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TO-DAY!

Winter Clearance Sale.

TRIUMPHANT MARCH!

WAYBACK SMITH, the celebrated colored lecturer, speaking before the LIME KILN CLUB, his subject "Health," prefaces his remarks in this way: "My Brederin, thar ar two kinds of health--good and poor." In this land of gold (to get), perpetual summer and citrus belts, THIS WINTER, we have had but one kind of weather--POOR. To make a lively business now, unusual attractions must be presented. Sacramento people are usually wide awake to self-interest, and with pleasure and pride we chronicle that public confidence in our printed statements was never so strongly displayed as in the present sale. The response to our announcements is quick and decisive at every point. Bring our advertisements and compare the descriptions with the goods.

Ladies' Wool-lined Cloth and Rubber Overshoes, $1; REDUCED to 25 cents a pair.

Boys' Wool-lined Buckle Arctics, sizes 1 to 6, $1; REDUCED to 25 cents a pair.

Children's Rubber Boots, sizes 6, 7 and 8 only, closing them out at 75 cents a pair.

NOT A LEADER, but one from the hundreds of Bargains in the Clothing Department.

Men's All-Wool Tweed Pants, $2 50; sale price.....$1 75

ABOUT ONE DOZEN of the Men's $6 Ulsters unsold. Present Price, $3 75.

EVERY-DAY GOODS, BUT NOT EVERY-DAY PRICES.

Ginghams, small check or dress plaid.....20 yards for $1.

6 large fine Huck Towels, 45x24 inches, $1; regular price, $1 50.

44-inch plain-colored Scrim, in drab, brown, tan and nile green, 4 cents a yard.

Bleached or Unbleached extra heavy Cotton Flannel, 11 yards, $1.

HERE IS AN OLD FRIEND AT AN UNEXPECTED PRICE.

Fine Cashmere Wool Genuine French Flannels, in Persian designs, also stripes; suitable and elegant for Tea Gowns and Wrappers; regular price, 75 cts; present price, 48 cts a yard.

TAKE THE MEASURE OF OUR ENTIRE STOCK BY THE PRICES MADE HERE ON A FEW LINES. A PRICE MOVEMENT THAT IN MANY CASES DOUBLES THE "DO" OF YOUR POCKETBOOK.

RED HOUSE,

J Street,

SACRAMENTO.....CAL.

TO-DAY--THIRTEENTH DAY.

ONLY TWO DAYS MORE!

Great Annual Clearance Sale!

N O N P A R E I L,

Corner Fifth and J street.

THE GREAT SALE

DRAWING TO A CLOSE.

NO TIME TO BE WASTED WHILE

YOU HAVE IT YOUR OWN WAY NOW.

After the Sale Prices go Back to the Former Standard.

THERE IS ONE THING SURE,

—OUR—

CLEARANCE SALE

Is Making a Record.

NEW TO-DAY.

Advertisements of Meeting Notices, Wants, Lost, Found, For Sale, To Let and similar notices under this head are inserted for 5 cents per line the first time and 3 cents per line each subsequent time. All notices of this character will be found under this heading.

The Ladies' Howard Society will meet TO-DAY, at 1 P. M., at K. of P. Hall—Ninth-street entrance. ja10-4tF*

All the members of Harmony Lodge, K. and L. of H., are requested to meet at Pythian Castle TO-NIGHT. Members of Equity Lodge always welcome. Twelve candidates are to be initiated. (1t) J. H. MILLER, Protector.

WANTED—MAN FOR GENERAL FARMing and care of orchard. Must understand pruning, budding and grafting. Address M., Postoffice Box 2,185, San Francisco, Cal. j17-6*

SITUATION WANTED—BY A BARBER WHO worked at the Western Hotel shop for six months; steady or Saturday and Sunday. Inquire at TREMONT HOTEL, J street, Front and Second. 1t*

STRAYED—FROM 331 J STREET, ONE BAY mare pony. Finder will be rewarded by returning same to the above address. ja17-2t*

IF APPLIED FOR IMMEDIATELY, THE Arcade barber shop, No. 1004 Second street (balance of this month's rent already paid), is for sale dirt cheap. Apply at 307 K street. 1t*

FOR SALE—ON ACCOUNT OF SICKNESS, the old established grocery store at Twelfth and P streets. Inquire of H. D. RODE, Twelfth and P streets. ja17-6t

WANTED—LOST—FOUND.

INFORMATION WANTED OF THE WHEREabouts of a friend, TIMOTHY FRANCIS WARD. Will be thankfully received by MISS MAGGIE WATSON, Sacramento Postoffice; late from the East. ja16-3t*

YOUNG MAN WANTS POSITION IN A wholesale house; willing to begin at the bottom; references given. Address No. 2, this office. ja16 3t*

WORK WANTED—BY A MAN AND WIFE on ranch or country hotel. Address S. H., this office. ja15-3t*

LOST—TWO BAY MARES, WITH STRIPE IN face. Leave information at MAXON & ACKLEY'S, and be rewarded. ja15-tf

NOTICE—$25 REWARD WILL BE PAID for the recovery of the body of JOHN ZGRAGGEN, who was drowned in the Sacramento river, six miles above the city, Tuesday evening, December 24, 1889. Apply to BEN. STEINAUER, New Wm. Tell House, J street, between Eight and Ninth, Sacramento. jl1-1w

WANTED—PARTIES TO BORROW MONEY on their city and country property. Plenty of money to loan. Address MONEY LOANER, P. O. BOX 93, Sacramento. n8-tf

WANTED — WOOD CHOPPERS, FARM hands, milkers, cooks, waiters, twenty women and girls for general housework and cooking. None but sober, steady people need apply. At EMPLOYMENT OFFICE, Fourth and K streets. Telephone 232.

FOR SALE—TO LET—ETC.

TO RENT—TWO UNFURNISHED ROOMS, suitable for housekeeping. Inquire of KREBS & CO., 626 J street. ja15-tf

TO RENT—FOUR FURNISHED ROOMS AND Bath, suitable for housekeeping for man and wife. Inquire at 1238 G street. ja15-3t*

FOR SALE—TWO THOROUGHBRED JERSEY milch cows; are young, gentle and fresh milking. For particulars inquire of L. A. UPSON, 1010 F street. ja14-6t*

$400—FOR SALE, ON ACCOUNT OF SICKness, a Grocery Store. Inquire 1028 H street. ja14-6t*

FOR SALE—ONE OF THE FINEST AND largest saloons in this city, connected with chop-house and extra ladies' rooms. Best location; stock and lease. Inquire at this office. jl3-1w

TO LET—FURNISHED ROOMS FOR HOUSEkeeping, to parties without children. Northeast corner Second and I streets. jl1-1w*

TO LET—NO. 1613 P STREET, A COTTAGE of five rooms with barn on the place. Apply to Mrs. J. A. BARRETT, 701 Twelfth, cor. G. jl1-tf

FOR RENT—ONE HUNDRED ACRES OF good Alfalfa pasture at Brighton. Inquire of PERKINS & SON, Perkins Station. ja9-tf

TO LET—TWO GOOD BUSINESS STORES, No. 900 and 904 K street. Inquire of M. R. ROSE. ja8-tf

FOR SALE—AN IMPORTED PERCHERON Stallion, age 10 years, color gray, weight 1,700, sure foal-getter; will take good work horses or brood mares in exchange. Inquire at RECORD-UNION office. ja4-1m

FOR SALE—FOUR LOTS 80x160, NORTH side P street; best location for dwellings in the city; above all possible floods; near street cars; city and pure well water; perfect drainage and good soil. Apply to W. E. CHAMBERLAIN, 1618 M street. d10-tf

FOR SALE—ONE NORMAN DAPPLE-grey stallion, seven years old; also one thoroughbred Kentucky jack, six years old. Inquire of J. S. FOSTER, RECORD-UNION office. 1m

FOR SALE—200 HEAD FINE, YOUNG horses; also a few mules; all broke. Apply at MOXON & ACKLEY'S, 911 and 913, 2d st. n11-tf

FOR SALE—OR EXCHANGE FOR DESIRable city property, a wheat ranch of 1,290 acres near Williams, Colusa county. Address WEINSTOCK, LUBIN & CO., Sacramento. o28-tf

TO RENT—ONE TENEMENT OF THREE rooms, also one suite of two large unfurnished rooms, both suitable for housekeeping for man and wife; also one large unfurnished room, and three furnished rooms (with or without board). Apply to D. GARDNER, Wood-yard, Fourth and I streets. mr7-tf

FOR SALE—A NEW UPRIGHT MATHUSHEK Piano; cost $1,000; will be sold at a bargain. Inquire at this office. fe28-tf

GENERAL NOTICES.

The best place in California to have your printing done: A. J. Johnston & Co.'s, 410 J street, Sacramento, Cal.

Attention, Exempts! — The regular election of officers of the Exempt Firemen's Association of Sacramento will be held on SATURDAY, the 25th day of January, 1890, at Firemen's Hall, Eighth street, between J and K, Sacramento. The officers of the election are: ELI MAYO, Judge; JOHN BATCHER and L. B. BERCK, Inspectors. The polls will be open from 3 to 7 P. M. All members three months in arrears for dues and fines cannot vote.

Dated Sacramento, January 15, 1890.

JAS. H. CRONE, President.
WM. AVERY, Secretary. ja16-td&3u

Pain and dread attend the use of most catarrh remedies. Liquids and snuffs are unpleasant as well as dangerous. Ely's Cream Balm is safe, pleasant, easily applied into the nostrils, and a sure cure. It cleanses the nasal passages and heals the inflamed membrane, giving relief at once. Price 50c. MWF

Pullman Tourist Car Excursions.—Select excursions via the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad (Santa Fe route), under management of salaried railroad employes, leave Sacramento EVERY THURSDAY for all Eastern points. Berths furnished through to Chicago. Rates same as from San Francisco. Baggage checked through to destination. G. W. RAILTON, agent, 231 J street, Sacramento, Cal. m3-1mMWF

Advice to Mothers.—Mrs. Winslow's SOOTHING SYRUP should always be used when children are cutting teeth. It relieves the little sufferer at once; it produces natural, quiet sleep by relieving the child from pain, and the little cherub awakes as "bright as a button." It is very pleasant to taste. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, relieves wind, regulates the bowels, and is the best-known remedy for diarrhea, whether arising from teething or other causes. Twenty-five cents a bottle. MWFly

The most obstinate cases of catarrh are cured by the use of Ely's Cream Balm, the only agreeable remedy. It is not a liquid or snuff, is easily applied into the nostrils. For cold in the head it is magical. It gives relief at once. Price 50c. MWF

Revival Meeting at Central M. E Church, Eleventh st., H and I, every evening this week. REV. BEECHGOOD, Pastor. ja15-1t*

The Odorless Excavating Co that has just commenced business in this city, is prepared to clean vaults and cesspools in the most approved sanitary manner. Office 317 K st. ja13tf

B. F. Stoll, Dentist, 606 J street, wishes to inform his patients and all those in need of dentistry that he has reduced his prices one-half, and will guarantee all operations to be first-class and satisfactory or no charge made. jal-tf

Decker Bros.'—The artists' piano. Write to KOHLER & CHASE, San Francisco. n25-3m

Lewis Winter, Wood Engraver, 627 J. tf

Past, Present and Future

MRS. I. C. ANDREWS, the well-known Fortune Teller and Astrological Clairvoyant, is located at 1621 I street. Numerous people have benefited by her wonderful gifts. d12-4tp*

WANTED.

10,000 DEER SKINS, WILL PAY THE highest price. Or tan them on shares. Will also make the best Gloves in the State. Call for DODGE'S GLOVES, and take no other. Factory, 1017 Ninth street, Sacramento, Cal. Dodge's Sacramento Glove Factory and Tannery. [4ptf] P. H. DODGE, Proprietor.

EAST OF THE ROCKIES.

A New Jersey Girl Sends a Bullet Crashing Through Her Brain.

BOLD ATTEMPT AT POISONING.

Six Choctaw Indian Murderers Were Hanged Yesterday at Fort Smith, Ark.—Etc.

[SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE RECORD-UNION.]

CIVIL ENGINEERS.

Annual Meeting of the American Society—Important Reports.

GLOUCESTER (Mass.), January 16th.—The annual meeting of the American Society of Civil Engineers was begun here yesterday. The report on the Johnstown dam accident will not be made public just at present.

It was announced that James D. Schuyler, of California, had won the $50 prize for the best paper describing in detail accomplished works of construction, their cost and manner of execution. The paper was on "The Construction of the Sweetwater Dam." Among the newly elected members was J. H. Wallace, of San Francisco, and William G. Curtis, of San Francisco, was honored by being elected one of the Directors.

Among those present were A. D. Foote, of Boise City, Idaho, and James E. Mills, of San Francisco. It was announced that the Normal medal of 1888 was awarded to E. E. Russell Tratman, Jr., for the paper on "English Railroad Tracks." The Rowland prize for the same year was given to Clemens Herschel for a paper on "The Venturi Water Meter." The Normal medal for 1889 was won by Theodore Cooper, of this city, for a paper on "American Railroad Bridges."

The Treasurer's report showed the receipts of the year to have been $35,799 91 and expenses $28,875 45.

The special committee on the uniform standard time for twenty-four hours reported progress, and a memorial to Congress was decided upon. It was also decided to submit the question of appointing a Standing Committee on Units of Measurement to members by letter ballot. A committee to inquire into the important subject of domestic water supply recommended a general and special search for information.

A report was received and the committee continued, and the Directors advised to enlarge their scope of inquiry. Wm. P. Shinn was elected President.

COLORED CITIZENS.

The National Convention is Not Representative of the South.

CHICAGO, January 16th.—The National Convention of the Africo-American League, which met here yesterday, was captured by Cook county spectators, who ousted the regular delegates and seated eighty-five of themselves, leaving fifty-five delegates to represent the balance of the United States. No State of the South was allowed a representation, and the object of the controlling element seemed to be to make a partisan body of the Convention.

Hon. C. H. J. Taylor, of Atlanta, Ga., late Minister to Liberia, says: "I left the Convention in disgust. Instead of a Convention of an earnest body of my race, looking to the betterment of our condition, I found the Convention packed with office-seekers, men who knew nothing of our race in the South, and whose object is self-aggrandization."

At the Africo-American Convention this morning James Pelham, of Missouri, was chosen temporary Secretary. Illinois has more delegates than any other State, while the Carolinas, Georgia and Alabama have but one delegate each. Professor Price, of North Carolina, delivered an address. The Committee on Permanent Organization recommended W. A. Pledge, of Georgia, for President.

The last session of the day was devoted to the reading of communications received by the Secretary. Among them was a letter from Judge Albion W. Tourgee. He suggested that the Africo-American League should be a secret organization, in order that its members might not be in danger of murder and outrage in the South. A motion was carried to refer this letter to the Committee on Constitution.

Adjourned until to-morrow.

EXPIATED THEIR CRIMES.

Six Indians Hanged for Murder in Arkansas.

FORT SMITH (Ark.), January 16th.—The hanging of the six condemned murderers took place at 12:12 P. M. to-day. The men executed were Austin, the Choctaw, John Billy, Thomas Willis, Sam Goin, Jimman Burris and Jefferson Jones.

The crime for which Austin paid the penalty was the unprovoked murder of Thomas Elliott on May 23d.

John Billy and Thomas Willis, both full-blooded Choctaws, were convicted jointly of the murder of a white man whose name was supposed to be A. B. Williams. Williams refused to give the Indians whisky and they killed him.

Sam Goin and Jimman Burris, also Choctaws, murdered Houston Joyce of Franklin, Texas, in November, 1888, for his money.

The last man was Jefferson Jones, another Choctaw. His victim was an old man named Henry Wilson, whom he killed while the latter was going through the territory on the 12th of March last.

The prisoners bore their fate with much nerve, standing on the scaffold full twenty minutes while the preparations were being made. The work, however, went on with precision and dispatch, and when the fatal drop came there was but a slight groan from one of them, a gentle swing of six black bodies and not a twitch or a shrug.

All were dead in from three to six minutes, and George Maledon, who had hanged seventy-five persons before, performed the work apparently with a relish.

ALL FOR A LOVER.

Miss Laura Dixon Commits Suicide at Her Home.

ELIZABETH (N. J.), January 16th.—Miss Laura Dixon lies dead at her home on Elizabeth avenue from the effects of a pistol shot in the right temple. She was alone in the house for a short time last evening, and, armed with a revolver, she entered the parlor and deliberately sent a bullet into her head.

Miss Dixon was twenty-three years old, and the daughter of special officer John Dixon. Laura for six years kept company with George Welmar, a young man prominent in temperance circles and Past Worthy Patriarch of Lincoln Division, Sons of Temperance. He finally discarded the girl and married another.

Miss Dixon has been despondent ever since.

MURDEROUS STEWARD.

He Attempted to Poison All on Board of a Steamship.

BALTIMORE, January 16th.—The steamship Eardsle, Captain W. H. Carter, arrived late yesterday afternoon from Cuba with steward W. Walker in irons, charged with attempting to poison the whole ship's crew and officers on Monday last. He acknowledged to the second mate to having put a bottle of jalap into the food.

Later he wrote a long letter to the Captain, telling how he had poisoned the food, and pleaded excessive drinking as the cause. He told the assistant steward on Monday that he had poisoned the food for the second officer, John Leddon, for an old grudge. All the poisoned officers and hands have fully recovered.

It Served Him Right.

NEW HAVEN (Conn.), January 16th.—Frederic R. Honey, who for some years past has been an instructor in the Mechanical and Drawing Department of the Yale Scientific School, has been removed from his position, Prof. Brush announcing today that Profs. Richards and Dubois would fill the vacancy temporarily.

This dismissal ends one of the worst quarrels which has occurred among the members of the Yale faculty. For some time Housey ordered the freshmen to purchase their drawing instruments of a firm in this city, but instead they purchased them from a junior who canvassed their class for a Philadelphia firm. Honey then announced that he would mark the students absent if they used the instruments.

Upon this the Board of Directors stepped in and told Mr. Honey he must retract. He would not and so he was dismissed.

The Johnstown Fund.

PHILADELPHIA, January 16th.—At a meeting of the Johnstown Flood Relief Commission to day Governor Beaver, the President, presided. An arrangement was perfected with the Girard Life Insurance Annuity and Trust Company for the administration of an annuity fund, whereby 522 children, under 16 years of age, orphaned by the flood, receives $50 annually until they reach the age of 16 years. Various other forms of relief for the destitute were adopted.

The Secretary's report shows there were estimated to have been drowned in the Conemaugh valley, 2,280 persons. The number of bodies recovered, 1,675; identified, 1,021; unidentified, 654; missing, 605. The relief fund received from various sources amounted to $2,902,073. After all expenditures for relief had been paid the committee have on hand an unexpended balance of $70,631.

Prize Crops.

NEW YORK, January 16th.—The most phenomenal yield of corn every produced in America has been awarded the prize of $500, offered by the *American Agriculturist* for the largest crop of shelled corn grown on one acre in 1889. The crop was within a fraction of 255 bushels green weight, which shrunk to 239 bushels when kiln dried, and when chemically dried contained 217 bushels. The South Carolina State Board of Agriculture doubled the prize, making the award $1 000 in all.

This crop was grown by Z. D. Drake of Marlborough county, S. C. It is nearly twice as large as the greatest authenticated crop ever before reported.

The $500 awarded for the largest yield of wheat last year goes to Henry F. Burton of Salt Lake City, Utah, for a yield of eighty bushels on one acre.

Murdered for His Pension.

LEAVENWORTH, January 16th. — Three weeks ago Alxander Blackburn, an inmate of the Soldiers' Home here, was murdered in a deserted part of the city. Wm. Green, George Thomas and George Wilkinson, all colored, were arrested for the crime.

George Thomas has made a confession, in which he states that he and his companions, knowing that Blackburn had just been paid his pension allowance, enticed him to an out-house, where they set upon and robbed him. Blackburn resisted, and Green struck him on the head with an ax, killing him.

Railroad Matters.

NEW YORK, January 16th.—President Hughitt, of the Chicago and Northwestern, said to-day he did not believe the agreement with the Union Pacific would be broken.

BOSTON, January 16th.—President Adams of the Union Pacific says he has not seen Chairman Walker's decision about the Union Pacific and Northwestern alliance, and cannot tell yet whether the agreement will be modified or not. It will be time enough to cross the bridge when we get to it.

Fatally Injured.

CHEYENNE (Wy.), January 16th—The Union Pacific west-bound passenger train was wrecked at Green River this morning at 9:30, by being derailed at a broken switch. Two engines, and the express, baggage and passenger car were overturned.

Mrs. J. Keanes received bruises in the chest and was injured internally, and will die. John Michaeld had his leg broken. Eleven other passengers and two train men were slightly injured. Travel was delayed six hours.

Valuable Claim.

BIRMINGHAM (Conn.), January 16th.—Frederick Baldwin and his cousin, Mrs. Pettitperre, of San Francisco, claim to be heirs to a $4,000,000 estate in San Francisco. Frederick and Elihu Baldwin left New Haven for California in 1849 in the ship Montague, and were successful in mining. They invested in real estate, which is now in the best part of San Francisco. A lawyer is in town hunting up records to prove their claim before the Court next spring.

Boiler Explosion.

PITTSBURG, January 16th.—One man was killed and fourteen badly injured, several probably fatally, by a boiler explosion on the Lake Erie road, near Talson, yesterday afternoon. Two freight trains had stopped, and while a force of men was removing dirt and stone from the track with a steam shovel the boiler burst. The men were hurled in every direction, and several were badly mangled. Wilsey Francis was killed.

Bold, Bad Woman.

TOLEDO, January 16th.—The developments in the forgery case now tend to show that Lamb, the expressman who negotiated the notes supposed to be forged, was made a dupe of by Madam Devere, the clairvoyant, who has figured here and in other places under different aliases. Lamb and Madam Devere were both arrested late last night on charges of forgery. Lamb secured bail, but Madam Devere is still behind the bars.

Sunday School Workers.

PITTSBURG, January 16th.—The Executive Committee of the International Sunday School Convention of the United States and British American Provinces met here to-day to arrange for the sixth triennial session of the International Convention, which is to be held the fourth week in June. The Convention will be attended by 1,200 delegates and at least 2,000 Sunday School workers.

Walker Blaine's Funeral.

WASHINGTON, January 16th.—Secretary Blaine decided this afternoon that the funeral of his son, Walker, will take place here Saturday at 11 o'clock from the Church of the Covenant. The remains will be interred at Oakhill Cemetery, Georgetown. The absent members of the family have arrived. A great many messages of condolence have been received.

Allison Gets There.

DES MOINES (Iowa), January 16th.—At a joint ballot of the Republican members of both houses Senator Allison was renominated for United States Senator. Senator Allison was brought into the hall by a committee and received with applause. He made a speech thanking the caucus members warmly for their action.

He Was Indicted.

NEW YORK, January 16th.—The Grand Jury found an indictment against Major William Hancock Clark, a member of the Southern Society, who recently fired a pistol three times at William Randolph, a member of the same club, at the conclusion of a controversy originating at the societiy's room in this city.

Both Elected.

CHARLESTON (W. Va.), January 16th.—The Legislature received the majority report concerning the contested Gubernatorial election. The majority reported seating Fleming, the Democrat, by 237 majority. The other part of the committee found Goff, the Republican, elected by 137 majority.

Gone to the Wall.

NEW YORK, January 16th.—The Commercial Telegraph Company has announced that the property heretofore operated by it has been sold at Sheriff's sale to satisfy judgments against the company, and it now finds itself unable to continue to distribute after this date.

Silk Stations.

WASHINGTON, January 16th.—In his report to Congress to-day Joseph Neumann, of California, reviewed the silk culture in the United States. He recommends, among other things, that two new stations be established, one at the Presidio at San Francisco, and another somewhere in the interior of the State.

Vessel Reported Lost.

NEW YORK, January 16th.—A dispatch from Lloyds, in London, states that the British ship Hampshire, from Bangor for Greenock, was posted at Lloyds as missing. She sailed from Bangor on September 24th and has not since reported.

In the Supreme Court.

NEW YORK, January 16th.—The case of the baseball league against John M. Ward is on trial in the Supreme Court to-day.

Tacoma Has Caught On.

TACOMA (Wash.), January 16th.—Six hundred pupils of the public schools are absent on account of la grippe. No fatalities so far have been reported. One death of an adult resulting from pneumonia occurred yesterday.

CALIFORNIA AND COAST.

The Heaviest Snow Fallen in the History of the Country.

THE NORTHERN CITRUS BELT.

An Indian in Oregon Confesses to the Murder of a Woman—Heavy Death Rate.

[SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE RECORD-UNION.]

WAR AGAINST PORTER BROTHERS.

Fruit Growers at Swords' Points—They Take Their Medicine.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 16th.—At the session of the Fruit Union to-day subdivision 5 of Section 5 of the by-laws was amended on motion of Mr. Buck, by striking out the closing clause relating to repayment of funds when members surrender stock certificates.

W. H. Aiken, F. B. McKevitt and S. J. Stabler were appointed a Standing Committee on Transportation.

The question of Eastern agents caused a lively debate.

Mr. Blowers hoped that some amicable agreement might be made so that non-members of the Union, or those not shipping through the Union, could have the same Eastern agents. He would like to have Mr. Day sell his fruits in New York and Mr. Blake in Boston.

Mr. Block thought there might be harmony if all would work with Earle & Co., and do exactly as some persons wanted.

Mr. Blowers said that any suggestion that he had not always worked for the best interests of the Union was not true. If Mr. Block's stone was directed at him it had only gone half way.

THE "DICTATOR" OF THE UNION.

Mr. Hatch said that the fact of shipping through Earle & Co. cut no figure in the matter. It is certainly desirable to have shipments made by some one not directly interested in fruit-growing who could not, therefore, be suspected of advancing his own product above that of other producers, for a man, however honest, cannot well be criticised for advancing his own interests

Mr. Block spoke earnestly of his work in the Union and of his opposition to the auction plan at certain times. If Porter at Chicago is continued as the Union's agent, he should be servant, not master.

Mr. Hatch spoke emphatically against retaining Mr. Porter as the Chicago agent. "I'm opposed to a dictator, and Mr. Porter is to-day the dictator of the California Fruit Union."

The Chair (Mr. Buck) called Mr. Hatch to order.

W. H. Aiken of Wrights offered a memorial to Congress, urging the increase of duty on prunes from one cent to three cents per pound.

Mr. Hatch asked to amend the memorial, providing that the duty on all products of the Mediterranean be not decreased.

The amendment was accepted and the memorial as adopted was made to read as follows:

MEMORIAL TO CONGRESS.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assembled: The fruit-growers of the State of California, in convention assembled at San Francisco, this 16th day of January, 1890, respectfully represent:

That the soil and climate of California are adapted to the growth and preparation of the prune of good quality and sufficient in amount eventually to supply the demand in the United States. The prune industry in this country is subject to a severe competition from foreign countries in supplying our home market with prunes, and the present tariff of one cent per pound is virtually no protection.

Your memorialists respectfully request an increase of this tariff on prunes to three cents per pound, or such rate as may be deemed sufficient to protect this great industry from ruinous competition with foreign products of cheap labor; and that the duties on raisins, nuts and olive products be not reduced.

The memorial will be forwarded immediately to representatives in Congress.

OPPOSITION TO PORTER BROTHERS.

Drury Melone of Napa offered a resolution calling upon the Trustees to be elected to pledge themselves to change the Chicago agency, now held by the Porter Brothers Company. He quoted a reported boast of a member of that firm that it had made half a million out of California fruits, and that it was not yet ready to surrender that trade. The speaker charged that Porter Brothers did many things detrimental to the best interests of California producers. Applause followed Mr. Melone's remarks.

J. H. Flickinger of San Jose considered the matter of railway rates one of greater importance than the agency matter.

Mr. Block moved to refer the Melone resolution to the incoming Board of Trustees.

Mr. Hatch said this motion would be preposterous, and Mr. Melone urged the importance of securing a pledge before the Trustees were elected.

Mr. Block's motion was lost.

S. J. Stabler of Yuba City moved to amend to recommend and not demand the Trustees to make the change at Chicago.

Mr. Aiken thought the matter could properly be left to the Trustees, who are pledged to the best interests of the Union.

Mr. Buck (having surrendered the Chair to President Platt) spoke in favor of simply electing Trustees in whom confidence can be placed, but leaving them unpledged.

D. E. Gish of San Jose said he would not ship through the Union because he had not confidence in Mr. Porter.

On the motion to amend the Chair ruled that negative votes carried. A division was called for, but the Chair held to his ruling and declared the amendment lost.

A MATTER OF MEDICINE.

Voting by roll-call on the Melone resolution was declared in order. Mr. Melone and his adherents who are opposed to Buck and Porter protested against voting by roll, for that meant according to shares of stock held by members voting. Mr. Hatch stated that the State had been scoured, from Siskiyou down, for proxies just to meet this issue. He sarcastically urged that the election of Trustees and voting on this resolution be held at the same time, since the result was assured.

"You gentlemen seem ready for your medicine. Why don't you take it?" shouted Mr. Buck.

"We expect to take it," responded Mr. Melone and Mr. Hatch together, "but it's bad medicine," added Mr. Hatch.

In the voting it was brought out that General Bidwell's stock (200 shares) could not be voted, as the proxy sent, C. W. Pike, was not a member of the Union. It was also ruled that stock not paid up could not be voted.

The vote on this matter, which is considered of importance because it shows the strength of the present management, resulted as follows: Total shares voted, 8,363. For resolution (against Porter), 2,686; against resolution, 5,677.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

At the afternoon session the following Trustees were nominated and chosen by the Secretary casting the ballot:

J. C. Anderson, San Jose. W. B. Parker, Vacaville; J. C. Boggs, Newcastle; P. E. Platt, Sacramento; L. W. Buck, Vacaville; E. J. Gregory, Sacramento; Webster Treat, Davisville; A. Block, Santa Clara; Henry Meek, San Lorenzo. The two last named are new Directors and all of these, it is understood, will favor continuing the present agent at Chicago.

Mr. Buck read a dispatch from Nat. Salisbury in Chicago in which he denied emphatically the truth of the statement made yesterday by Mr. Buckingham of Vacaville that the latter had overheard Salisbury say to Fairbank, "We must get rid of Blowers," referring to R. B. Blowers of Woodland, then a trustee of the Union.

Mr. Melone questioned the fairness to the Union of employing an agent that buys fruit and thus competes directly with the producers. Dr. Manlove the past season had a talk with Nat. Salisbury, Porter's agent, who bought fifty-three carloads of fruit at Natoma. When this action was questioned, Salisbury advised Dr. Manlove that he had better "stop shipping."

Mr. Buck explained the method of selling in Chicago by public auction, and expressed his conviction as to the fair dealing of the Porter Bros. Co. He considered the commission of 10 per cent. paid not excessive, considering returns. He believed Union shippers received more money back than other shippers who paid less commission.

Mr. Block considered that shippers had done fairly well with the present Chicago agent. He was opposed to changing and assuming the collar of some one else.

Mr. Rutler, of Florin, urged the great need of attention to the matter of freight rates, and the urgency of the theme was seconded by Manager Buck. Better time and more cars, the latter considered, are also very important essentials. There has been considerable gained during the past few years in these respects, but the speaker considered that the best terms can never be obtained until another overland line enters Central California.

Isador Jacobs, of A. Lusk & Co., thought the interstate commerce law was to blame for many evils suffered, and that the railway company was powerless in some respects.

The meeting adjourned for one year.

The Trustees will meet soon and elect officers.

ORANGE ORCHARDS.

They are on the Increase in the Northern Citrus Belt.

COLUSA, January 16th.—There are about fifteen acres of oranges in the county, one-fourth bearing none for shipment. Orange-tree planting is on the increase.

CHICO, January 16th.—The orange crop of this section is 30 per cent. larger this year than last, of fine quality and all marketed. Orange groves are scattered all over the foothills. It is impossible to learn the acreage.

AUBURN, January 16th.—The acreage in oranges is on the increase over last year, but the exact figures are not available. The Auburn Orange Association has twenty-seven acres, fifteen of which will bear next year, and there is a small crop this year of superior quality. Throughout the county there is a large increase in the acreage and the crop is of good quality.

MARYSVILLE, January 16th.—The area in orange trees was increased in the year just closed by an addition of about 200 acres in Yuba and a score or more acres in Sutter county. Deciduous fruit still maintains a preference with local fruit-growers, on account of the earliness of profitable returns, in comparison with citrus fruits.

The present area of orange orchards in the two counties is only a few hundred acres, but it is expected to be largely increased in the near future, especially in the foot-hills section of Yuba county, where there is an abundance of water available for irrigation.

The crop of 1889 is about all gone, as it was marketable as early as Thanksgiving Day, and the Citrus Fair took about the last of it. The quality of Marysville oranges for the season just closed was scarcely up to the average, as many of the trees have been neglected.

WOODLAND, January 16th.—It is impossible to give the acreage of orange trees in this county. It has largely increased over that of last year. Several hundreds of acres of orange orchards have been planted within the past six months along the foothills between Madison and Winters. So far but few have been shipped and those chiefly from Winters.

FRESNO, January 16th.—Estimates place the number of orange trees in Fresno county from 45,000 to 50,000. Of these not one-third are bearing. The yield of 1889 was 45,000 oranges. This was the highest number ever produced in the county. This year the yield will not be over 35,000. The decrease is accounted for on the grounds of a sort of rest or off year after last season's heavy yield. The increase of trees planted this winter will be 100,000 to 120,000. People have just discovered that oranges are a fairly square and well-paying crop in Fresno county, hence more and more attention is being given to oranges, which are grown mostly in the foothill section in the thermal belt, thriving best at an elevation of from 500 to 1,500 feet. Most of the bearing trees are on the banks of King river. Most of the oranges are seedling, the navel not reaching more than 5,000.

The quality of the fruit is excellent, large, of good color, and very sweet. The demand of the local market exceeds the supply.

The fruit ripens early, and is well off the market before the Southern California crop is in. In the vicinity of Porterville, Tulare county, is a fine belt of orange land, and the fruit produced there is most excellent.

RIVERSIDE, January 16th.—The acreage in oranges this year is about 4,000 acres, the increase over 1888 being but slight. About one thousand carloads of 300 boxes each will be available in 1890, the quality of which will be superior to any previous crop.

The increase in shipments of 1888 is placed at one hundred cars. The fruit is in fine condition and very large. Number of boxes are being packed for exhibition at the Citrus Fair in New York City.

WIND, SNOW AND RAIN.

Grass Valley Still Cut Off from the Rest of the World.

GRASS VALLEY, January 16th. — The fiercest storm for years occurred last night, consisting of a heavy rain, wind and snow, the latter falling until noon to day, when a light rain set in. A foot of snow fell last night, making two feet on the level in the town and from three to six feet on the hills.

The grand-stand at Watt Park, the old race-track, was completely smashed by the weight of snow to-day. Late this evening nearly all of Taylor's wood-yard and iron foundry collapsed under their weight of snow. The damage cannot be estimated now, but it is very heavy. They have been fighting snow on the Narrow Gauge Railroad all day with big forces, but at 6 o'clock this evening the train leaving here this morning had not reported at Colfax.

TOWLES, January 16th.—The snowfall for the last twenty-four hours is twenty inches, for the season twelve feet.

RENO (Nev.), January 16th.—The snowfall for the season is 31 inches; for the past 24 hours, 4 inches.

WHEATLAND, January 16th.—The wind has been blowing a gale the last twenty-four hours, doing damage to windmills, fences and shade trees. The rainfall is light. It is still blowing hard.

MARYSVILLE, January 16th.—A southerly gale last night blew down a number of trees here. Eighty-four hundredths of an inch of rain fell, making a total for the season of 21.80 inches. The Yuba and Feather river are rising, but are comparatively low.

CHICO, January 16th.—The severest storm of the season was experienced last night. There was a heavy wind and rain. Numerous trees were blown down in the town and broke the electric current, leaving the town in darkness. There are showers and sunshine this forenoon. A strong south wind is still blowing.

CORNING, January 16th.—There has been a terrible storm of high wind and rain all day. There is no sign of abatement. There is a south wind, but it is inclined to change to the north.

NAPA, January 16th.—The weather is cloudy, with every appearance of rain very soon. The roads are soft. No hauling can be done. The river has risen several feet, and in some places overflowed its banks.

LOS GATOS, January 16th.—A heavy rain fell all night, causing considerable damage to the roads in the mountains. The flume of the San Jose Water Company broke about one mile from here, washing a large quantity of earth and boulders down on the railroad track, which will take several hours to clear. The rainfall for the last twenty-four hours is 2.05, making 39.56 for the season, against 10.31 for the same period last year. There is no indication of clearing off.

GILROY, January 16th.—Last night we had one of the heaviest rains of the season. Nearly one inch of rain fell between sunset and sunrise. To-day it is cloudy and threatening, with evidently more rain coming. We have already had treble the amount of rain that had fallen up to the same date last year, and seven inches over the entire amount of last season. The farmers are badly set back by these repeated storms.

PLEASANTON, January 16th.—After four days of fair weather a strong wind and rain-storm commenced yesterday afternoon and still prevails. Early this morning there was a heavy land-slide one and a half miles west of here, which delayed our local train four hours and a half.

TURLOCK, January 16th.—After one week of cold north wind and frosty mornings, the wind changed back to its old quarter and all day yesterday and up to midnight blew a gale, when the rain began falling, and up to 7 o'clock .27 of an inch of rain had fallen, making the total for the season 14.94 inches. The wind is still south and cloudy.

FRESNO, January 16th.—The storm which raged in the northern part of the State Wednesday reached here this morning, and it has rained gently but steadily all day. It is raining to-night and no prospect of its abatement. The total for the season is 8.86 inches.

ASPHYXIATED.

Dr. De Vis Dies from the Effects of Escaping Gas.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 16th.—Dr. Henry De Vis died in his room in the New Atlantic