrant, charging unlawful cohabitation. His bonds were fixed at $1,500, and his examination postponed till to-morrow.

OREGON.

A Land Office on Wheels—Odd Fellows—Telegraph Lines.

PORTLAND, April 24th.—To-day, by order of President Cleveland, the Land Office at Yakima was removed to North Yakima, a Northern Pacific Railroad town, four miles distant. The office is now on wheels, rolling to the new town.

The Odd Fellows of Portland are preparing to celebrate the anniversary of the Order in splendid style to-morrow.

The telegraph line from Kalama to Tacoma is now being rebuilt by the Western Union. The line between Portland and Astoria will also receive attention.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

General Custer's Widow.

VANCOUVER, April 24th.—Mrs. General Custer, widow of the gallant General who fell at the battle of Little Big Horn, arrived at Vancouver Barracks this evening, accompanied by the widow of Lieutenant Calhoun, who fell with Custer. They are the guests of a brother of Lieutenant Calhoun.

Mysterious Murder of Two Men.

WALLA WALLA, April 24th.—The latest from Lewiston in regard to the death of Flynn and Brazil, states that the affair is involved in mystery. The Coroner and others who visited the scene yesterday can form no conclusion. The killing was at Brazil's ranch, at the head of Ten-mile creek, fifteen miles south of Lewiston, near the Nez Perces reservation line. The bodies were found 100 feet distant from the cabin. Brazil was shot in two places, through the head and shoulder. Flynn was shot squarely through the forehead. The bodies were twenty feet apart. One pistol found near the body had only one chamber empty. The cabin showed, on inspection, that the table had been laid for dinner, everything being cooked, and a pan of bread on the floor. Both men were well known here for ten years past. The excitement at Lewiston is great, and various theories are formed. The bodies will arrive to-night.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

An Officer "a Little Too Previous"—A Fair Salary.

VICTORIA, April 24th.—Upon return to the drill-shed after parade last night, the officer in command notified the batteries of artillery to hold themselves in readiness, as he had been informed that war had been declared. The men, who mustered about sixty in number, cheered enthusiastically. It is not known where the officer obtained his information, as no one else appeared to have heard anything about it.

Judge Gray, one of the members of the Chinese Commission, returned to-day from Ottawa. During his absence he will receive for this special service the sum of $14 per diem in addition to a regular salary of $10 per day, which is paid him as one of the Justices of the province.

OLD MEXICO.

Advices from Guaymas.

GUAYMAS, April 24th.—The steamer City of Topeka left this morning for the south coast. N. W. Rowell went on her to look out for the establishment of Wells, Fargo & Co.'s express from this port to Manzanilla.

The telegraph line to Misa was concluded to-day, and will be pushed forward to Alamos as soon as possible.

H. Schwessinger, from San Blas, goes to Boston to report on that road, now closed down.

General Carbo and forces are still at Pilares.

An election for Prefect, Supreme and District Judges comes off on Sunday.

MERCHANDISE REPORT.

The following freight passed Ogden on the 21st instant:

For Sacramento—A. Coolot, 2 cases cigars; Baker & Hamilton, 1 car wagons; M. Cronan, 55 barrels whisky; Weinstock & Lubin, 12 cases shoe; Lindley & Co., 2 packages and 10 butts tobacco; Adams, McNeill & Co., 45 cases syrup, 1 case tobacco; H. G. Smith & Co., 24 barrels grease; Waterhouse & Lester, 9 kegs rivets, 2 kegs sundries; Hobby, Smith & Co., 1 car of earthenware.

For Stockton—Austin Bros., 1 barrel iron; J. Cohn, 1 case cigarettes; Stockton Milling Company, 2 cases and 1 keg axle grease.

For Marysville—F. Ferstegge, 1 case shovels.

For Oroville—James C. Gray, 4 kegs horse shoes.

For Grass Valley—O. O. West, 1 case whips.

The following freight passed New Orleans on the 16th instant:

For Sacramento—Huntington, Hopkins & Co., 3 boxes springs, 5 boxes hinges, 1 box door handles, 1 box hooks, 1 box locks, 1 box casters, 1 box and 5 packages fixtures, 1 box knobs, 1 box bolts, 1 case boring machines, 1 barrel curry combs, 2 bales cords, 1 case cutlery, 1 case pruners, 7 bales soapstone, 140 axles, 9 cases hardware; A. A. Van Voorhies & Co., 1 bale blankets; Holbrook, Merrill & Stetson, 8 cases stamped ware; C. S. Houghton, 1 case books, 2 cases paper; H. S. Crocker & Co., 102 bundles paper; A. & A. Heilbron, 3 cases locks; Girard & Schmitz, 2 pianos; S. S. Nathan & Co., 1 case clothing; Kirk, Geary & Co., 25 cases soap, 2 bags chalk, 1 case paper, 20 boxes, 4 bags, 12 cases, 8 barrels and 3 kegs drugs; Weinstock & Lubin, 1 case shirts, 3 cases hardware; Hall, Luhrs & Co., 33 cases clams; Hale Bros. & Co., 1 case umbrellas, 1 case cotton goods, 2 cases hosiery, 1 case knit goods, 4 cases boots and shoes; Burns, Hancock & Co., 3 cases hardware; John T. Stoll, 2 bales cloth; J. Hahn & Co., 1 case tinware, 5 cases drugs, 1 case pitch; C. H. Gilman, 2 cases boots and shoes.

EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN.—The ladies of Buffalo have struck the key note in the organization of their Woman's Educational and Industrial Union, officered in regular form, with a large Board of Directors who devise ways of instruction and plans of work for the benefit of self-supporting females of any age, with committees for each department to carry forward the designs of the Union on the broadest non-sectarian plan—ignoring class and boundaries, whether wealth, culture or position; welcoming all women to the advantages their lectures and class instructions give in the various departments of French, German, arithmetic, book-keeping, type-writing, free-hand drawing, penmanship, stenography, physiology, hygiene, dress-making and plain sewing, with an Employ Bureau and Protective Committee.—[Exchange.

John Rice of Arroyo Grande, Cal., has a rosebush which is 14½ inches round and 32 feet long, covering the front of his house. He has a geranium seven feet high.

CITY FINANCES.

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Receipts and Disbursements, Together with Cash Remaining on Hand in the Various Funds.

The following is the twenty-second annual report of the Board of Trustees of the City of Sacramento, showing the receipts and disbursements of the various funds for the fiscal year ending on the first Monday in April, 1885:

SINKING AND INTEREST FUND.

Cash on hand April 1, 1884		$171,596 10
Forty-five per cent. of delinquent general tax	$509 30	
Forty-five per cent. of city licenses	21,699 89	
Forty-five per cent. of Police Court fines and harbor dues	2,853 70	
Forty-five per cent. of residue from water rates	6,050 00	
		31,002 89
Total		$202,598 99
Disbursements.		
Paid coupons of city debt		$426 00
Balance in fund April 1, 1885		$202,172 99

GENERAL FUND.

Cash in fund April 1, 1884		$4,524 13
Forty-five per cent. of delinquent general tax	$322 20	
Forty-five per cent. of city licenses	17,754 61	
Forty-five per cent. of residue from water rates	4,930 00	
Forty-five per cent. of Police Court fines and harbor dues	2,334 84	
City taxes	1,299 00	
Transfer from levee fund	3,736 60	
Justice Court fees	2,334 84	
Gambling licenses	1,246 00	
Sale of material and fees on delinquent taxes	812 69	
		34,691 78
Total		$39,215 91
Disbursements.		
Salaries of officers	$22,656 77	
Attorneys' fees and expenses	1,758 25	
Gas for street lamps	1,968 00	
Electric lights	174 48	
Hose-house, Nineteenth and L streets	2,162 20	
Decorating city July 4th and September 9th	2,000 00	
Street assessment, 1, Ninth and Tenth	768 00	
Collecting city taxes	1,200 00	
Expenting accounts of city officers	250 00	
Expense of city elections	220 00	
Court and reporters' fees	508 75	
Transfer to Fowle bond-redemption fund	631 28	
Stationery, printing and advertising	1,215 60	
Interpreters in Police Court	265 00	
Great Registers	175 00	
Street lamps and posts	234 00	
Supplies for City Prison	199 07	
Furniture and rent Justices' offices	723 25	
Mattresses and blankets for jail	84 00	
Photographing prisoners	55 50	
Paving and labor	294 00	
Hauling drunks to City Jail	75 50	
Safe	120 00	
Miscellaneous Items	509 41	
		37,418 06
Balance in fund April 1, 1885		$1,797 85

WATER WORKS FUND.

Cash in fund April 1, 1884		$50 73
Water rates	$53,799 50	
Sale of taps	925 00	
Sale of material and labor	317 85	
		$55,042 35
Total		$55,093 08
Disbursements.		
Salaries	$12,105 75	
Fuel	3,748 28	
Machinery and repairs	2,732 50	
Oil and packing	715 32	
Water pipe	7,983 20	
Hauling and freight	139 61	
Gas	1,386 99	
Water gate hydrants and taps	843 51	
Labor	2,875 62	
Blacksmithing	415 59	
Paint and painting	989 37	
Repairs to city jail	768 61	
New boiler	1,857 20	
Extending boiler room	224 25	
Lumber	138 65	
Horse	200 00	
Insurance	120 00	
Lead and plumbing	373 03	
Stationery and advertising	153 35	
Transferred to sinking and interest and general fund	11,000 00	
Miscellaneous items	548 57	
		54,365 36
Balance in fund April 1, 1885		$727 72

FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND.

Amount in fund April 1, 1884		$26 09
City taxes	$26,021 76	
Sale of horses	300 00	
Sale of brick wall	300 00	
Cash advanced by Commissioners	600 00	
Rent	255 00	
		28,079 76
Total		$28,106 45
Disbursements.		
Bills allowed as per vouchers on file		$27,908 21
Balance in fund April 1, 1885		$198 24

SCHOOL FUND.

Cash in fund April 1, 1884		$22,377 29
School tax	$33,249 69	
State apportionment	51,791 50	
County apportionment	10,919 20	
Insurance and salary refunded	49 35	
		99,010 04
Total		$121,387 33
Disbursements.		
Salaries	$69,409 00	
Perry seminary property	9,620 00	
Bills as per vouchers on file	12,861 49	
		91,890 49
Balance in fund April 1, 1885		$29,496 84

LEVEE FUND.

Cash on hand April 1, 1884		$32 41
City taxes		16,634 97
Total		$16,667 38
Disbursements.		
Labor	$8,538 28	
Hauling	1,296 10	
Lumber	1,061 14	
Jetty work on American river	3,058 01	
Land and right of way for levees	370 00	
Sewer pipe and cesspools	218 20	
Fuel and engineer Y-street pump	777 65	
Surveying	661 75	
Miscellaneous items	282 84	
Covering boiler at Y-street pump	160 00	
Transfer to general fund	3,736 60	
		15,161 57
Balance in fund April 1, 1885		$1,505 81

CEMETERY FUND.

Cash in fund April 1, 1884		$3,468 35
From burial permits and sale of lots		3,882 25
Total		$7,350 60
Disbursements.		
Plumbing	$1,084 59	
Labor	1,711 74	
Stationery and printing	87 20	
Carpenter work and lumber	109 30	
		2,992 83
Balance in fund April 1, 1885		$4,357 77

STREET FUND.

Cash in fund April 1, 1884		$2 04
From city taxes	$27,661 76	
Repairing pavement	67 00	
		27,728 76
Total		$27,730 80
Disbursements.		
Gas for street lamps	$10,824 00	
Sprinkling streets	12,251 00	
Labor	1,970 33	
Hauling	342 40	
Paving	411 61	
Surveying and printing	566 64	
Lumber	745 08	
Burying dead animals	343 90	
Sewer pipe	121 90	
Miscellaneous items	187 80	
		27,703 76
Balance in fund April 1, 1885		$27 04

POLICE FUND

Amount in fund April 1, 1884		$4 29
From city taxes		16,630 26
Total		$16,634 55
Disbursements.		
Salaries	$14,862 00	
Special officers	495 50	
Supplies for city jail	1,221 28	
		16,578 78
Balance in fund April 1, 1885		$55 77

BOND REDEMPTION FUND.

Cash in fund April 1, 1884		$24 28
From delinquent taxes		7 00
Total		$31 28
Paid bond redemption warrant		24 00
Balance in fund April 1, 1885		$7 28

EXHUMATION FUND.

Cash in fund April 1, 1884		$603 00
From exhumation permits		1,960 00
Total		$2,563 00
Paid for exhumation services		1,052 25
Balance in fund April 1, 1885		$1,565 75

FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND.

Cash in fund April 1, 1884		$211 85
From city taxes		1,105 45
Total		$1,317 30
Disbursements.		
Fire Department bonds	$500 00	
Fire Department coupons	440 00	
		940 00
Balance in fund April 1, 1885		$377 30

FOWLE BOND REDEMPTION FUND.

From city tax		$6,628 72
Transferred from general fund		631 28
Total		$7,260 00
Disbursements.		
Fowle bond	$5,000 00	
Fowle bond coupons	1,260 00	
		$7,260 00

LIBRARY FUND.

Cash in fund April 1, 1884	$36 20	
From city taxes	$4,540 87	
From sale of catalogues	10 00	
From rents	546 00	
		5,095 87
Total		$5,132 07
Disbursements.		
For salaries	$1,540 00	
Paid on principal of loan on building	450 00	
For interest on loan	220 00	
Books	418 53	
Periodicals	626 10	
Repairs	381 23	
Book binding	379 60	
Furnishing	248 72	
Insurance	99 25	
Fuel	74 00	
Gas	195 00	
Oil	29 53	
Printing	81 00	
Ice	35 73	
Stationery	23 33	
		4,823 92
Balance in fund April 1, 1885		$299 15

DOG FUND.

Cash in fund April 1, 1884		$ 13 36
From sale of tags		677 76
Total		$691 12
Disbursements.		
Dog scalps	$316 00	
Advertising	13 75	
Making dog tags	35 75	
		665 50
Balance in fund April 1, 1885		$5 62

SPECIAL LEVEE FUND.

From special levee tax		$27,422 97
Disbursements.		
Grading north and east levee	$19,783 31	
Grading front levee below B street	2,250 00	
Land for levee purposes	395 00	
Surveying and lumber	171 50	
Labor and hauling	865 00	
Sewer pipe and tank, Eighth and Y streets	283 50	
Miscellaneous items	486 50	
		24,890 81
Balance in fund April 1, 1885		$2,532 16

SANITARY FUND.

From special tax		$16,453 83
Disbursements.		
Sewer pipe at Y street	$8,349 85	
Connecting China slough and Sacramento river	2,979 93	
Labor	2,280 11	
Sewer pipe and cesspools	448 02	
Deputy Health Officers	420 00	
Fuel for pumping	646 50	
Surveying and lumber	135 50	
Repairs to Y-street pump	121 95	
Miscellaneous items	201 82	
		15,574 68
Balance in fund April 1, 1885		$879 15

SPECIAL STREET FUND.

Amount in fund April 1, 1884		$1,592 93
From street assessments		26,400 87
Total		$27,793 80
Disbursements.		
Grading streets	$2,806 37	
Graveling streets	7,686 99	
Paving	7,989 74	
Constructing sewers	2,916 21	
Advertising	463 93	
Surveying	690 06	
		21,493 15
Balance in fund April 1, 1885		$6,300 65

RECAPITULATION.

Total amount in City Treasury April 1, 1884	$204,358 65
Total receipts	399,173 31
Total	$603,531 96
Total disbursements	251,204 87
Balance in City Treasury April 1, 1885	$252,327 09

JOHN Q. BROWN,
President of the Board of Trustees.
E. H. MCKEE, Clerk.

MAGAZINES, ETC.

The "North American Review" for May (30 Lafayette place, New York,) is at hand. The essays are as follows: "Has Christianity Benefited Woman?" by Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Bishop J. L. Spalding;" "Industrial Co-operation," by David Dudley Field; "Success in Fiction," by Jas. Payne; "What is Academic Freedom?" by Prof. Andrew D. West; "The New Buddha," by Robert Buchanan; "Why Crime is Increasing," by President J. L. Pickard; "Superstition in English Life," by Rev. T. F. Thiselton Dyer.

From D. Appleton & Co., New York, we have the May number of the "Popular Science Monthly." Its contents are too numerous for recapitulation this week. It must suffice to say that they are even more varied than usual, and of character most inviting to the thoughtful reader. Dr. Pettenkofer's timely articles upon the cholera are continued, the current number, being directed to "prevention," is especially interesting.

Charles Scribner's Sons, N. Y., have issued a neat volume with the title, "The Diamond Lens, with Other Stories," by Fitz-James O'Brien. It has been edited by William Winter, who gives a delightful sketch of the life of the author, who, as a soldier, poet, romancist and correspondent, was altogether a remarkable literary character. The book first appeared in 1881. The present is a new and revised edition. For sale by A. L. Bancroft & Co., San Francisco.

"Over the Sunny Hills" is the name of a new and to be popular song, received from Sherman & Clay, San Francisco. The words and music are by Colonel E. A. Belcher, author of the "Dirigo March." The first part is written in F, and the concluding portion in A flat. It is for soprano or tenor voice, and the piano accompaniment is arranged in admirable support and taste. The words are given in both English and German.

From A. L. Bancroft & Co., San Francisco, has been received a pamphlet upon "Defective and Corrupt Legislation, the Cause and Remedy," by Simon Sterne, and "A Solution of the Mormon Question," by John Codman. Published by Putnam's Sons, New York. Also, "The New Departure in College Education," being Dr. McCash's reply to President Eliot's defense of it.—[Scribner's Sons, New York.

The Society for Political Education has issued an interesting paper from the pen of Robert Griffen, LL.D., President of the British Statistical Society, upon "The Progress of the Working Classes in the Last Half Century." It is an English statement of the subject, with an appendix on American wages. Published also by G. P. Putnam's Sons, N. Y., and for sale by A. L. Bancroft & Co.

"The Babyhood" magazine is a peculiar title to cover the learned articles upon health, etc., which in part form the contents of that journal for April. Of these papers are "True or Membranous Croup," by Prof. John H. Ripley;" "Isolation in Contagious Diseases," by L. E. Holt, M. D.; "Domestic Disinfection," by Dr. G. M. Sternberg, F. R. M. S., etc.—[18 Spruce street, New York..

The Novelist Publishing Company, New York, has issued in an extra number of the War Library, "The Life and Military Services of General Grant." It is condensed into 34 quarto pages, and will be found extremely readable. Sold at 20 cents.

From the San Francisco News Company has been received of Bunlett's series, "Patriotic Recitations" and "Dramatic Recitations," 150 pages each, and price 25 cents. Published by Excelsior Publishing House, New York.

A little 64-page book of music for the younger children in Sunday-schools, entitled "Fresh Flowers," arranged by Mrs. Emma Pitt, has been issued by Oliver Ditson & Co., Boston.

Multnomah county, Or., has been sued by the State for delinquent taxes.

COMMERCIAL.

SACRAMENTO MARKET.

SACRAMENTO, April 24th.

FRUIT—Lemons, Sicily, $5 75@6 ₱ case; Limes, $11 50@12; Bananas, $3 25@3 50 ₱ bunch; Pineapples, $6@9 ₱ dozen; Cocoanuts, $6@6 50 ₱ 100; Apples, $1 50@2 ₱ box; Los Angeles Oranges, $1 25@1 50; Riverside do, $1 75@2 Navel do, $4@4 50; Strawberries, 9@10c ₱ box; Cherries, $1 15@2 ₱ box.

PIE FRUITS—Assorted, 2½-lb cans, ₱ doz, $1 20@1 30; assorted, gallon cans, $4; Peaches, 2-½ cans, $1 50; Portland Blueberries, 2-lb cans, $2; Whortleberries, $1 75; Capital Asparagus, $2 25 ₱ dozen cans.

DRIED FRUITS—Apples, sliced, 2½@3c ₱ lb; do quartered, 2@2½c; Pears, peeled, 5@6c; do unpeeled, 4@6c; Plums, pitted, 9@10c; Peaches, 9@10c; do peeled, 19@20c; Prunes, German and French, 6@9c; Blackberries, 10@11c; Figs, California, 4@5c ₱ lb.

TABLE FRUITS—Assorted, 2½-lb cans, ₱ doz, $1 75@2; Peaches, $2 50; Bartlett Pears, $2 40; Plums, $1 90@2; Blackberries, $1 75@2; Gooseberries, $2 25@2 50; Strawberries, $2 75. Apricots, $2@2 25; Muscat Grapes, $1 75@2; Red Currants, $2 40; Cherries, $2 00@2 75.

VEGETABLES—Salt Lake Potatoes, $1 25; Early Rose do, 90c@$1 ₱ ctl; New Potatoes, 1¾@1¾c; Celery, 60c ₱ dozen; Onions, 5½@6c; Cabbage, $1; Carrots, 60@70c ₱ 100. Turnips, $1 25; bunch vegetables, 12½c ₱ doz; Parsnips, 1c; Beets, $1; Horse Radish, 6@8c ₱ lb; Garlic, 10@11c; Asparagus, 20@24c; Rhubarb, 2@4c; Cucumbers, $1; String Beans, 12½c ₱ lb; Peas, 4@4½c ₱ lb; Summer Squash, 5@6c ₱ lb; Artichokes, 40c ₱ dozen; Tomatoes, $3 50@4 ₱ box; Green Peppers, 10@12c ₱ lb.

BREADSTUFFS—Flour, $5 ₱ barrel; Oatmeal, $3 75 ₱ 100 lbs; Cornmeal, yellow, $2 in 25 lb sacks, $2 25 in 10 lb sacks; white, same; Cracked Wheat, $2 15; Hominy, $3@3 15 ₱ cwt.

POULTRY—Live Turkeys, 14@14c ₱ lb; full-grown Chickens, $5@6 ₱ dozen; young Roosters, $5 50@6 50 ₱ dozen; Broilers, $4@5; tame Ducks, $6 50; Geese, $1 50@2 ₱ pair; Eggs, choice eggs, 16@17c ₱ dozen.

DAIRY PRODUCTS—Butter, choice, 25@21c ₱ lb; mixed lots, in rolls, 17½@18½c; packed in firkins, choice, 21½c; common, 15@20c. Cheese, California, 10½@14c; Western flats, 15@17c; Martin's Cream, 17½c.

HAY, GRAIN AND FEED—Oat hay, $12@16 ₱ ton; Alfalfa hay, $8@10 ₱ ton; Bran, $15 ₱ ton; Middlings, $17 ₱ ton; Barley, whole, $1 20; rolled, $1 25; Wheat, $1 25@1 35 ₱ cwt; tame Oats, $1 50; Corn, $1 20 ₱ cwt for choice.

MEATS—Beef, 5@5½c. Mutton, 5½@6c ₱ lb; Lamb, 8c; Pork, 7c; Veal, small calves, 10@11c; large, 9c; fresh Pork, 7c; Hams, Eastern, 13½@14½c; California, 11½@12½c; Bacon, medium, 9½c; sole ted, 12c; extra light, 13½c.

MISCELLANEOUS—Seeds—Alfalfa, 20@21c; Timothy, Eastern, 6½@7½c ₱ lb; Oregon, 6@7c; Pop Corn, 2½@4c ₱ lb; Red Clover, 13@14c; Red Top, 7@9c. Nuts—Chile Walnuts, 7½@9c; California Walnuts, 9½@10c; Almonds, 12@13c; Peanuts, California, 4½@5½c; Le—n (California), cans, 8½@9c; Eastern, 11½@11½c; Hides, salt light and medium, 7½c; heavy, 9½c; dry, 17½c; Tallow, 5@5½c. Hops—No demand. Sales of Pacific coast in New York, 10c; market value here, 3@6c.

SAN FRANCISCO MARKET.

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FLOUR—We quote: Best city extra, $4 25@4 90; medium, $3 50@4; shipping, superfine, $3 75@3 50 ₱ bbl.

WHEAT—The sample market is void either of activity or excitement. Shippers are not pressed for supplies and show no special desire to secure lots much ahead of freight charters. On the other hand, the holding interest are far from anxious to realize. The conviction seems to be growing stronger among sellers that a better market is in prospect, and they are quite willing to take chances by withholding offerings for the present. No round lots of good shipping quality can be bought below $1 40, though small lots pass into the hands of exporters on a basis of $1 42½@1 ctl.

Call Board sales at the morning session were as follows:

Buyer season, city—100 tons, $1 53.

Buyer 1885—100 tons, $1 68½; 500, $1 68; 300, $1 67½ ₱ ctl.

BARLEY—Is still on the jump. Feed was held this morning at $1 17½ ₱ ctl, without regard to quality. The situation is wholly against buyers, who have no alternative but to pay asking rates if disposed to trade at all. Brewing of course strengthens under the circumstances. There is some ordinary stock that will not bring over feed prices, while a choice article will sell readily at $1 20 ₱ ctl.

Sales at the morning call session were as follows:

Buyer season—100 tons, $1 16; 100, $1 15½; 200, $1 14½; 500, $1 14½; 100, $1 14½; 100, $1 14¼.

Buyer 1885—100 tons, $1 21; 100, $1 20½; 100, $1 20½; 500, $1 20; 100, $1 19½; 100, $1 19½; 900, $1 18; 100, $1 18½; 200, $1 18½; 300, $1 18½.

Seller 1885—200 tons, $1 10½; 400, $1 10¼; 200, $1 09½; 100, $1 09½; 100, $1 09¼; 400, $1 09¼ ₱ ctl.

OATS—Are finding improved inquiry, mainly because of the advance in other classes of feed stock. The market is abundantly supplied with medium and poor quality, for which the prospect is at the moment most favorable than a short time ago. A choice article, however, is scarce, and brings a pretty good figure. Bright, clean and heavy parcels are wanted. We quote: Surprise and Milling, $1 40@1 50; No. 1, $1 25@1 30; No. 2, $1 10@1 20; Black, $1@1 10; Washington Territory, $1 12½@1 17½ ₱ ctl.

CORN—Lid sales at current rates. All Nebraska stock has passed from first hands. Quotable at $1 19@1 15 for large Yellow; small Yellow, $1 25@1 30; White, $1 35@1 40 ₱ ctl.

HAY—We quote: Alfalfa, $8@12; Wheat, $10@16; Oat, $8@12; Barley, $7@11; Mixed, $7@9 ₱ ton.

HOPS—Quotable at 7@8c ₱ lb for choice, and 3½@5c for poor offerings.

POTATOES—Wharf rates are as follows: River Early Rose, 60c; Oregon Early Rose, 70c; River Reds, 60c; Petalumas, 50@60c; Garnet Chile, 40@50c; Peerless, 50@60c; New, 75c@$1 25; Oregon Burbank Seedlings, 75@90c ₱ ctl.

ONIONS—Quotable at $2 50@3 50 ₱ ctl for new. Quality poor.

BEANS—No trade. Prices somewhat nominal. We quote: Bayos, $2 50@3; Butter, $4@4 25; Pink, $1 50@1 65; Lima, nominal; Small White, $1 50@2 12½; Pea, $2@2 25 ₱ ctl.

VEGETABLES—The market cleaned up well this morning, owing to the filling of orders for shipment by departing coast steamers. Asparagus, $1@1 50 ₱ box; Rhubarb,