PACIFIC COAST.

FATAL BUGGY ACCIDENT NEAR SANTA CRUZ.

An Excursionist's Misfortune—Work on the Sunken Steamer—The Crops—Etc.

[SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE RECORD-UNION.]

THE CAPTURED ROBBER.

Sam Allen Tells of the Encounter With Crigler's Murderers.

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SANTA ROSA, May 1st.—The preliminary examination of Joe Frey, the stage robber, was held this morning. Detective Thacker, shotgun messenger Ward, Sam Allen, the young man who fatally shot Eugene Prens and badly wounded Frey, the stage-driver and defendant testified. The battered express-box, mask, five pistols and one musket, that the robbers used, and the articles of plunder were offered in evidence.

Sam. Allen, testified that defendant fired a shot at him and gave the order to shoot. He says: "When Crigler and myself came upon the robbers they fled to the rocks. When we pursued them Preus fired at and killed Crigler. I told Frey to drop his pistol, which he did; but when I looked around to see if Crigler was shot, Frey picked up the pistol and fired it at me. I returned the fire, and in quick succession I heard the bullet of Preus' pistol whistle by my head. I opened fire on Preus, and all I could see of him was his head. I thought I had missed him, but was satisfied that I had hit Frey. I found Preus the next morning at the foot of the cliff, where he fell, with a bullet-hole through his head."

Witness identified the defendant as one of the robbers. He was held over on the charge of murder without bail. Frey is quite weak to-day from loss of blood. He may not recover.

SHOT FROM AMBUSH.

Particulars of the Murder of John L. Serpa in Fresno County.

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FRESNO, May 1st.—The Deputy Coroner and a surgeon just in from the foothills bring the first authentic account of the murder of John L. Serpa, the sheep-herder. Serpa, with his partner, named Marcial, each having a band of sheep, started from the West Side about a week ago for the foothills. On Sunday morning, while driving along the road beside Sycamore creek, the men passed a house in which were ten or twelve men. Two came out of the house and demanded of Serpa and Marcial their destination, at the same time telling them that they would not allow them to range bands in that neighborhood.

Hot words passed between the men and Marcial, and finally the latter and Serpa drove on about two miles beyond the house, and at noon camped. Shortly after men from an ambush at the top of a hill (the camp being in a valley) began firing on Serpa's camp. In all twenty or thirty shots were fired. Serpa was killed by a bullet which entered over his left eye and went through his head. None of the party saw the men that were doing the shooting.

The brothers of Serpa have offered a reward of $100 for the arrest of the murderers, but it is not likely they will be caught.

ARIZONA.

The City of Phœnix Elects a Republican for Mayor.

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PHŒNIX, May 1st.—The city election to-day was the most exciting ever held here. A. Leonard Meyer (Rep.), was elected Mayor, defeating Judge Alexander (Dem.); J. W. Blankenship was elected Marshal, and W. R. Morris Treasurer.

OREGON.

Thirty Thousand Dollars' Loss by the Burning of a Mill.

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PENDLETON, May 1st.—The Koontz floor mill at Echo, Umatilla county, was burned last night. The loss is $30,000, and the insurance $23,000, in the Home Mutual of Oregon, and the Fire and Marine and State Investment. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Condition of the Crops.

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INDEPENDENCE, May 1st.—The condition of the grain crop was never better. There is a less acreage than usual planted, however.

DECOTO, May 1st.—Much damage has been done by the dry north wind all last week, and which still continues. The crop will average less than one-half this season. There are no prospects for hay.

GERMANTOWN, May 1st.—A strong north wind is blowing to-day. The grain crops are looking very well in this section and farmers are fully assured of half a crop. Winter-sown wheat is almost a failure. Barley is scarce and very good.

CALISTOGA, May 1st.—Wheat shows want of rain, but looks well, except in unusually dry places. All kinds of fruit grown here will be abundant.

VISALIA, May 1st.—Late grain is fair, but the early-sown is almost a failure. The acreage will be a one-fourth crop.

SAN DIEGO, May 1st.—The grain prospects were never better. The increase in the acreage of barley, oats and wheat over last year is four-fold.

EUREKA, May 1st.—Crop prospects, except on the low lands, are not equal to former years. Rain is needed to insure an average crop. Upland grazing is very short.

MODESTO, May 1st.—The continued dry weather is seriously affecting growing grain crops, and farmers are hoping for a half crop.

SAN BERNARDINO, May 1st.—Crops in this county will be about the average.

BENICIA, May 1st.—The crops hereabouts are short and need rain badly. Wheat and barley are heading and hay-making will commence in a few days. The grain fields will not prove as good as expected, owing to the lack of rain during the past month, but the crop will be better than that of the past two years. Fruit trees and vines look well, and a large crop of fruits, nuts and wines is assured.

GONZALES, May 1st.—Crops generally are looking better than the average. Early-sown barley is maturing nicely, and will be harvested about the 1st of June. Late-sown wheat is thriving, and green, and with a little rain the yield would be very large. Haying is commencing.

A Sleepy Village Aroused.

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MONTEREY, May 1st.—The horses attached to the herdic running between Del Monte and Monterey took fright and ran away from the bath-house. Many teams were on the road at the time, and they had narrow escapes. The horses ran up Tyler street and were stopped in front of the St. Charles Hotel. The herdic was badly damaged. An old man was inside at the time, and made no attempt to escape until the horses were stopped after they had run a mile.

Accidents to Miners.

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GRASS VALLEY, May 1st.—Last night, at the North Star mine, James Davey was struck on the right ankle by a 200-pound rock and badly bruised.

At the same mine John Tremewan, Sr., was struck by a car while he was walking up the car track. He was knocked down the shaft a short distance and had his right leg broken in two places, above the knee, besides suffering minor bruises.

Veterans by the Seaside.

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MONTEREY, May 1st.—The excursion under the auspices of Sheridan and Dix Posts, G. A. R., to Monterey, was a grand success. The trains, one from San Jose and one from Santa Clara, arrived during the forenoon with about two thousand people and a band of music. Lunch was served near the Del Monte Hotel, and the remainder of the day was spent viewing the many points of interest around Monterey and vicinity.

Terrible Accident to an Excursionist.

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SAN LUIS OBISPO, May 1st. — Fifteen coaches loaded with excursionists left here this morning bound for Los Olivos, the terminus of the Pacific Coast Railroad. As Santa Maria was approached, Harry Cook, one of the passengers, attempted to leave the train, and in so doing fell under the cars, the wheels severing his left leg above the ankle.

A Street Railway Loan.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 1st.—[Special.]—A trust deed from the Sutter-street Railroad Company to the California Title Insurance and Trust Company was filed in the County Clerk's office to-day. The deed covers real estate, railroad franchises, right of way, etc., and was given as security for 1,000 bonds of $1,000 each, about to be issued, to run thirty years at 5 per cent.

The Queen of the Pacific Wreck.

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SAN LUIS OBISPO, May 1st.—The tug Wizard, from San Francisco, has arrived at Port Harford and proceeded to work on the Queen of the Pacific. Rapid headway is being made in pumping out the water, and it is expected to have the steamer afloat by to-morrow, when the extent of her injuries can be ascertained.

Fatal Accident Near Santa Cruz.

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SANTA CRUZ, May 1st.—This afternoon, at New Brighton, two boys—Pacific Garcia, aged 12 years, and Manuel Smith, 18 years—were in a buggy and their horse backed over a cliff. The boys were thrown down twenty-five feet. Garcia was instantly killed and Smith badly injured.

Santa Cruz Notes.

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SANTA CRUZ, May 1st.—The game this afternoon between the Dolphins and Hales of San Jose was won by the former—18 to 11. Goldstein and McCarthy were the battery for the Dolphins.

This being May-Day the business houses were closed.

Drowned in the San Joaquin.

STOCKTON, May 1st.—John Moore and John Hall left Stockton in an intoxicated condition last evening for Roberts Island in a driving cart. The wheel traces show that they drove into the San Joaquin river at Lindstrom's Ferry. Moore and the horse were drowned. Hall, who escaped, remembers nothing of the circumstances.

Death from Paralysis.

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VALLEJO, May 1st.—Sam Callender, an old and respected citizen and pioneer, was taken with paralysis while at work on the navy-yard yesterday, and died last night.

Shaking Mountains.

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FOREST CITY, May 1st.—We have had four shocks of earthquake since Saturday, one of which was very heavy.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

The bond offerings yesterday aggregated $2,002,000.

Admiral Sir Alfred Ryder has been drowned in the Thames by an accident.

Dr. Charles E. Simmons has sued the Tilden estate for $143,000 for medical services.

The Asian traveler, Dalgleish, was recently killed by a panther near Karakoram pass.

Advices from Matanzas, Cuba, state that the bandit Marrero has been killed, and the bandit Alfonso severely wounded.

Arthur Yates, aged eight, son of Frank Yates, a farmer, at Carthage, Ill., died in agony on Sunday, of hydrophobia.

The Duke de Grammont and M. Raimbault, of Paris, have quarreled about a woman and are about to have a duel.

Near Elko, Nev., on Nev., on Sunday, a hand-car collided with a locomotive, and two men were killed and several injured.

The Wheatland *Graphic* suggests D. A. Ostrom for the Democratic nomination for Congressmen from the Second District.

Sam Hill, a gambler and smuggler, while rowing with three others, including a woman, was drowned near Victoria, B. C., on Monday.

A six-day go-as-you-please match opens at Madison Square, New York, on Sunday. All the leading professionals will start, including Gus Guerrero, the Californian.

The Labor party of Arkansas has adopted a platform that declares against almost everything under the sun, and has nominated Peyner for Secretary of State.

Mrs. Emma Phillips, 26 years old, committed suicide in her home, West Sixty-third street, New York, by turning on the gas and then hanging herself to a bed-post.

Ex-Senator Mahone, of Virginia, is in New York, as mad as a hornet at Whitelaw Reid. The Senator will ease his mind in a two-column interview which will be published in the *Herald*.

A wood-shed below Truckee, near the round-house, was burned on Monday. It was half-full of wood. The dimensions were 400 feet long by 60 feet wide. Passenger train 4 ran through while the shed was blazing.

The reports of Special Agent Tingle concerning the opium smuggling operations on Puget Sound and along the Pacific coast, which are now before Secretary Fairchild, will not be laid before the Senate for some time yet.

Will 1888 Be a Year of War?

The present year is the fifth year of modern times in which the aggregate of the figures is 25, and there will be but five more years in which such a combination is possible prior to the year 2599. Probably but few have ever heard of the old prophecy, which runs as follows:

In every future year of our Lord,
When the sum of the figures is twenty-five,
Some warlike kingdom will draw the sword,
But peaceful nations in peace will thrive.

Students of modern history will readily recall how faithfully this prophecy has been fulfilled in the four previous years to which it applied.

In 1699 Russia, Denmark and Poland formed the coalition against Sweden, which inaugurated the great war that ended in the disastrous defeat of Charles XII. at Pultowa.

The year 1789 will ever be memorable on account of the breaking out of the French revolution.

Seventeen hundred and ninety-eight witnessed the campaign of Bonaparte in Egypt and the formation of the second European coalition against France.

In 1879 war broke out between England and Afghanistan, followed by the invasion of the latter country by British troops.

In what manner the prediction is to be verified in 1888 remains yet to be seen, but the present condition of Europe seems to promise an abundant fulfillment of the prophecy.—*Philadelphia Inquirer.*

Grape Cuttings.

Grape cuttings should now be taken from the cellar, or other places of storage, say the *Vineyardist*, and buried in a dry sunny place, top-end down, so that the upper end is about ten or twelve inches below the surface of the ground, then put on about two inches of good soil, and cover with a thick layer of fermenting horse manure. This, with the warm rays of the sun, soon warms the layer of earth on the cuttings, and not only induces the rapid callousing of the butts, but the formation of roots also. At the proper time take up the cuttings and put them in a well prepared cutting bed, and the growth will astonish you.

Thick and Thin Soles.

The feet can be kept warmer in cold weather by wearing a shoe with a light sole than a thick one. With the former the shoe has a chance to work, thereby keeping up a circulation. This, of course, applies only when the weather is dry; but when it is wet, and rubbers are necessary, it is best to bear a single-soled shoe inside. In the summer the thick sole should be worn, for it keeps the heat from striking through to the foot. This is all so contrary to the preconceived opinions of the public that it is doubtful whether it will receive much credence, but it is the fact all the same.—*Shoe and Leather Reporter.*

THE CAPITAL.

SENSATIONAL SCENES IN THE SENATE CHAMBER.

Bitter Words Between Ingalls and Voorhees—A Democrat Assails Free Trade.

[SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE RECORD-UNION.]

"YOU'RE A LIAR!"

Exciting Controversy Between Senators Ingalls and Voorhees.

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WASHINGTON, May 1st.—Two thousand people sat in the galleries of the Senate to-day and crowded the aisles and doorways, packed the floor and surged through the corridors listening to the most exciting debate that has occurred in that body for many years.

"You are a liar, if you say that! You are a liar!" were the words that the people in the corridors heard in the ringing tones of Dan Voorhees' voice, but only the people inside the hall could see the Indiana Senator

RUSH MADLY FROM HIS SEAT

Toward the Republican side of the chamber, where Ingalls of Kansas stood calmly awaiting developments. Cockerell of Missouri, and Beck and Blackburn of Kentucky caught Voorhees by the arms, forcing him into his seat, and persuaded him to leave the chamber.

It was late in the afternoon. Ingalls had concluded a speech of over two hours' duration in reply to an attack made upon him last week, which attack was drawn forth by an assault which Ingalls had made some weeks previous upon the Administration and Southern Senators, in the course of which the Kansas Senator had assailed Hancock, McClellan and Fitz John Porter. Voorhees had defended these men and castigated Ingalls for his imputations upon their loyalty. The speech was made in the absence of the Kansas Senator, and last Thursday he notified the Senate that he should make answer to day.

Had Barnum notified the people of Washington that his circus would be thrown open free to the public to-morrow, the invitation would not have been accepted with more alacrity. In the two hours that Ingalls occupied in his speech he was careful to explain that in criticising McClellan and Hancock he spoke of them only as politicians, and did not intend to disparage their military services. He made no apologies for his previous speech, but raided the solid South unsparingly, defended Hayes' title to his seat, and

HELD SENATOR VOORHEES UP TO SCORN

As a man who, during the war, had done all in his power to thwart the plans of the Union Generals for whom he appeared on the floor of the Senate as a defender and eulogist.

Voorhees twisted and turned under Ingalls' merciless sarcasm, made copious notes, frequently absented himself for a few moments from the chamber, and appeared to be laboring under great excitement.

VOORHEES TAKES IT UP.

As soon as Ingalls, amid loud applause, took his seat, Voorhees was upon his feet. He spoke rather disconnectedly, and repeated himself frequently, but the opening of his speech made a good impression. He touched Ingalls to the quick by saying that no Committee of Investigation had ever followed him to his seat in the Senate, and that the people of Indiana, who knew his record better than the Senator from Kansas, had sent him to the Senate by the largest majorities ever given by the Democratic party of that State. He intimated, in language too plain for misconstruction, that

INGALLS WAS A HYPOCRITE

And prevaricator, and then, losing his temper, he launched forth into a tirade of abuse. Ingalls faced him while he was speaking, and smiled.

Later, it was seen that Voorhees had fallen into a trap most cunningly devised by his Republican opponent. Ingalls had only fired his first gun at the outset. He had a masked battery and plenty of ammunition in reserve, and

HE POURED GRAPE AND CANNISTER INTO

His opponent with good aim and merciless rapidity. Spectators in the galleries were excited. They had applauded some of Voorhees' telling points with such enthusiasm that the acting President pro tem. (Senator Dolph) directed the Sergeant-at-Arms to arrest any person caught giving expressions of approval or disapproval. Ingalls admitted that his own military service had been inconsequential and obscure, but Voorhees, he said, had been, throughout the war, a malignant and determined enemy of the Union. He regretted that personalities had been brought into the debate. The crisis of his public life was reached when he had been followed to the Senate from Kansas by a malicious investigating committee that questioned the integrity of his title to his seat. Upon that occasion Voorhees had assured him of his sympathy and confidence, and, when vindicated, the Senator from Indiana had tendered him his congratulations. While charging Voorhees with treachery to the Union, the Indiana Senator made frequent interruptions, against which Ingalls protested. He offered to submit proofs in support of his statements, and Voorhees declared that the charges were false, no matter who were the witnesses.

EXCITING SCENES.

"If this was a Police Court, Mr. President," said Ingalls, "the Senator from Indiana would be sent to the rock-pile for being drunk and disorderly!"

There was intense excitement on the floor and in the galleries. Voorhees jumped to his feet, but Ingalls refused to yield the floor.

He then began to read from a collection of letters captured in Voorhees' office during the war, which tended to show that Voorhees had proposed to raise an army of 100,000 men for the Confederate cause; that he was in league with the Confederate conspirators in Canada; a member of the Knights of the Golden Circle, and the recognized champion of the rebel forces.

Voorhees interrupted repeatedly, and told Ingalls if he made such statements he was a liar!

THE KANSAS SENATOR LAUGHED

When this epithet was applied to him, and continued his reading. James Johnson, a Republican Representative from Indiana, sat by Ingalls' side while the debate was in progress, and whispered suggestions into his ear.

Ingalls asked Voorhees if it was true that Indiana soldiers on a train going out from Terre Haute during the war, had not threatened to lynch him with a bell-cord.

Voorhees jumped up on his feet, shook his fist at Ingalls, and shouted: "It is a lie! a dirty lie! and the Senator is a greater liar in making that intimation! I hurl back the lies of

THE SCOUNDREL AND DIRTY DOG

That sits behind you, and who has poured his villainous lies into your ears!"

A storm of hisses greeted this outburst, and Mr. Voorhees retired, while Eustis of Louisiana showed that Ingalls was mistaken in the remarks he had made about the record of the elections in Louisiana.

[The full text of Senator Ingalls' speech, and of Voorhees' replies to charges contained therein, was received at too late an hour to secure insertion in our columns this morning, owing to the extended report of yesterday's Convention in this City.—EDS.]

A DEBATE DECLINED.

Representative Hermann Declines to Go Home and Talk Politics.

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WASHINGTON, May 1st.—Representative Hermann has received an invitation from the Chairman of the Prohibition State Central Committee of Oregon, asking him to meet in joint debate Professor Miller, the Prohibition candidate for Congress.

Mr. Hermann will reply to this letter, saying that if the invitation was intended as an act of courtesy simply, he appreciated the spirit in which it was sent, but if it was intended to induce him to abandon his professional duties, leaving the interest of the State entirely unrepresented upon the floor of the House of Representatives, he can only express his amazement that such an invitation should come from the headquarters of a party pretending to have the welfare of the State at heart.

THE BALANCE SHEET.

How Uncle Sam's Book-keepers Figure Out His Finances.

WASHINGTON, May 1st.—Following is the recapitulation of the public debt statement: Interest-bearing debt—principal $1,038,199,762, interest $7,065,343; total, $1,045,765,105. Debt on which interest has ceased since maturity, $2,846,029; debt bearing no interest, $658,222,242. Total debt—principal $1,699,697,159, interest, $7,736,217; total, $1,706,833,376. Total debt, less available cash items, $1,291,877,824. Net cash in the Treasury, $110,244,969; debt less cash in Treasury May 1st, $1,181,632,855; debt less cash in Treasury April 1st, $1,190,868,155; decrease of debt during the month, $9,235,300; decrease since June 30, 1887, $97,795,881. Cash in Treasury available for reduction of public debt, $314,955,552. Total cash in Treasury, as shown by Treasurer's general account, $590,368,518.

THEY NEVER DRINK.

No Public Money Spent for Liquor for the Doctors.

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WASHINGTON, May 1st.—The Secretary of the Treasury has transmitted to the House itemized accounts of the expenditures under the appropriation for the entertainment of delegates to the International Medical Congress held here last September, showing that all of the appropriation of $10,000, except $1,120, had been expended. Not a dollar of the appropriation was paid out for liquor of any kind, although the statement had been frequently made that $6,000 of it went in that way.

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

The House.

WASHINGTON, May 1st.—The House went into Committee of the Whole on the tariff bill and McCreery of Kentucky took the floor. President Cleveland, he said, had made himself conspicuous before the whole country by the wisdom and courage exhibited in his annual message when he recommended tax reform and a reduction of the surplus. Congress should long ago have reduced taxation, but the journals of the House would show that repeated efforts of the Democratic party in that direction had been thwarted by gentlemen on the other side.

O'Farrell of Virginia supported the bill, and Dorsey of Nebraska followed in opposition to the bill. He said that industry, and not population, created wealth. He adjured the citizens of the West either to stop trying to build up their cities or defeat such attempts as were made in the pending bill to break down their industries. The President might deceive the people until the next election, but the people would detect and undo the wrong.

The committee then rose and the House adjourned.

A Democrat Opposes the Mills Bill.

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WASHINGTON, May 1st.—The event of the tariff debate in the House to-day was the first speech made on the Democratic side of the chamber against the Mills bill. The speech was delivered by Foran of Ohio, who declared that the bill would not reduce the surplus, that it would lower the working man's wages, and that free wool was an abomination.

Bids for the Carson Building.

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WASHINGTON, May 1st.—Bids were opened to-day by the Supervising Architect of the Treasury for the labor and material required in the erection and completion of the Government building at Carson City, Nev. The bidders were: Henderson & Holiday, of Washington, $102,900; J. H. Coster, of Baltimore, $96,344; John V. Conlor, of Buffalo, $105,000.

California Pensions.

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WASHINGTON, May 1st. — California pensions have been granted as follows: Ezra C. Chase, Pentz; Joseph F. Holliday, San Jose; John C. Howe, Redding; Charles H. Seymour, Nevada City; Henry Ewalt McCane, Dixon; Lucinda, widow of Eli Warp, Murphys; Margaret, widow of Peter Loughran, Benicia.

Uses of Lemon.

Lemonade from juice of the lemon is one of the best and safest drinks for any person, whether in health or not. It is suitable for all stomach diseases, gravel, liver complaint, inflammation of the bowels and fever. It is a specific against worms and skin complaints. Lemon juice is the best antiscorbutic remedy known. It not only cures this disease, but prevents it. Sailors make daily use of it for this purpose. I advise every one to rub their gums with lemon juice to keep them in good condition. The hands and nails are kept clean, white, soft and supple by the daily use of lemons instead of soap. It also prevents chilblains.

Lemons is used in intermittent fever, mixed with strong, hot, black coffee, without sugar. Neuralgia may be cured by rubbing the part affected with cut lemon. It is valuable, also, to cure warts and destroy dandruff on the head, by rubbing the roots of the hair with it. It will alleviate and finally cure coughs and colds and heal diseased lungs, if taken hot on going to bed at night. Its uses are manifold, and the more we employ it externally the better we shall find ourselves. Lemon juice is useful in removing tartar from the teeth, anti-febrile, etc. A doctor in Rome is trying it experimentally in malarial fever with great success, and thinks it will in time supersede quinine.—*Exchange.*

Working for Other Men.

All honest men are working for other men. If a man works exclusively for himself, he is a counterfeiter, or a forger, or a sneak thief, or perchance a highwayman. All love of industry, all love of integrity, all love of kindred, all love of neighbor, all love of country and all love of humanity is expressed in labor for others. For this service thus performed a right to a reward is required, and he for whom the service is performed has imposed upon him the duty to render the reward, and the service is rendered in the hope of the reward. Everywhere in civilized society men are thus working for others.

Every man, in all the years of his labor, toils for his fellow man, and the practice is universal among all honest civilized men, and last from generation to generation; and universal practice is gradually becoming crystallized into universal habit. One man is trying to make better houses for his neighbors, another man is trying to make better shoes for his neighbors, another man is trying to make better laws for his neighbors, and another man is trying to make better books for his neighbors. Every man is thus forever dwelling upon the welfare of his neighbors, and making his best endeavor for their good; and thus the habit grows from generation to generation, until at last some men forget that there is a reward for service, and labor for their fellow men because they love their fellow men.—*Major J. W. Powell.*

FARMING BY THE MOON.—The latest phase of moon farming is one of the most interesting we ever heard of. It is related that at a recent lawsuit in Texas thirteen expert cattle-branders swore that when cattle were branded in the "dark of the moon" the brand will never get larger than the first impression, no matter how much the animal may grow. But if the branding-iron is applied in the "light of the moon" the scar will spread, and the lighter the moon the larger will be the spread.—*Pacific Rural Press.*

It is not often we see a Chinaman's joke quoted. The Irishmen, Scotchmen, Frenchmen, Germen all come in for more than their share. The other day on Tremont street, Boston, the Johnny who keeps the laundry there had a watch that did not keep good time—it was always too fast. "What is the matter with your watch, Johnny?" was asked. "Too muchee bime-by," was the answer.

HOME AFFAIRS.

FIVE HUNDRED SALOONS CLOSED IN PITTSBURG.

Double Tragedy in Mississippi—Chicago Signs Pitcher Borchers—Strikes—Etc.

[SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE RECORD-UNION.]

WEARIED STOCKHOLDERS.

A Movement on Foot to Close Out Some Insurance Companies.

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NEW YORK, May 1st.—There was consternation in insurance circles to-day when it became known there was a movement on foot by the stockholders for the purpose of throwing two or three important companies into liquidation. It was stated that in one instance a petition had been prepared and signed by numerous stockholders setting forth that the business of certain insurance companies had become so unprofitable, owing to the wholesale cutting of premium rates, that it was advisable to "shut up shop" and permit the capitalists interested, in the enterprise to devote their money and energies to other branches of business.

Franklin Webster, the editor of an insurance journal, does not favor the movement to have any of the companies go out of business. In plain terms, it is intimated that fire insurance men were obstinate, because they did not unite and work together for the common good.

RELIGIOUS GATHERING.

Meeting of the M. E. Church General Conference Yesterday.

NEW YORK, May 1st.—The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church opened in session this morning in the Metropolitan Opera house. Bishop Bowman, Senior Bishop, presided and conducted the exercises. The number of ministerial delegates elected is 288 and the number of lay delegates 175. Among the lay delegates are six women. Every State and Territory in the Union is represented, and there are delegates from Canada, Mexico, China, Japan, Africa, Italy, Germany, Sweden, Norway, Switzerland and India.

YESTERDAY'S GAMES.

The Chicagos Outplay the Hooslers—Other Games.

CHICAGO, May 1st.—The home team easily defeated Indianapolis in the first League game of the season here. The weather was too cold for much good work, although some pretty plays were made. About 3,000 people shivered through the game. Score—Chicagos 8, Indianapolis 3.

PITTSBURG'S OFF-DAY.

DETROIT, May 1st.—The game to-day was not interesting, being of the "jug-handle" order. The weather was very cold. Getzein's pitching was the feature of the game, which was called at the end of the seventh inning, on account of darkness. Score—Detroit 10, Pittsburg 1.

TO HELP VAN HALTREN.

Chicago Secures George Borchers, the Sacramento Pitcher.

CHICAGO, May 1st.—Captain Anson said to-day that the Chicago Baseball Club had secured the services of another pitcher. This time it is George Borchers, of Sacramento, Cal., now with the Greenhood & Morans. He is said to weigh 170 pounds, to have good speed and thorough command of the ball. He is expected to join shortly.

A SCENE IN COURT.

The Corpulent Manipulator of Spook Pictures Breaks Down.

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NEW YORK, May 1st.—Madame Diss Debar caused a scene in Court this morning. There has been a sharp search to secure the custody of the child Lola, supposed to be named after Lola Montez. This girl was taken from lawyer Marsh's house to the house of a friend, to get her away from Diss Debar's influence. Then Diss Debar kidnaped her. In the Court this morning Diss Debar disowned the parentage of little Lola, and declared that Lola was a waif whom she had adopted, and then Diss Debar, for the first time during her trouble, broke down and sobbed. Large crowds of prominent people continue to haunt the Court-room daily.

To prevent the release of Mme. Diss Debar by offering bail merely on a conspiracy charge, lawyer Hammell secured a commitment on the charge of stealing a pair of old Loewenhertz's paintings, valued at $10,000. This closed all avenues of escape for Diss Debar until the trial.

BOTH RIDDLED.

A Mississippi Editor and Postmaster Fill Each Other with Lead.

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JACKSON (Miss.), May 1st.—General Wirt Adams, Postmaster of Jackson, and John H. Martin, editor of the *New Mississippi*, met on the street this afternoon, and drawing their revolvers fired at each other simultaneously a number of shots in quick succession, until both were killed. Both were hit several times.

THE STRIKE ENDED.

A Report that the Great Burlington Strike is Off.

CHICAGO, May 1st.—It is reported to-night that the great strike on the Burlington road has been declared off. The statement is that at a meeting of the leaders to-day it was decided that the strike was lost, and that the General Grievance Committee should be convened without delay to formally make such a declaration.

Before Chief Arthur left for Cleveland to-night he was asked about the report, but declined to talk.

The Eastern Races.

WASHINGTON, May 1st.—Some rain fell here to-day. The first race, three-fourths of a mile, Mono won, King Ernest second. Time, 1:17½.

The second race, one mile and one-sixteenth, handicap, Bess won, Brookfull second, Queen Elizabeth third. Time, 1:52½.

The third race, five-eighths of a mile, Brentwood stakes, Holiday won, Bonnie Park second, Seymour third. Time, 1:03.

The fourth race Young Duke won, Letitia second.

The fifth race Crichton won, Claypole second.

AT NASHVILLE.

NASHVILLE, May 1st.—The first race, seven-eighths of a mile, selling, Cupid won, Unique second, Gallatin third. Time, 1:31½.

The second race, five-eighths of a mile, Sunlight won, Annie Clair second. Time, 1:04¼.

The third race, one and one-sixteenth miles, handicap, Asceola won, Huntress second, Bertha third. Time, 1:49.

The fourth race, Troubadour Stakes, Cruiser won, Emperor of Norfolk second. Volante and Macbeth also ran.

The fifth race Lafitte won, Kirklin second.

Narrow Escape from Death.

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NEW YORK, May 1st.—The old buildings 52, 54 and 56 West Thirtieth street, near Daly's Theater, were burned this morning. The upper floors were occupied by sixteen men and women, and they had a narrow escape from death by burning or suffocation. Several were rescued with difficulty by firemen. None saved anything except what they were able to grab as they jumped from their beds and ran down the cracking staircase, or were pulled from the windows or ladders. The damage is $15,000. Daly's Theater was not injured.

Seven Men Saved.

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NEW YORK, May 1st.—The bark Rosalia, fifty-five days out from Lisbon, reports that on March 16th she fell in with the barkentine Wanderer, from Laganna, bound for Falmouth, dismantled. Her crew of seven men were taken off and landed at Funchal, Madeira.

Clevelands "Pull" on His Party.

MADISON (Wis.), May 1st.—The Democratic State Convention to-day adopted resolutions heartily indorsing the administration of President Cleveland in all respects. Gilbert M. Woodward, Emil Shandein, George W. Bird and J. H. Knight were chosen delegates at large to the National Convention. District delegates were also selected.

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Castle Garden Rules.

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NEW YORK, May 1st.—The Emigration Commissioners to-day renewed relations with the railroad, which again admits the railroad's agents to Castle Garden. Commissioner Pierson hopes that the ticket-selling of Castle Garden will now cease. Boarding-house keepers have been scalping on the west-bound business by the wholesale.

Anti-Saloon Convention.

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NEW YORK, May 1st.—It is expected that the delegates from every Northern State and Territory, and nearly every State, will attend the National Convention of Anti-Saloon Republicans in this city to-morrow. Chairman Griffin says that the Convention will not assist any candidate to secure the Republican nomination.

A Missing Girl.

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NEW YORK, May 1st.—Nineteen-year-old Annie Breckenridge, a member of the Mexican Opera Company, which disbanded in Sheffield, Eng., weeks ago, and who is supposed to have sailed from Liverpool April 18th, has not been heard from.

New Hampshire Democrats.

CONCORD (N. H.), May 1st.—The Democratic State Convention to-day passed resolutions commending Cleveland's Administration, and elected the following delegates to the National Convention: Daniel Conner, Joseph C. Moore, Alva W. Sullaway and Frank Jones.

Upward of 500 Saloons Closed.

PITTSBURG, May 1st.—At 12 o'clock last night the Brooks liquor law went into practical operation, and 502 saloons out of the 727 in the city closed up, probably never to be reopened. In Allegheny county there were 1,551 applications for licenses, but only 485 granted.

A Fast Ocean Trip.

NEW YORK, May 1st.—The Maritime Exchange is advised of the arrival at Queenstown of the British four-masted ship Wendur, after the extraordinary fast passage of seventy-eight days from Tacoma, W. T., an unprecedented performance. The Wendur is two years old and hails from Glasgow.

Gresham Delegates.

VANDALIA (Ill.), May 1st.—The Republican Congressional Convention for the Seventeenth District nominated John J. Brown for Congress. Benson Wood and R. T. Higgins were chosen delegates to the National Convention. They are uninstructed, but favor Judge Gresham.

National Knights of Labor District.

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CINCINNATI, May 1st.—A National Knights of Labor District of Carriage-Makers was formed here to-day by delegates from St. Louis, Cleveland, Chicago, Detroit, Boston, Toronto and other cities.

A Brute Murders His Wife.

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NEW YORK, May 1st.—Ferdinand Carolin killed his wife, Bridget, with an ax this afternoon. Carolin was in Court, and when put to plead, defiantly responded, "Yes, I killed her!" The Court would not accept the plea.

The Anarchists Again.

CHICAGO, May 1st.—A petition to Governor Oglesby for the pardoning of Anarchists Fielden, Schwab and Neebe has been circulating during the past few days. It is said to have received thousands of signatures.

Coal Miners Quit Work.

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WILKESBARRE (Pa.), May 1st.—The miners and laborers of shafts 2 and 3 of the Kingston Coal Company struck work yesterday.

The New York Civil Code.

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ALBANY, May 1st.—The Assembly to-day refused (62 to 65) to pass the Field Civil Code, which had passed the Senate.

A Brewers' Strike.

BUFFALO (N. Y.), May 1st.—Five hundred Union employes in the breweries struck this morning. The breweries are still running with a small force.

Home Made Fertilizer.

The *Horticultural Times* gives the following method of making a fertilizer for pot plants: From a blacksmith's shop I obtain the clippings of the horses' hoofs, and as they sweep the floor, some of the coal-dust and the steel or iron cinders and filings also. I fill a pail about one-fourth full of this substance and then add boiling soft water enough to make the pail full. Once a week, then, I give the plants a thorough bath, usually setting the pots for a while in the liquid. I have found this treatment most excellent; it seems to furnish a complete food, for the plants at all seasons have the freshness and greenness of June, and are remarkably prolific in flowering.

Passenger: "Captain, how far are we from land?" Captain: "About two miles." Passenger: "But I can't see it. In what direction is it?" Captain: "Straight down, sir."

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THE SALMON INTEREST.

Livingston Stone to Have Charge of the Pacific Station.

Livingston Stone, long connected with the United States Fish Commission, and now Field Superintendent for the Commission for the Pacific coast, has been in the city for several days on business connected with his office. "I am glad to see you," said he to a repor