

ROYAL BAKING POWDER ABSOLUTELY PURE Light Sweet Wholesome Bread Delicious Pastry

REPORTS OF GOVERNMENT CHEMISTS As to Purity and Wholesomeness of the Royal Baking Powder "I have tested the Royal Baking Powder and find it composed of pure and wholesome ingredients..."

WE MUST REDUCE OUR STOCK!

And so are reducing every broken line in the house.

IT WILL PAY All to call on us before purchasing elsewhere.

WE DO NOT ASK You to buy, but simply to call and inspect our assortment and find out our prices.

FARMERS' AND MECHANICS' STORE, E. S. ELKUS, Proprietor, 922 and 924 J street (opposite the Plaza).

WAYS OF DETECTIVES. In an instant the detective fell on top of him. The two men were assisted into the car, and the detective apologized for having fallen on him.

HOW CRIMINALS UNCONSCIOUSLY BETRAY THEMSELVES. And in Trying to be "Naturally Innocent" Lead to Their Own Arrest and Conviction. [From the Boston Record.]

That man is one of the boldest burglars was arrested and lodged in jail. He was arrested on the train, and by the sleepy man.

EVERY NIGHT I SCRATCHED Until the skin was raw. Body covered with scales like spots of mortar. Cured by the Cuticura Remedies.

I am going to tell you of the extraordinary change you Cuticura Remedies performed on me. About the 1st of April I noticed some red pimples-like coming out all over my body, but thought nothing of it until some time later, when it began to look like spots of mortar.

September 21, 1887. February 7, 1888--Not a trace whatever of the disease from which I suffered has shown itself since my cure. We cannot do justice to the extent in which Cuticura, the great skin cure, and Cuticura Soap, an exquisite skin beautifier, prepared from the most purest and most refined ingredients, has done for me.

YOSEMITE VALLEY. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS' BIENNIAL REPORT.

The biennial report of the Commissioners to manage the Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Big Trees Grove has just been issued from the office of the State Printer. It is a neatly printed pamphlet of 24 pages, containing a large amount of useful and interesting information.

The first house built in the valley was during the autumn of 1856, and occupied a position on the ground where the "Black" Hotel for a long time stood.

There have been as many as three or four hotels kept running during the summer months for several years past, but there are at present only two upon the floor of the valley--the Stoneham House and Barnard's Hotel.

Coming to the Stoneham House, very much may be said. It reflects great credit upon the man who built it, upon the Board of Commissioners, who saw to it that the money was expended in a strictly business-like and careful manner, and upon the Secretary of the Board who had general supervision and to its management, so far, in all respects.

There has been no official register of the guests kept during the past two years, but the present Secretary has already applied to a mammoth register, and will instruct the Guardian to see to it that hereafter the names of all visitors to the valley shall be properly registered.

Ben. C. Truman, Secretary of the Commission, in speaking of the beauties of the valley, says: "I would repeat that the Yosemite is the greatest and undoubtedly the most wonderful and impressive and beautiful object in the world."

FRIGIDEL DELICIOUS FLAVORING EXTRACTS FULL WEIGHT PURE MUST PERFECT MADE. Used by the United States Government. Indorsed by the heads of the Great Universities and Public Food Analysts as the purest, purest and most healthful.

able to this spot I have wasted upon minor scenes! "No eminent writer and traveler who has visited it but has attempted to delineate its transcendent grandeur and imperishable majesty in garlands of words; and only a few years ago a well-known historian declared that Yosemite conveys to the soul of man, through the eye, what might be the orchestra of heaven, through the ear, peals of thunder compassed into harmonious notes of music, then suddenly silenced, and followed amid instant stillness by Nature's most holy voice."

THE ANCIENT SWORD. From the First Egyptian Weapon to the King of Dahomey's. The sword is the oldest of metal weapons. It is interesting to know that in the long straight sword of the Egyptians--the most ancient of sword-bearing races--the grip was hollowed away in the center, gradually thickening at each end, and was sometimes inlaid with metal, stones and precious woods.

Most of the Assyrian weapons have richly decorated hilts and scabbards. The pommel is formed by a mound or hemisphere--a constant ornament--and below it is a ball between two flat disks; the upper jaws of two lions, placed opposite each other, embrace the blade and grip where it presses against the metal sheath mouth.

In Roman swords the original sheath was of leather or wood, ending in a half-moon shaped ferrule of metal. In the luxurious days of the empire the sheath, like the hilt, the pommel and the ferrule, was made of gold and silver, relieved with precious work and incrustations of precious stones, disposed upon every part, made it a chef d'oeuvre of art.

SUGGESTIONS FOR 1889. Suppose we think little about "Number One" Suppose we all help some one else to have fun and enjoy the pleasures of a winter. Suppose we are ready to meet at other places, and never hurt any one "just for the joke."

Singular Divorce Case in Hungary. A divorce case more than usual interest is just now occupying the attention of the Courts at Pesth, and of the public throughout Austria-Hungary.

A BEAUTIFUL DESCRIPTION. Ben. C. Truman, Secretary of the Commission, in speaking of the beauties of the valley, says: "I would repeat that the Yosemite is the greatest and undoubtedly the most wonderful and impressive and beautiful object in the world."

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. BEER PRICE.

THE UNION BREWERY ANNOUNCES THE regular cash price of STEAM BEER, delivered to any part of the city of Sacramento, on and after January 1, 1889, as follows:

TRY IT! Union Brewery, Twentieth and O Sts., Telephone No. 17.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Stated Meeting of Sacramento Royal Arch Chapter, No. 3, THIS (Tuesday) Evening, at 7 o'clock. Subjoining companions cordially invited. Order of W. B. DAVIS, Secretary.

Stated Meeting of Union Lodge, No. 88, F. and A. M., will be held WEDNESDAY EVENING, January 2, 1889, at 7 o'clock. Visiting brethren and candidates invited to attend. W. H. BALDWIN, W. M. JOHN McARTHUR, Secretary.

Wanted--Four energetic canvassers, good and lasting positions for an association in grocery business, can give good references. Apply at address, with stamp, H. W. FLUMMER, 401 J street, Sacramento.

Wanted--By man and wife (no children), four unfurnished rooms, suitable for housekeeping. Address E. M., this office.

Situation wanted by a competent young man, has had three years' experience in grocery business, can give good references. Apply at address, with stamp, H. W. FLUMMER, 401 J street, Sacramento.

FOR SALE--NEWLY-FURNISHED SUIT OF THREE ROOMS--Apply to State of California, for sale of a good brewery. Apply to CARL STROBEL, 221 J street, Sacramento, California.

ROOMS and BOARD--FURNISHED ROOMS, with privileges of bath, with board, for a gentleman and wife, or two or three single gentlemen; moderate terms; board without room, if desired. Address 1008, this office.

CHEAP FARMS FOR SALE--SEVENTY acres, 50 sowed to grain, 15 pasture, per acre \$5; 40 acres, 15 in fruit trees and vineyard, balance in grain, with four buildings, seven windmills, one double horse-power, all complete; fruit trees, price, with crop and implements, \$100 per acre; one-third cash, balance in two annual payments of one-third from the 1st of June, six from Sacramento, on Jackson road, J. H. MURPHY, Perkins, Sacramento, Cal. J-147

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO, ss. In the Superior Court in and for said county. The People of the State of California to HENRY A. FISHER, greeting: You are hereby notified that an action was commenced in the Superior Court of the County of Sacramento, State of California, by the said HENRY A. FISHER, plaintiff, against the said MARY C. FISHER, defendant, and you are defendant. That the nature of the action, as appears from said complaint, is as follows: To obtain a decree of this Court dissolving the bonds of matrimony now existing between plaintiff and defendant upon the grounds, failing to provide the plaintiff common necessities of life, all of which are more fully set forth in the complaint and more fully set forth in the answer thereto, and you are hereby directed to appear and answer said complaint within thirty days, exclusive of the day of service, if served elsewhere, and you are further notified that unless you so appear and answer within the time above specified, the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief prayed for in the complaint. In testimony whereof I, Wm. B. Hamilton, Clerk of the Court aforesaid, do hereunto set my hand and affix the seal of said Court this 24th day of September, A. D. 1888.

TURNER HALL. GENTLEMEN'S CLASS THURSDAY EVENING, January 4th at Turner Hall, 205 N. F. and WATSON. People's Savings Bank--Dividend Notice.

A DIVIDEND HAS BEEN DECLARED BY the People's Savings Bank for the term ending December 31, 1888, at the rate of five and eight-tenths per cent. per annum on term deposits, and four and two-tenths per cent. per annum on ordinary deposits, payable January 3, 1889. W. M. F. HUNTOON, Cashier.

\$100,000 TO LOAN ON CITY OR COUNTRY PROPERTY, in small lots to suit. PEOPLE'S SAVINGS BANK, Southeast corner Fourth and J streets, Sacramento. BELL & CO., AUCTIONEERS AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS, No. 927 K street.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 1889, AT 10 A. M., at Sale Room, Auction Sale of Furniture, Carpets and Household Goods of all kinds. 222 K street, Sacramento. DISOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE firm of BEATTY, DENSON & CATMAN is this day dissolved by mutual consent. All unsettled and unfinished business of the firm will be attended to by S. C. DENSON and C. H. CATMAN. W. H. BEATTY, S. C. DENSON, C. H. CATMAN, Sacramento, December 31, 1888. METROPOLITAN THEATRE.

CHAS. P. HALL, Proprietor and Manager L. HENRY, Business Manager. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY EVENINGS, January 4th and 5th, AND SATURDAY MATINEE. A GREAT EVENT. LYDIA THOMPSON! AND HER OWN NEW GRAND ENGLISH BURLESQUE CO., In Stephens & Solomon's Sattire.

PENELOPE! PENELOPE! GO-PEOPLE IN THE EAST-GO CHARMING MUSIC! ELABORATE COSTUMES! CAROLS AND SONGS OF 2-2 ADMISSION: 50 cents and \$1; Reserved Seats, \$1.25. On sale Thursday, Jan. 1.

CLONIE OPERA HOUSE. CHAS. P. HALL, Proprietor and Manager L. HENRY, Business Manager. CHIP O' THE OLD BLOCK! CHIP O' THE OLD BLOCK! RETURN ENGAGEMENT. After a very successful San Francisco season, opening with GALA NEW YEAR'S MATINEE AND New Year's Night, Tuesday, Jan. 1st.

THOSE EMINENT MIRTH-MAKERS, SCOTT & MILLS! And the fascinating Comedienne, MISS JESSIE BONSTELLE! AND FULL COMPANY. Matinee Prices, 25 and 50 cts. Night Prices, 50 and 75 cts. Reserved Seats without extra charge. On sale Monday, 629-12.

McNEILL CLUB. THERE WILL BE A REHEARSAL AND AN important meeting of the Club WEDNESDAY EVENING, January 23, at 7:30 o'clock sharp. JOSEPH McNEILL, President. RICHARD COHN, Secretary. Skating School EVERY DAY AND EVENING. THE FAVILION SKATING SCHOOL OPENS for the season on WEDNESDAY, December 26th. Competent teachers and good music. Good food and skates. Disruptible persons will not be admitted. The new managers propose to run the skating school in first-class manner. McNeill Club.

ADVERTISEMENT OF HALE BROS. & CO.

Closed the Entire Day.

A NEW YEAR HOMILY.

THE BEST STATESMAN OF THE WORLD TO-DAY is Trade. It keeps the Peace. It goes to the end of the earth to get the best. It fights out the battle of superiority. It lays its hand upon the head of the victor and says: "The laurels are yours; you'll need a bigger pocket-book next year to hold them" Trade has smiled upon us benignantly and continually during the past and preceding years. The business has grown steadily with the passing months. And it tells a great story. Right principles of management rightly carried out. Honest qualities. Right Prices. What we have done praiseworthy in the past we resolve to better in the future. We are neither has-been nor used-to-be. Progress perennially. The First Day of the New Year shall be the upward step as heretofore.

With sincere wishes for peace and prosperity for EVERYBODY beginning with this auspicious day of 1889, We remain, very truly, HALE BROS & CO.

ESTABLISHED IN 1860. EDWIN K. ALSIP & CO., Real Estate and Insurance Agents, NO. 1015 FOURTH STREET . . . SACRAMENTO, CAL., OFFER

FOR RENT FOR A TERM OF YEARS, A FARM OF 80 ACRES, FOUR miles from the city. Has seven acres in young orchard, total acres in old vineyard, forty acres volunteer hay; has a dwelling and barn. TERMS--One-third of all crop, deferred payments for balance. OR WILL SELL OR EXCHANGE FOR CITY PROPERTY, FOR \$8,000, take \$500 cash, balance in ten annual payments, with interest at seven per cent. per annum. The proceeds will pay for the place in the time given.

FOR SALE, 37 ACRES, SEVEN MILES FROM THE CITY, UNIMPROVED, for \$45 per acre, one-third cash. ALSO 160 ACRES OF SPLENDID FRUIT LAND IN THE COLA half west of Colfax; can all be cultivated; partly fenced, and has small dwelling and barn. TERMS--One-third cash, deferred payments for balance at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, free from taxes.

FOR \$50 PER ACRE, 80 ACRES, FOUR MILES FROM dwelling and small barn; land in the immediate vicinity, unimproved, selling for \$75 per acre.

FOR \$15 PER ACRE, 270 ACRES OF LAND TWENTY MILES good piece of land and a great bargain; is mostly fenced; will sell in subdivisions at \$30 per acre; has pine and oak timber scattered over the place.

DON'T FORGET! LOUISIANA TRACT Is selling rapidly in five-acre lots; only one mile from city; the lots will double in value inside of two years; several houses have already been built by those who have purchased; only fifteen minutes' walk from terminus of the CENTRAL STREET RAILWAY.

We issue a MONTHLY CATALOGUE OF LANDS, containing the largest list of lands of any Agency in California.

City Property For Sale. EDWIN K. ALSIP & CO., Real Estate Agents, Sacramento.

SPPOOL COTTON! On and after Jan. 1, 1889, the price of Pacific Coast General Agents for the Glidden Patent Steel Barb Fence Wire. No. 221 Market street, San Francisco, No. 207 J street, Sacramento.

JNO. CLARK JR. & CO'S "MILE END," and GEO. A. CLARK & CO'S "O. N. T." SPOOL COTTONS will be FIVE CENTS A SPOOL, or FIFTY-FIVE CENTS PER DOZEN. Main yard and Office, 1210 Second street, Brazer yard, Corner Twelfth and J streets.

FRIEND & TERRY Lumber Company.