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PACIFIC COAST.

DISCOVERY OF A SENSATIONAL PRISON PLOT.

Mare Island Politics—Strong Testimony in the Dimmig Case—A Jailer Murdered.

[SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE RECORD-UNION.]

TREE-PLANTING.

Activity Among Orchardists in Yuba and Sutter Counties.

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MARYSVILLE, February 24th.—The Horticultural Society of Yuba and Sutter Counties organized at Yuba City to-day, and will hold regular meetings henceforth. This is the first association of the kind in these counties, and is significant of the growth of horticultural industries.

Planting fruit trees and vines this season is greater than ever before known. Most of the new orchards are of the deciduous class, peach, apricot and pear preferred. Olive and orange trees are also being planted, though to a much less extent. Old and young orange trees went through the coldest weather in January ever known here without injury to the tenderest wood, and this has encouraged the planting of orange orchards in this neighborhood, but the returns from peach and apricot trees come so much quicker that orchardists generally prefer them. Three or four old apricot and peach orchards here are paying a hundred dollars per acre. In vines, the raisin-grape varieties are being most extensively planted.

ROUGH ON DIMMIG.

A Witness Gives Damaging Evidence Against Him and Mrs. Zeising.

SAN FRANCISCO, February 24th.—The most important and direct testimony that has yet been brought forward by the prosecution in the Dimmig case was adduced this morning, when Dr. D. L. Harlow was called to the stand. On Saturday, October 22d, he had left the Fountain Theater, and when he had reached the corner of Kearny and Geary streets, the strange behavior of a party of three attracted his attention. On the sidewalk on Geary street, near Kearny, a man and a woman were trying to induce another man to go up the street with them. He was without his hat, which the woman held in her hand. "I want my hat," said the one whom the witness spoke of as the lone man. "I want to go home. I ought to have been home long ago." The man then spoke roughly to him, and as this proved unavailing, the woman took him by the arm, saying to the man who seemed to be her accomplice, "This must be done to-night, if at all." The face of the lone man denoted a mingling of anxiety and sorrow. The witness watched the strange performance for fully fifteen minutes, concealing himself behind a post. When he left the spot the man and woman were still engaged in trying to induce the third person to go with them.

"Did you see the face of that man and woman?" asked Mr. Deupreys.

"I did, distinctly," answered the witness.

"Do you see any one in this Court-room who resembles that man?"

"Yes, the man sits there," replied the witness, pointing to defendant.

"And the woman—have you seen her since?"

"Yesterday she sat in this chair. She wore glasses, and said that her name was Mrs. Zeising."

This positive identification caused a perceptible flutter in the Court-room, but Dimmig sat unmoved.

On cross-examination the witness held to his statement.

FORTUNATE DISCOVERY.

A Plot to Murder a Jailer and Release Sixty Prisoners.

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SAN BERNARDINO, February 24th.—About 19 o'clock yesterday a general search and renovation was made of the County Jail by Sheriff Cole and his deputies, and a striking discovery made, which, had it slumbered for another twenty-four hours, might have cost some one his life. Everything progressed favorably till the cell of Walter D. Steymus was reached, when the discovery was made of the most daring plot ever planned for a general delivery of sixty prisoners. The first thing was a sack with a cord arranged to close it tightly, and this was to have been placed over the head of the deputy who locks the prisoners in their cells at night, which of course would have been death.

The next was the discovery of a large number of nails, wires, pieces of steel, etc., beaten into various shapes with which one could unlock any door in the jail. The plan was to "sack" the deputy, open the doors and all hands leave last night.

Steymus' father is said to be residing in New York, and to be a millionaire. The prisoner is 24 years old and a very shrewd fellow, and gives the name of Frank Taylor.

RESULTED FATALLY.

Death of the Redwood City Jailer Who was Beaten by Tramps.

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REDWOOD CITY, February 24th.—G. W. Tallman, the jailer who was so roughly handled by four tramps on Saturday evening last at the county jail, died in the Tremont House to-day. He had steadily failed since Monday, and the doctors gave up hope then. He was solicited to make an antemortem statement, but maintained that it was not necessary, as he would be able to testify, and was not going to die. He has relatives in Los Angeles. The funeral will take place on Sunday under the auspices of the Masons. A tramp was arrested at San Jose to-day on suspicion and brought here, but was not positively identified. Two of the four are in custody.

CIVIL SERVICE BOOST.

The Last Republican Clerk Bounced From Mare Island.

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VALLEJO, February 24th.—Orders were received on the yard to-day removing A. L. Hathaway, Chief Clerk in the Steam Engineering Department, and appointing William Tormey to the vacancy. The change goes into effect March 1st. Hathaway was the last Republican clerk on the yard.

The man-of-war Iroquois will go out of commission next week. The vessel will again be surveyed to ascertain whether she can be repaired within the twenty per cent. limit. The first survey called for an expenditure of $40,000.

CATTLE-STEALING.

Arrest of Tehama County Men on a Serious Charge.

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MARYSVILLE, February 24th.—Sheriff Inlaw, of Yuba, has arrested a man named A. S. Schubert, on the latter's stock range near Brown's valley, on a telegraphic warrant from Red Bluff, charging larceny. Schubert has a brother-in-law in the employ of Senator Stanford, on the latter's ranch at Vina, and this relative and Schubert, it is charged, have been systematically robbing the ranch of its marketable beeves, the total number taken being about twenty-five.

The method is stated to have been for the brother-in-law to drive the stock down to Schubert's place, which is in a very secluded locality in the hills, and there the brand would be changed, when Schubert would drive the cattle to this city and sell them.

FRIENDS OF GROVER.

Democrats Deny That the State Club is Against Cleveland.

SAN FRANCISCO, February 24th.—[Special.]—Isadore Gutte, President of the Democratic State Club, in an interview with a *Call* reporter to-night, said: "For several months past the Democratic State Club has been agitating the possibility of having the National Convention of our party meet in San Francisco, but neither in its inception of the idea nor any of our efforts to carry it out was there ever the slightest tinge of animosity to Cleveland. This much I can say of our club, from personal knowledge. I sincerely hope it is equally true as regards the stand taken by the Democratic State Central Committee, and by what your informant was pleased to style the Buckley organization. Of 200 members of the Democratic State Club, I am sure that at least 195 are absolutely in favor of the renomination of Cleveland. We were the originators of the idea that the Convention be brought here. We based our hopes upon the very fact that we believed it certain that Mr. Cleveland would get the nomination.

THE CONVENTION FUND.

"I feel it my duty to explain the position of Tingle, with regard to that money matter, as your informant deals him what I consider to be an undeserved blow. The Democratic State Club raised a fair sum of money to be expended on this Convention fight, and $1,500 of it was devoted to the sending of special delegates to look after San Francisco's interests in Washington. Tingle was going East, and we asked him to aid in our work."

OREGON.

Suit for Damages Against a Railroad Contractor.

PORTLAND, February 24th.—The Oregon Pacific Railroad Company began suit in the Circuit Court at Albany to-day against contractor G. N. Hunt to recover $150,000 damages for non-performance of a contract on the extension of the road eastward from that city.

Stockton Small-pox Cases.

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STOCKTON, February 24th.—Two additional cases of small-pox were reported in the Ratto family to-day, the mother and a boy six years old. A case was also discovered in a negro family named Paine, residing next door. It now transpires that serious consequences may result from the keeping of the case of the Ratto child from the knowledge of the Health Officers. The child was taken to an Italian ball when the disease was several days old, and it is feared that it may spread among this class.

Paso Robles Town Site.

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PASO ROBLES, February 24th.—At a meeting of the heirs and legatees of the late J. H. Blackburn, an arrangement was made whereby those parties who had given notice of intent to contest his will were to sign a quit claim to all their interest in said estate for a money consideration. This leaves the town site in the hands of Messrs. D. W. James, D. D. Blackburn and Mrs. D. D. Blackburn, the latter as guardian for her children. This places the property on the market as heretofore.

Salinas Has the Fever.

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SALINAS CITY, February 24th.—Articles of incorporation were to-day filed by the Salinas City Recreation Park Association. Place of business, Salinas, and capital stock, $5,000. Its purpose is to lease, buy, sell and manage recreation grounds within the city limits for baseball, cricket, racing and other athletic sports. Following are the Directors: Robert L. Porter, Thomas J. Riordan, H. J. Lind, T. B. Johnson, W. L. Burbeck, J. W. Tholcke and C. F. Lacy.

Los Angeles Libel Suits.

LOS ANGELES, February 24th.—H. H. Boyce and W. H. Seamans have each begun suit against C. C. Bragg for $50 000 damages for alleged malicious prosecution by the defendant, in causing their arrest recently on a charge of conspiracy to defraud, which charge was dismissed last Tuesday by Justice Taney.

Boyce has also brought a second suit for libel against the *Times*, the cause of complaint being an article in reference to the Boyce Seamans Bragg controversy. Damages are laid at $50,000.

Small-Pox Case at Lincoln.

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LINCOLN, February 24th.—The case of small-pox reported at this place was verified this evening by an experienced physician from Sacramento, who was called by the citizens for the purpose. The doctor pronounced it a sure case of varoloid. The patient is a girl, aged about 15 years, a pupil of the public school. The school has been closed, the patient quarantined, and everything possible is being done to prevent the spread of the disease.

Fire in the Dixon Jail.

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DIXON, February 24th.—The jail was discovered to be on fire this morning about 6 o'clock. It was broken open and the only occupant, James Boyle, was dragged out so badly suffocated that he could not speak. The bed was entirely destroyed and the clothes were partly burned from his body. He soon revived in the open air, and it is not believed that his injuries are necessarily fatal.

An Attorney's Bad Break.

SAN FRANCISCO, February 24th.—[Special.]—In the Dimmig murder trial to day the Court refused to sustain the objection of the defense in regard to certain testimony, whereupon Mr. Tum Suden remarked, "Well, we at least expected a fair trial." This was too much for the Court, and the attorney was told that at the conclusion of the trial he would be summoned to show cause why he should not be punished for contempt.

Notes from the Bay.

SAN FRANCISCO, February 24th.—[Special.]—At the annual meeting of the California Division of the L. H. Wheelmen it was decided that the next meet of the league be held at Stockton July 14th.

The Pacific Coast Board of Appeals met to-night and reinstated C. M. Chase, but refused to set aside the suspension of Dan McCarthy.

Burned by an Electric Wire.

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SAN FRANCISCO, February 24th.—To-day a horse attached to a milkman's wagon stepped on a fallen electric-light wire and received such a shock that he fell and became entangled in the wire. The beast was shockingly burned and blistered, and is probably ruined.

Drowned in Marin.

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SAN RAFAEL, February 24th.—Thomas Christieson, of San Francisco, fell off the trestle bridge near Sausalito yesterday and was drowned. Coroner Eden was notified, but as yet has heard nothing of the finding of the body.

Death of a Sonoma Pioneer.

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PETALUMA, February 24th.—David Stewart, another aged pioneer, died this evening. He owned a ranch on the Lake valley road, where for thirty years or more he has lived. He leaves a wife, two sons and a daughter.

Chinese Rowdies.

MARYSVILLE, February 24th.—Last Tuesday a shooting scrape occurred between some Chinamen on Ashford's ranch, in Sutter county. The friends of one of the Chinamen have threatened to kill the other, and at his request he was locked up in jail at Yuba City, where he will stay for the present.

The Dumbarton Point Dicker.

SAN FRANCISCO, February 24th.—[Special.]—Austin, of Stockton, said to-night that he is negotiating for the purchase of Dumbarton Point for a railroad. The first payment of $35,000 will be made March 1st. He declines to give the name of the road interested.

Anschlag Sentenced.

LOS ANGELES, February 24th.—Judge Cheney to-day sentenced Anschlag, the murderer of Mr. and Mrs. Hitchcock, to be hanged. The date of execution will be fixed next week.

Sale of the California Theater.

SAN FRANCISCO, February 24th.—[Special.]—To-day a sale of the California Theater was made to Kate MacDonough, who bought the place for $127,000.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

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Israel Luce to John Breuner—West thirty-two feet of lot 7, block J and K, Sixth and Seventh streets; $10,000.

Mrs. Wilhelmina Ecklon to Matilda Deterding and Israel Deterding—Undivided one-third of "Deterding Farm," $7,500.

M. M. Drew to T. B. Hall—West half and southeast quarter of section 29, township 10 north, range 7 east, containing 480 acres: $18,400.

T. B. Hall to Hail, Luhrs & Co.—Same property; $1.

Troops are out after six Apache renegades who have been raiding near the Galuria mountains, Arizona.

THE CAPITAL.

DEATH OF AN AGED AND WEALTHY PHILANTHROPIST.

Pacific Railroad Matters — Hammond Starts for Home—Alleged Timber Frauds.

[SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE RECORD-UNION.]

THE CENTRAL PACIFIC.

C. P. Huntington Sends a Letter to the House Railroad Committee.

WASHINGTON, February 24th.—The House Committee on Pacific Railways received a letter from C. P. Huntington this morning. In it he calls attention to the fact that he was prevented, by reason of interruptions, from giving a full answer at his last hearing to the question put as to what the Central Pacific Railroad has done toward paying its debt at maturity. He, therefore, thinks it advisable to make it in writing. After a resume of the ineffectual efforts of the Government and company to provide for the debt, he tells how the Directors of the company in 1878 resolved to create a sinking fund in their own treasury to meet its debts. It is now apparent, he says, "that the money could not be made to earn 8 per cent., as was anticipated. Nevertheless, a considerable fund would have accumulated by 1898, more than half the entire debt would be paid, and the whole would have been settled in the early part of the twentieth century, after which the whole net earnings would have gone to the stockholders, so that whether my assertion was right or not, would have made but little difference."

Continuing, he says: "The passage of the Thurman Act followed, and this, of course, puts an end to the company's own voluntary efforts, as we could not pay money into the United States Treasury and also invest it elsewhere. Congress thus took the matter in its own hands, and the result has been to impound a considerable sum in the United States Treasury which ought to have been earning 5 or 6 per cent., but which has virtually earned nothing, as it is to-day doubtful whether as many dollars will be gotten out of the fund as have been put into it by the company. Finally, it was impossible for the Central Pacific Company to repay the United States loan and the interest upon it and at the same time to take care of its first mortage bonds and the interest thereon, within the short space of three years, unless it had control of the traffic of the territory it traversed.

"When it became clear that other competing roads to the Pacific coast, more liberally aided than the first road, were soon to be completed, it was evident that both the first mortage and subordinate liens must be postponed for a long time. For reasons which were no doubt satisfactory, the Government impaired the carrying capacity of the road and thereby its security for the debt. This was a matter over which the Government had control and inquiry. It ought not now to seek to make that impairment good at the expense of the party injured by it, viz., the company."

GONE TO HIS REWARD.

Death of W. W. Corcoran—Some of His Noble Charities.

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WASHINGTON, February 24th.—W. W. Corcoran died this morning at 6:30 o'clock. He had laid all night in the same totally unconscious state that he had been in for the past thirty-six hours, and during which time the only sign that life was not extinct was the slight movement of his chest and nostrils with a respiration which grew hourly more feeble and rapid as the end drew near. About 6 o'clock it became apparent that Mr. Corcoran's life was shortening down to moments, and the ladies of the household, his niece, Miss Jones, and his granddaughter, Miss Eustis, were quickly summoned to the room. His breathing was rapidly becoming almost imperceptible, and just as dawn was beginning to lighten up the windows of the northern room in which he lay he quietly breathed his last, and died without a tremor, and apparently without pain.

Mr. Corcoran's life was a life of charity and good deeds. He founded and maintained the Louise Home, an institution for indigent gentlewomen, and the Corcoran Gallery of Art stands as a monument to his devotion to art. He had brought from Tunis the remains of John Howard Payne, in order that the body of the author of "Home, Sweet Home," might not rest in a foreign land.

HIS LIFE AND DEEDS.

WASHINGTON, February 24th.—W. W. Corcoran died this morning at 6:30 o'clock. Born at Georgetown, December 27, 1798, he laid the basis of his great fortune under the firm name of Corcoran & Riggs, bankers, by floating Government bonds during the Mexican War. He is best known as a public benefactor and philanthropist. In 1847 he purchased the site of Oak Hill Cemetery, Georgetown, expended about $120,000 in improving it, and presented the cemetery to his native town. The Corcoran Gallery of Art he established in 1857, spending about $300,000 in fitting it up, and in addition establishing an endowment fund of nearly $1,000,000 for its benefit, and transferred his entire collection of paintings, statuary and works of art. Another of his gifts is the Louise Home, founded in memory of his wife and intended as a home for aged women of refinement and education, who, by reverses of fortune, have been reduce from affluence to poverty. The building cost about $200,000 and has an endowment fund of about $300 000. Corcoran also made large gifts to the Washington Orphan Asylum, Columbia University and many institutions in the South. He also gave $100,000 to the Church of the Ascension of this city. To the University of Virginia he made gifts amounting to $200,000, beside a library of about four thousand volumes.

OFF FOR HOME.

Surveyor-General Hammond Leaves the Capital for California.

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WASHINGTON, February 24th.—Surveyor-General Hammond left Washington to-night for San Francisco, via New York. During his stay in Washington General Hammond has made not only Secretary Vilas and Acting Commissioner Stockslager of the Land Office acquainted with the needs for increased appropriations for surveys in California, but has posted members of the Senate and House Appropriation Committees on the subject. Much of General Hammond's time in Washington was consumed in working to secure the Democratic Convention for San Francisco. He has become personally acquainted with the heads of the Land Department here, and has made an excellent impression upon all with whom he has been brought in contact.

TIMBER TRESPASSERS.

Charges Against Two Lumber Companies in Arizona.

WASHINGTON, February 24th.—The Secretary of the Interior has received a report from Special Agent Mason, in which it is charged that the Arriva Lumber Company, of Flagstaff, A. T., and Arizona Lumber Company, had caused to be cut from public lands in said Territory 10,435,450 feet of timber and 25,177 railroad ties. The value of the timber at the mill is given as $143,570, and of the ties at $10,000. Both civil and criminal proceedings against the parties named are recommended.

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

The Senate.

WASHINGTON, February 24th.—In the Senate, this morning, the bill to prevent pool-selling, gambling and betting in Washington was favorably reported.

Mr. Morgan spoke in favor of the bill to incorporate the Maritime Canal Company of Nicaragua, after which the bill granting pensions to ex-soldiers and sailors who are incapacitated from the performance of manual labor and providing for pensions to dependent relatives of deceased soldiers and sailors, Manderson making the main speech in favor of it.

No vote was taken, and the Senate adjourned.

The House.

WASHINGTON, February 24th.—In the House, the Senate bill to carry into effect the International Convention of the 14th of March, 1884, for the protection of submarine cables, was passed.

A bill to establish a United States Land Court, to adjudicate private land claims in Arizona, New Mexico and Colorado, was favorably reported from the Committee on Private Land Claims.

The Senate bill to increase pensions for deafness was reported favorably and placed on the calendar.

Springer reported adversely from the Committee on Territories the bills for the admission of North and South Dakota as separate States, and Barker of New York presented minority reports on the same measure.

Adjourned.

PENSION BILLS.

Prisoners of War and Disabled Veterans in Good Favor.

WASHINGTON, February 24th.—The House Committee on Invalid Pensions have decided to report favorably the exprisoners of war pension bill. It grants a pension at the rate fixed by law, to all who were thirty days or more confined in the Confederate prisons and gives them $2 a day outright for each day more than thirty they were so imprisoned.

Favorable reports will also be made on bills increasing pensions for total disabilities to $30 a month, limiting the fee of the examining surgeons to $2 for each case.

Revenue Cutter Service.

WASHINGTON, February 24th.—The House Committee on Commerce has reported favorably the bill crediting the revenue system for the transportation and subsistence of shipwrecked seamen in the Arctic regions. The report dwells upon the fact that in her last four cruises in Alaskan waters the Corwin has transported to a place of safety 130 shipwrecked persons, of which number 122 were landed either at Ounalaska or San Francisco, most of them at the latter place.

The Needs of San Diego Harbor.

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WASHINGTON, February 24th.—The Secretary of War to-day sent to the House the report of the local engineer officer on survey of San Diego Harbor. He recommends the construction of a channel 250 feet wide and 24 deep at low water over the outer bar. For this work it will be necessary to build a jetty 7,000 feet long at a cost of $369,400.

California Pensions.

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WASHINGTON, February 24th.—California pensions have been granted as follows: J. N. Hathern, Los Angeles; Bridget, widow of S. Shields, Sacramento City; Nancy, widow of James A. Rich, Stockton.

The Los Angeles Building.

WASHINGTON, February 24th.—Senator Stanford, from the Committee on Public Buildings, to-day reported favorably the bill to increase the limit of the cost of the public building at Los Angeles, Cal., to $300,000.

The Sugar Trust.

WASHINGTON, February 24th.—The House resolution authorizing an investigation of the sugar trusts in New York was to-day reported with the recommendation that it lie on the table.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

"Cassell's Family Magazine" for March opens with an installment of that spirited serial, "Monica; or, Stronger than Death." "Some Cats of a Larger Growth" is a lively paper on tigers. The devoted sister who nursed her brother back to health through a case of typhoid fever, gives the conclusion of her experiences, which ought to be profitable reading to amateur nurses. The "City of Sheereefs" is described. The "Family Doctor" tells what he thinks of so-called tonics. "My Cookery Class and what I Taught It" is a thoroughly practical paper, as is "A Family of Boys, and How they were Started in Life." The two fashion letters are filled with their usual amount of early information. "The Gatherer" is usually full, and among the novelties it reports is an "electric table waiter." Not a serving man with electricity coming through his veins, but an electric railroad for the dining-table on which the viands are placed on a car and set rolling the length of the board at a touch upon the button by the finger of the host. Cassell & Co., New York.

The thing that will strike the American reader the first in the "Magazine of Art" for March is a short paper called "Some Plain Words on American Taste in Art." The writer hides his identity under the name of John Smith. The other articles of this number are a carefully prepared paper on "Current Art," profusely illustrated. The studies in English costume are continued. There is a capital paper on "The Progress of English Art," by Ford Maddox Brown. There is one about Helmick's Irish types and a review of Hamerton's "Saone," with illustrations. The most important paper of the number is one on Auguste Rodin, by Claude Phillips. The frontispiece of the number is a photogravure from James Bertrand's "Virginia," which portrays the dead body of Bernadin de St. Pierre's heroine washed up by the tide. And there is a page engraving after one of Alfred Parsons' sympathetic landscapes. Cassell & Co., New York.

The "Atlantic Monthly" is at hand for March from Hughton, Mifflin & Co., Boston. Its contents, varied and choice, are, in addition to the regular editorial departments: "Miss Temper's Watchers," by Sarah O. Jewett; "Carolo Mortuo," by William C. Lawton; "The Aspern Papers," by Henry James; "The Dawes Bill and the Indians," by James B. Thayer; "Over the Teacups," by Oliver Wendell Holmes; "The Learned Lady de Gournay," by Mary D. Steele; "The Dying House," by T. W. Higginson; "Yone Santo—A Child of Japan," by E. H. House (serial); "The Marriage Celebration in the Colonies," by Frank G. Cook; "Virginia's Wooing," by Oliver T. Miller; "The Despot of Broomsedge Cove," by Charles E. Craddock; "The Law of Fashion," by N. S. Shaler; "Beginnings of the American Revolution," by John Fiske.

From C. P. Farrell, the publisher, 400 Fifth avenue, New York, we have the argument made by Robert G. Ingersoll in the trial of C. B. Reynolds for blasphemy, at Morristown, New Jersey. It is a handsome 8vo., 86 pages, on fine paper. Cloth, 50 cents; paper cover, 25 cents. In this argument Ingersoll shows his great forensic powers. It is one of his most brilliant productions, and it is his chosen field of intellectual combat.

The American "Forget-Me-Not" magazine, for February, has three especially good stories, one of which is, "The Head Clerk;" another, "A Tale of Biscay," by John B. Ketchum, and the third, "Grace Stanwood; or, Scenes in Country Life." The "Forget-Me-Not" is published by the American Literary Agency, 82 Nassau street, New York, at $1 per year (monthly).

"The Art of Investing" is the title of a practical little book by "A New York Broker." Most of the articles in the book gained their first popularity by presentation in magazines and papers. They led the author into extensive correspondence, and this has led him to put them into book form. D. Appleton & Co., New York, publishers.

"The Fables of Florida" comes from the press of John B. Alden, New York, in beveled boards, gilt edges, beautifully printed and fully illustrated by J. J. Grandville. The translation from the French is by General J. W. Phelps, of the Historical Society of Vermont.

The printers' journal, entitled "Paper and Press," published by W. M. Patton, Philadelphia, presents some of the finest specimens of engraving and of press work anywhere to be seen, besides furnishing much valuable information for all classes of publishers.

"The New England Magazine," for February, contains descriptions and illustrations of some towns, together with portraits and brief biographies of leading residents. In addition it has several well-written short stories. Published at 36 Bromfield street, Boston.

"The Chicago Glide Waltzes," by Clarence R. Sidney, and published by P. M. Wolsieffer, Grand Crossing, Ill., will be sent to any address upon receipt of 50 cents in stamps. There are four different waltzes included in this set of glides—all for 50 cents.

"The Deemster" is a romance of the Isle of Man, by Hall Caine, author of "The Shadow of a Crime." D. Appleton & Co., New York, publishers.

HOME AFFAIRS.

THE CHICAGO AND BURLINGTON TO BE TIED UP.

Capture of Smuggled Havanas—The Yacht Coronet Coming to this Coast—Etc.

[SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE RECORD-UNION.]

A RAILROAD TIE-UP.

The Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Engineers to Strike To-Day.

CHICAGO, February 24th.—It is possible that to-morrow the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy system will be tied up from one end to the other. The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen have decided upon a strike, as a last resort, to enforce their demand upon the company, and confidently expect to tie up the road completely, and institute a strike. For three weeks past a committee of the Burlington engineers and firemen have been negotiating, together with Chief Arthur and Grand Master Sargeant, with the Burlington officials to bring about arrangements similar to other roads.

Mr. Sargeant said to-night to an Associated Press representative: "We have consented to a strike, and we have instructed our men accordingly, and at a given hour every engineer and fireman employed on the entire system of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy will quit work and go to their homes, and this company will be at liberty to get other men to fill their places. The Brotherhood does not do anything hastily. They look over the ground carefully, act cautiously, and intend to be victorious."

NEW LINES.

Incorporation of a New Railroad Company in Colorado.

DENVER, February 24th.—Articles of incorporation were filed to-day of the Pueblo, Gunnison and Pacific Railroad Company. The capital stock is $5,000,000, and the incorporators are Charles Henkel, A. R. Holbrook, M. P. Fitch, O. H. P. Baxter and John A. Gray. All are bankers and heavy capitalists of Pueblo. The main line of the road extends from Pueblo over the San Hill Pass, in the Sangre de Christo Range, to San Luis valley, thence to Gunnison by Cochetopa Pass, and on to the west State line, with branch lines running to Pagosa Springs, Lake City and Ouray. Work on the road, it is said, will be commenced at once. It is intended to make an internal railway system not now reach by the Rio Grande.

RAILROAD FARES.

The Canadian Pacific's Differential Rates—The Educational Excursion.

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NEW YORK, February 24th.—The Passenger Agents of the trunk lines met to-day at Commissioner Fink's office to settle the question of the Canadian Pacific's rates. After March 1st emigrant fares by this road will be the same as those of the American lines. On first-class passengers to San Francisco there will be a differential rate of $20, and $5 on second-class fares.

Some time was spent in regulating fares for those who intend going to the Educational Convention in July in San Francisco. One fare will pay for the round trip.

BEST IN THEIR LINE.

People Flocking from Far and Near to See Booth and Barrett.

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EL PASO, February 24th.—Booth and Barrett arrived this afternoon at 4 o'clock on a special train of five cars. They made 640 miles from San Antonio in about fifteen hours. Two cars were loaded with stage properties and baggage. The tragedians were enthusiastically received. Every seat in the El Paso Opera House for the evening's performance of "Julius Cæsar" has been sold, and even standing-room cannot be had. Enthusiastic patrons of the drama came from all portions of New Mexico and Arizona, as from as far as Tucson and from Chihuahua and Durango, in Mexico, to see the two celebrated tragedians.

PRESENCE OF MIND.

A House Painter's Nerve Serves Him a Good Turn.

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NEW YORK, February 24th.—William Stohl, a painter, mounted a swing-scaffold at the eaves of a high house on Lynch street this morning to paint. He happened to glance at the rope, which was fastened around the chimney and which supported the scaffold, and was horrified to see it running rapidly. He knew that the scaffold must be falling, but he acted quick as a flash and caught the end of the rope while there was yet one turn around the chimney. He succeeding in stopping it, when it was found the rope had been cut, seemingly with murderous intent.

THEY ALL DO IT.

Smuggled Havana Cigars Captured in New York Yesterday.

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NEW YORK, February 24th.—The Ward line of steamships has been unfortunate in being made the vehicles of smuggling operations. It was a Ward steamer which got into trouble over the importations of opium into Havana.

The steamer San Diego arrived to-day, and a dozen bundles of soiled state-room linen were loaded on a laundry wagon. A customs officer swooped down on the wagon, and captured 1,800 cigars concealed in the soiled linen. The driver of the wagon and the ship's steward and waiters were arrested and held on charges of attempted smuggling.

NON-SUITED.

Manager Greenwall's Suit Against Langtry Goes Against Him.

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NEW YORK, February 24th.—During Mrs. Langtry's tour in this country in 1884 Maurice Greenwall, the predecessor of Al. Hayman as manager of the Baldwin Theater in San Francisco, contracted with her for an extended tour in Australia. She broke the contract. After Greenwall's death, Hayman, as executor, sued Langtry to recover $8,500 expended for the tour, and $10,000 prospective profits. Suit was begun in the Supreme Court here in July, 1884, and was afterward transferred to the United States Court. To-day the suit was discontinued, with costs for the defendant.

BACK TO BUSINESS.

The President Leaves Florida for His Post of Duty.

PALATKA, February 24th.—The President and party arrived at East Palatka at 10 o'clock last night and were ferried over to Palatka, where the train was waiting at the wharf. A large crowd had gathered about the train. The President stepped down to the lowest step of the car after the party had got aboard, when the struggling crowd was finally got into line and the President shook hands with them as they passed by. The train left at 11:20.

The Presidential party spent two hours at Sanford in visiting the South Florida Exposition. About five o'clock the party went by rail to the Winter Park, where supper was served, and thence their faces were turned north on their homeward trip. They are expected to reach Jacksonville about midnight, where they will stop only long enough to change engines.

Customs Circles Aroused.

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NEW YORK, February 24th.—The Spanish Consul General, Detornos, received information from Havana to-day that the Spanish customs officers were about to take effective measures in regard to opium frauds. They will arrest all of the consignees who swore before United States Consul Williams that they had received opium, and will also seize and libel all vessels upon which opium was reported shipped to Havana.

One of the firm of McKesson & Robbins called upon Collector Magone to-day and denied that his house was guilty of fraud on the Government. He said the firm sold opium and shipped for buyers, who should be held responsible.

Spreckles and the Sugar Trust.

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NEW YORK, February 24th.—The *World*, in an editorial headed, "Welcome Spreckels," says: When a syndicate falls foul of the Trust there is some chance that the people will get the benefit, at least for a time. Hence, we hope it is true that the Pacific Coast sugar king is forming a syndicate to fight the Eastern Sugar Trust on its own ground. Spreckels has money and skill to do it. May he keep mad for a year, and within that time the law should restore competition by forbidding combination conspiracies.

Regulating Yacht Races.

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NEW YORK, February 24th.—Commodore Gerry, of the New York Yacht Club, sums up the controversy concerning the new conditions regulating yacht races for the America succinctly: "The clause providing for ocean races in case of disagreement was put in simply to protect ourselves in case we lost the cup. This is the whole thing in a nutshell. The English wanted to keep the cup when they got it, and we wanted a chance to get it back if we lost it."

The Coronet Coming to This Coast.

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NEW YORK, February 24th.—The big schooner Coronet, which won the great ocean race against the Dauntless last spring, is preparing for an even longer and perilous voyage. Her owner, Royal T. Bush, is in San Diego, Cal., and has telegraphed to her Captain, Christopher S. Crosby, to get the yacht in readiness, provision her for ten months' voyage and take her around to the Pacific coast.

Discontinuance of the Fast Freight.

CHICAGO, February 24th.—The California fast freight line, of which Samuel Debow, recently deceased, was General Manager, is to be discontinued on March 1st. In a circular issued to-day notice was given by the Northwestern, Rock Island and St. Paul Railroads that they had withdrawn and will hereafter solicit and care for Pacific coast traffic.

Murderer Tascott Still at Large.

CHICAGO, February 24th.—Tascott, the alleged murderer of A. J. Snell, is still at large notwithstanding his supposed capture in Missouri. A dispatch was received from Lebanon, in that State, to-night saying that the prisoner there, suspected of being Tascott, was not the right man. The telegram was signed by detective Aldrich of Chicago.

New York Smugglers.

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NEW YORK, February 24th.—Collector Magone to-day forwarded to Washington his report in regard to the smuggling of opium from Canada into the United States. The report was made up mainly from information which had been procured by Special Agents Montgomery and Holahan.

A Colorado Bank Goes Up.

DENVER, February 24th.—A special from Canon City says the Exchange Bank, owned by Muelock Bros., to-day made an assignment to A. R. Gumaer, their cashier. The assets are $122,000, and the liabilities $144,500. Sinking oil wells in the Florence district is thought to have been the cause of the failure.

Bank-Wreckers Indicted.

CINCINNATI, February 24th.—The United States Grand Jury reported to-night. It has been admitted by the United States District Attorney that William Means, the late President, and Decamp, the late Cashier of the Metropolitan National Bank, have been indicted.

A Valuable Colt.

DETROIT, February 24th.—Senator Stockbridge to-day sold the stallion, Bell Boy, to Frankfort, Ky., parties for $35,000. Stockbridge purchased him from Senator Stanford for $5,000. To-day's price is said to be the highest ever paid for a three-year-old colt.

A Profitable Business.

NEW YORK, February 24th.—The State Senate Committee investigated the cottonseed oil trust to-day. John Scott, one of the Trustees, testified that the capital stock of the trust was nominally $41,000,000, and the dividends were twelve per cent.

The Lily Sued.

CHICAGO, February 24th.—Miss Madge Doree, the discharged member of Mrs. Langtry's company, began a suit for $1,000 in the Circuit Court to-day against the Jersey Lily. She claims fourteen weeks' salary at $30 a week.

Another Western Zephyr.

EVANSVILLE (Ind.), February 24th.—A severe storm visited Haubstadt, some miles from here, to-night, doing great damage to property, but so far as learned no lives were lost.

COAST ITEMS.

Superintendent Wilder, of the Railway Mail Service, has received a notice that a new railway mail line has been established between Reno, Nevada, and Camp Ham, California, at the Nevada & California road. The stage service to Susanville is shortened by a distance of forty-five miles.

In view of the recent train robberies, new arms are to be given to all the railway mail clerks in the West. The revolvers are formidable affairs, being forty-four caliber, center fire. They were manufactured by the Government at the Springfield armory, and are splendid specimens of workmanship.

W. J. Wilson & Son, fruit growers and shippers at Newcastle, have issued a very attractive office calendar for 1888. An item in one corner states that Newcastle stands unrivaled as a fruit-shipping point, outclassing every city throughout the State with the exception of Sacramento. It gives the shipments from Newcastle during 1887 at 7,787,153 pounds.

A San Francisco exchange of yesterday says: "Warden Aull, of the Folsom State Prison, is in the city on a brief visit. In speaking of the Folsom prison, he said that everything up there was going on as smoothly as possible. He found everything in perfect condition and good order when turned over to him by his predecessor, General McComb, and he had made no changes or alterations since. All he wanted now was to be allowed to work the convicts for the benefit of the State. At present there is not sufficient work on hand to keep them going. The quarry is not doing much, and that is the only branch of public works in which he can work the men."

SAN FRANCISCO AND VICINITY.

The *Bulletin* thinks that thorough prospecting in Marin or Contra Costa county would develop good natural gas wells.

William Englander, a conductor on the McAllister-street branch of the Market-street Cable Railway, committed suicide at his home, 2029 Ellis street, yesterday.

The matter of the retrial of James McCord in connection with the bribing of jurors in the Wright-Geary-street Railroad