POSTAL REFORMS.

THE ADMINISTRATION AT WASHINGTON WORKING NEEDED CHANGES.

Discipline Enforced—The Smallest Matters Attended To—Local Facilities Enlarged.

Probably no official of the Postal Department under any administration has been the subject of more criticism, one way and another, than the present Postmaster-General, Mr. Wanamaker. Public attention has been greatly drawn to his methods, because he has attempted, and indeed succeeded, in introducing business methods into the Department that heretofore have been unknown to it.

This office has found by personal experience that President Harrison's Postmaster-General has struck the keynote of progress and good service by attention to details. Some one has said that "the secret of successful business is the care for small matters, which are the units of great results." Over a year ago the RECORD-UNION called attention to the great need for stamp stations in the metropolis of the State. In a few days, to our surprise, we received a letter from the Department acknowledging the justice of the criticism and thanking the paper for it, with the additional statement that the Chief of the Department invited criticism and complaint, as it was his intention to correct every ill complained of so far as was possible, or give a reason to the people for failure.

The stamp stations, forty-eight in number, have since been established in San Francisco, where the people can procure any kind of postal stamp or postal matter without tramping to the postoffice.

So, too, later, this office had occasion to complain of uncertainty and irregularity of the dispatch of the Sacramento letter mail from the San Francisco office. Through a press clipping agency in Philadelphia the article reached Mr. Wanamaker, and the RECORD-UNION was again surprised by official statement that the matter would have its attention.

Before that could be given, an incident occurred illustrating the justice of the complaint. A letter of high importance, mailed for dispatch from San Francisco by the first mail, did not come to hand until the arrival of the last one, and too late to be of the service for which it was intended. The Postoffice Department at once, though we did not communicate with it directly, ordered an investigation, and that not proving satisfactory at headquarters, only the other day Mr. Thos. G. Stoddard, Assistant Superintendent of the Railway Mail Service, arrived here, specially instructed to investigate this particular case and apply the needed remedy. That official, by the rapidity and thoroughness of his method, soon reached the seat of trouble, and now the public has reasonable assurance that letter mail will be dispatched from San Francisco in the order of its deposit, which certainly was not the invariable rule under the Democratic administration.

These instances led this journal to make special inquiry as to improvements in the service in various sections, and from all quarters it is learned that the Postal Department is gaining deserved credit for itself and the Administration for its attention to the least of complaints and the quick correction of ills in the service.

It was notorious that during Mr. Cleveland's administration the postal service upon this coast fell into a deplorable condition in many quarters. It was better at Sacramento than at any other point, local administration being had according to business methods and an eye to the best service possible under the circumstances. Still local effort was crippled by the inefficiency and unreliability of the general service.

We learn of one instance in a Northwest State where letters that should have been forwarded to the dead-letter office were retained in local offices for three years, and not until a change of administration could a reform in that matter be effected. For that particular instance an Inspector was sent all the way from Washington to clear the department of further odium by reason of the disregard of duty.

For a long time the people could not understand why the mail of the coast region about Santa Cruz and Monterey, addressed for Sacramento and the valley, could not reach this point until some hours after one leaving those points could, by ordinary route of travel, reach this city. When complaint was made, finally, to the present postal officials at Washington, the matter was examined into by a special inspector and explained satisfactorily, it appearing that there is but one postal clerk on the route, and hence one mail up the coast has to be sent by way of San Francisco and lay over there many hours, there being no mail portage from San Jose to Niles. Now the promise comes from Washington that this evil shall, as soon as can be done, be remedied and mail matter for the Sacramento valley come through with the same dispatch that characterizes Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express matter.

For some years the newspapers have been unable to dispatch by very early mails from Sacramento their packages for distribution in several directions and the express lines had to be resorted to. So little a matter as that had no correction under the Democratic administration at Washington, but now a system has been adopted by which the papers will go on any train on which there is a postal car, even though the hour of delivery is one when the local office is closed.

Again, under the old system, paper mails, local and Eastern, went into the San Francisco office in one mass. It thus often happened that the local papers of the State would not reach San Francisco subscribers until long after the Eastern mail was distributed and delivered, sometimes not until the day after arrival at San Francisco. But under the new orders of due attention to little complaints, the local paper mail bags are to be designated by colored tags that will indicate their local character. They will be selected out and their contents distributed at once, so that subscribers will get their papers within a brief time after arrival at the office of delivery.

Under the Democratic administration large numbers of employes in the San Francisco Postoffice were not amenable to discipline. Carriers and clerks who were derelict or rebellious, refused to comply with requests to resign, and instances are known to us in which the culprits were defiant and declared that they had "a pull" and could not be removed. Fines were levied but rarely was their collection enforced. Under the new Postmaster-General employes in all quarters find that neglect of duty brings instant punishment; that the "pull" of bosses has no effect; that discipline is what it should be; that the smallest matter must have the attention given greater ones, and that the complaint of the humblest citizen is to have as much respect as that of the most powerful commercial house.

So on the railway service, in the towns and in the cities, the disciplinary system of the Postmaster-General is working reform, and the service is steadily improving, a fact that is apparent to all who transact business through the United States mails.

Numerous improvements have been going on quietly in the Sacramento Postoffice during the past few weeks. In speaking of them to a RECORD-UNION reporter Postmaster Coleman said: "Postmaster-General Wanamaker is doing more for the Pacific coast—is giving it more attention—than his predecessors. The visits of his Assistant, Mr. Clarkson, and the Chief of the Railway Mail Service, for the purpose of personally inspecting the system out here, were indications of the interest felt in Washington for our welfare. Little improvements and changes that are suggested by Postmasters are attended to promptly. It was only a short time ago that I needed two money-order clerks instead of one, as heretofore, and that some of the salaries paid to my men were much too low. I soon received instructions to put on another money-order clerk and raise the salary list as follows: First money-order clerk, from $900 to $1,000 per year; Register Clerk from $800 to $900; and General Delivery Clerk from $600 to $700. Besides an Assistant Money Order Clerk, I also asked for two Assistant Mailing Clerks, and have been given one of the latter already. This all goes to show, you see, that Mr. Wanamaker is disposed to do what is right. Everybody knows what a slow and uncertain process it has been heretofore to get anything done by the Department. The change is very gratifying, I can assure you."

The changes in the Money Order Department have necessitated a general overhauling of that office. The two money order clerks now stand at the windows where was formerly the registry clerk, and the latter has been shifted to the old money order window.

One of the money order clerks will now attend exclusively to issuing the drafts, while the other will do the cashing.

The six large paper and package mail boxes recently ordered from Washington, have been stationed as follows: Second and J, Sixth and J and Ninth and J, Seventh and K, Tenth and K, and State Capitol. These are the very first of this pattern to arrive on the Pacific coast. They are intended for the reception of papers and packages only. The boxes are of wood, covered with zinc, painted red, and stand four or five feet from the ground. They have a water-proof lid, and a plate designating the hours when the contents will be called for.

All the main boxes and posts in the city have also been repainted and newly carded, by order of the authorities at Washington.

These are but a few of the changes that have been inaugurated, but most of the others are in relation to the smaller details, and would not be of particular interest to the public.

CONE AND BODEN.

The Latter Makes an Explanation Regarding Their Arrest.

E. J. Boden, who with W. W. Cone, the private detective, was arrested Saturday evening on a charge of petit larceny—having, it was alleged, collected a license from a cider peddler, and overcharging him—called at the RECORD-UNION office last night, and stated that Mr. Cone had no connection with the transaction whatever, except that he accompanied Boden in the latter's buggy. Mr. Boden being a cripple could not manage the team and says he asked Cone to assist him. As for himself, Boden claims that he was authorized by License Collector Dolan to collect whatever business he could from the peddlers who were swarming into town for the fair, and that he was to get $2 for every one he collected. Boden says if the peddlers visit the license office and procure the necessary privilege it costs but $3, but when a collector has to go after them $2 more to pay the collector is tacked on. He claims that there was nothing unusual in the transaction.

EVERYTHING READY.

Preparations Complete for the State Sportsmen's Tournament.

Horace H. Briggs, of the *Breeder and Sportsman*, and Secretary of the State Sportsmen's Association, came up from San Francisco yesterday, and held a conference with the Executive Committee of the Pacific Gun Club of this city, which is making preparations for the annual meeting of the association and shooting tournament which occurs here next month.

It was announced after the conference that the local club has secured sufficient live birds, also inanimate targets, to insure a successful tournament. It is expected that there will be a large number of participants, and many valuable prizes have been contributed.

Sacramento's Freight Shipment.

The through Eastern freight shipped from Sacramento during the month of August was as follows: It will be seen that this city shipped more freight than all other points outside of San Francisco. Borax, 33,300 pounds; brandy, 96,780 pounds; canned goods, 1,687,680 pounds; empty packages, 20,000 pounds; dried fruit, 725,780 pounds; deciduous fruit, 14,848,120 pounds; hops, 99,340 pounds; leather, 23,870 pounds; miscellaneous, 139,320 pounds; potatoes, 2,196,400 pounds; wine, 643,560 pounds; grease wool, 69,420 pounds; pulled wool, 75,250 pounds. Total, 20,658,820 pounds.

From other places: San Francisco, 36,569,320 pounds; Oakland, 1,220,230 pounds; San Jose, 7,443,140 pounds; Stockton, 3,159,870 pounds; Marysville, 1,208,670 pounds; Los Angeles, 4,025,020 pounds; Colton, 1,347,590 pounds; Portland, 234,520 pounds.

Progressive Farmers' Boys.

EDS. RECORD-UNION: I noticed in Thursday's issue of the WEEKLY UNION that in a few weeks the farmers' boys would be lying behind fences and in ditches to kill wild geese with their old muzzle-loading shotguns.

This is a great mistake, as the farmers' boys are well supplied with the latest style breech-loaders, and have long since bade good-by to the muzzle-loaders.

The muzzle-loaders are lying in some gun store until some city boy comes along with one of the rustiest things ever seen.

The farmers' boys are too lazy to load them. FARMERS' BOYS.

Gas in the Buttes.

Sutter City folks are enthusiastic in the belief that beneath their streets lie inexhaustible supplies of natural gas and oil. The *Enterprise*, in speaking of the matter recently, said: There is no doubt that gas and oil underlie Sutter City, and it remains for some fortunate individual or company to prosecute the lead already existing in the Buttes, to distinguish himself by further search. In such an event, the eyes of the whole State would be turned towards Sutter county, and our town be sought for its unsurpassed aggregation of climatic advantages and the facility with which mechanical industries could be pursued.

Country Carpenters.

"Two Galt young men," says the *Gazette*, "started out for the snowsheds early this week, and when they reached Sacramento they struck a railroad official at that point for passes over the road. The official asked them where they were from, and when they mentioned Galt he said: "That settles it. We have just twenty-six such carpenters from Galt as you are, and there is no more room in the sheds for such mechanics." The young men returned home crestfallen and disappointed, and were out of pocket the price of a handsaw, square, hammer and scratch-awl, besides their fare to Sacramento and return."

Raid on a Shoemaker's Shop.

On Saturday one of the drivers on the O street car line went into Capitol Park and sat down under one of the fine trees there to eat his lunch. While thus engaged he noticed a shoe-last under the branches of the tree, which lay close upon the ground, and on further investigation he found more lasts, a hammer, and a quantity of leather and other shoemakers' articles.

The driver informed officer Carroll, who gathered the stuff and took it to the Police Station. It was undoubtedly stolen.

Thrown From a Buggy.

Yesterday afternoon, just after the ball game, Miss Irene Murray and a young man named Moran were crossing the railroad track in a buggy at Twenty-eighth and R streets, when the horse shied at the locomotive and cramped the wheels so that the vehicle was overturned, and both occupants were spilled out in the dust. Neither was injured in the least, and the only damage done to the buggy was a pair of sprung shafts and a dislocated top.

Night-Blooming Cereus.

There will be on exhibition this evening at C. M. Campbell's furniture display in the Pavilion, a night-blooming cereus. This rare plant blooms but once a year, and only at night. The one in question is just ready to bloom, and will open its petals this evening.

It has been taken to the Pavilion in order that all who have never seen one of the kind may have an opportunity on this occasion.

Correction.

The statement that there was a collision of street cars on Fourteenth and J streets Saturday evening was incorrect. The accident happened at Fourteenth and K streets.

DOWN AGAIN.

THE SACRAMENTOS COULD NOT WIN TWO STRAIGHT.

Hoffman Was Hit Hard—Oakland Defeats Stockton at San Francisco.

The sight of about 600 people in the grandstand completely dazed the Sacramentos yesterday, and the exhibition of ball-playing on their part was shameful. The few country people who were present probably for the first time this season must have thought that the national game as played here was the worst kind of a farce. It must have been difficult for them to understand how it was that a club in first place in the league race could be capable of playing such a wretched game of ball as the Sacramentos were guilty of. Their field work was disgusting, to say the least, and the hissing that issued from the grand and special stands was not out of place. It was not because the home team lost the game that they should be censured, but simply for the fact that they did not support Hoffman. There is no telling but that he might have done far better work had he seen that his team were working with him, but, on the contrary, they showed a disposition to take matters easy, and played a contest that had the effect of lowering the club in the estimation of the audience.

The good plays were all on the San Franciscos side, and they won by a score of 10 to 4, and had they chosen to play out their half of the ninth inning, they could probably have added a few more points to the total number of runs. There was no comparison between the playing of the two teams. The visitors simply fielded and batted as any club ought to in the average game of baseball, and of course made a few very neat plays to show that they were alive to their work.

A great deal can be said of the Sacramento club's exhibition. In the first place, while at bat, they generally knocked sky balls, and Daly showed an exceeding fondness for sending the ball into the air just to see how high he could drive it. Bowman was the only really effective batter in the team, and his work was roundly applauded. Bill's stick work has been missed for the past three weeks.

As regards the fielding of the club, a short description of the individual playing is not amiss. Goodenough made an error that deserved being put down in the score book with a big black mark. It was in the sixth inning, and Ebright had knocked a ground hit out into center field. Goodenough was playing deep center, and although the ball was rolling slowly towards him, he made no attempt to close up on it, never for a moment supposing that Ebright would have the audacity to be so foolish as to take second base on the hit. While he calmly stood and watched the ball come along, Ebright was running to second, and he made the base before Goodenough knew what was up. It was a stupid bit of playing.

Daly had to blush even at his own work. He made three of the most inexcusable errors that it is possible for any player who has ever handled a baseball to accomplish. He started in the very first inning and allowed the San Franciscos their first run. There were two outs and Shea was at third base. Stevens, the batter, hit directly to Daly, who blocked it and then gently tossed the ball about eight feet over Stapleton's head. Shea, of course, scored. Again in the second inning he alone was responsible for the run made by the visiting team. His error was on a very easy chance. Again in the fourth inning he came to the rescue of the San Franciscos. Lookabaugh took first on his poor throw, and then Hanley, Stevens and Ebright smashed out hits and added four runs to the score of their team. Daly was satisfied with three misplays, and made no more during the game.

McHale's error was not disastrous, and he evened up matters by catching a brilliant game. He saved Hoffman at least two wild pitches, and was cheered several times by the audience. He and Bowman were the only players who could hit the ball safely.

Godar made a couple of errors that simply bewildered the spectators. On both chances the opportunities for put outs were certain, but by his inability to handle his position, for some cause, he did excellent work in adding runs to the San Francisco score.

Reitz's playing was slack and lacked its usual vigor. He made some very good plays, but showed a fault which is unusual with him—that of "juggling" the ball.

Hoffman muffed a foul ball that he should have caught with ease. The batter afterwards got his base, and an error had to be chalked down in the error column opposite Hoffman's name. His second error was no more excusable than the first.

Stapleton played well at first, and so did Roberts and Bowman in the field. Neither of the latter two were offered a chance, however.

It was the general opinion that the Sacramento team needs a shaking up, and that right away.

Following is the score:

SACRAMENTO.	T.B.	R.	B.H.	S.B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Goodenough, c. f.	5	0	0	0	1	0	1
Roberts, 1. f.	0	2	0	2	0	0	0
Bowman, r. f.	4	2	3	0	0	0	0
Daly, s. s.	4	0	0	1	1	1	3
McHale, c.	3	0	1	1	6	2	1
Stapleton, 1st b.	3	0	0	0	11	0	0
Godar, 3d b.	4	0	0	0	2	2	2
Reitz, 2d b.	4	0	0	0	2	7	2
Hoffman, p.	4	0	0	0	1	1	2
Totals	31	4	4	4	24	13	11

SAN FRANCISCO.	T.B.	R.	B.H.	S.B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Shea, 2d b.	4	1	1	0	2	3	1
Hanley, c. f.	5	1	1	0	3	0	0
Veach, 1st b.	5	0	0	0	6	0	0
Stevens, r. f.	5	1	3	1	3	0	0
Ebright, 3d b.	4	1	2	0	0	4	0
Levy, l. f.	5	3	1	1	3	0	0
Everett, s. s.	4	1	3	2	3	2	1
Speer, c.	4	1	1	0	7	1	0
Lookabaugh, p.	4	1	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	40	10	12	5	27	10	2

Runs by innings—	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Sacramento	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0—4
San Francisco	1	1	2	3	0	0	2	1	*	—10

Earned runs—Sacramento, 1; San Francisco, 1. Three-base hits—Bowman and Hanley. Two-base hits—Bowman (2). Sacrifice hits—Shea, Hanley, Veach, Speer and Lookabaugh. First base on errors—Sacramento, 2; San Francisco, 6. First base on called balls—Sacramento, 6; San Francisco, 4. Left on bases—Sacramento, 6; San Francisco, 10. Struck out—Hoffman, 4; Lookabaugh, 4. First base on hit by pitcher—Speer. Double plays—Ebright, Shea and Veach. Passed balls—McHale, 0; Speer, 0. Wild pitches—Hoffman, 1; Lookabaugh, 0. Time of game—One hour and forty minutes. Umpire—Donohue. Official scorer—Will H. Young.

AT THE BAY.

The Stocktons Defeated by the Colonels in a Well-Played Game.

SAN FRANCISCO, September 14th.—The Colonels defeated the Stocktons in a well-played game to-day. An attempt at grandstand playing by Moore opened the way for four runs by the Colonels in the third inning. The heavy batting of the Colonels resulted in four runs in the sixth. Score:

OAKLAND.	T.B.	R.	B.H.	S.B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Cantillion, 2d b.	5	1	0	0	3	2	2
Dooley, 1st b.	4	2	2	0	12	0	0
Sweeney, c. f.	4	1	3	2	3	0	0
Dungan, r. f.	4	2	1	1	0	0	1
Lohman, c.	5	1	1	0	5	2	0
C. O'Neill, l. f.	4	0	2	0	2	0	1
McDonald, s. s.	4	0	0	0	1	3	1
N. O'Neill, 3d b.	4	0	0	0	1	3	3
Cobb, p.	4	1	0	0	0	2	1
Totals	38	8	9	3	27	12	9

STOCKTON.	T.B.	R.	B.H.	S.B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Holliday, 1st b.	4	1	0	0	7	1	0
Wilson, 3d b.	5	0	1	0	0	3	2
Hoffman, l. f.	5	1	1	0	0	0	0
Moore, c. f.	4	0	0	0	3	0	1
Fudger, s. s.	4	0	2	0	2	2	2
Armstrong, 2d b.	4	0	0	0	2	2	0
Vogt, c.	3	0	0	0	6	1	1
Pache, r. f.	4	0	1	0	4	0	1
Kilroy, p.	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	37	3	5	0	24	9	7

Runs by innings—	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Stockton	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	—3
Oakland	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	—8

Earned runs—Oakland, 1. Three-base hit—Dooley. Two-base hit—C. O'Neill. Sacrifice hits—Lohman (2), C. O'Neill, Holliday. First base on errors—Stockton, 6; Oakland, 5. First base on called balls—Stockton, 2; Oakland, 3. Left on bases—Stockton, 9; Oakland, 7. Struck out—By Kilroy, 4; by Cobb, 4. Passed ball—Vogt. Wild pitch—Cobb. Time of game—One hour and forty minutes. Umpire—McLaughlin. Official scorer—Stapleton.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS

The following table shows the standing of the four clubs in the California League:

CLUBS.	Oakland	Sacramento	San Francisco	Stockton	Games Won	Games Played	Percentage
Oakland	.....	14	17	20	51	96	.531
Sacramento	17	.....	16	22	55	95	.579
San Francisco	15	17	.....	19	51	97	.525
Stockton	13	9	13	.....	35	96	.364
Games Lost	45	40	46	61	192	.....	

GOES MERRILY ON.

Some of the Glories of State Fair Week.

The influx of thieves, garroters, bunko men and fakirs is keeping the police force on the jump.

The first of the victims to arrive at the police station yesterday was William Mullery, a lodger at the Fifth-street Hotel. He stated that some time during Saturday night or Sunday morning, while he was asleep, somebody entered his room and took possession of his gold watch and chain. He left a description of the property with the police, and they will endeavor to find it.

Next came a man named S. M. Call, who said a valise, containing his best suit of clothes, had been stolen from him while in the Diamond Saloon, on K street, between Third and Fourth.

J. G. Fuchs, who resides at 418 Ninth street, was the next party heard from. He reported that some time during Saturday night the festive burglar had broken into his dwelling and carried off a quantity of jewelry, including a diamond shirt-stud, sleeve buttons, and a gold watch, besides some other less valuable articles.

Officer Eldred entered charges of petty larceny on the prison register, during the day, against three boys—J. Mulligan, William Herman, and Charles Harrison. They broke into a peanut stand at Agricultural Park, whilst the stars twinkled, and loaded themselves with nickel bags of gallery-gods' delight. Itis said that they will plead guilty when their cases come up in the Police Court, in deference to officer Eldred's magnanimity in not charging them with burglary.

A man informed officer Farrell last night that a short time previous he had been knocked down by footpads at the corner of Fourth and M streets and robbed of a baggage check.

Several complaints were heard also of persons having been fleeced at sure-thing games.

HIS FATHER'S WATCH.

A Lad Who Would Put on Style Comes to Grief.

Johnny Henson borrowed his father's gold watch and proceeded to cut a wide swath among the juvenile "sports" yesterday.

But after a few hours' conquest Johnny came to grief and was minus his watch.

He went home and told his father how it happened. He said he had made the acquaintance of a young man who, after admiring Johnny's father's time-piece, suggested that they take a walk around town. Johnny was informed that he had the makings of a "blood" in him, and Johnny was very much pleased. Together they dropped into a place on K street where dwelt the "tiger." All sporting gentlemen bucked the tiger—Johnny was informed—and pretty soon the chief of the menagerie offered to wager $100 against Johnny's father's watch that Johnny couldn't guess which way the tiger would jump. Johnny accepted, and that was how Johnny lost his father's watch.

Mr. Henson, Sr., took his son by the hand, and together they went to the police station, where the story was retold.

Officer Carroll was detailed to investigate. He took the youth with him and eventually found Johnny's friend, who, it was said, had escorted him to the menagerie. This individual was placed under arrest and locked up. He gave his name as Denny, and said he was a solicitor for the *Examiner*.

In the evening, however, Mr. Henson, Sr., returned to the police station and requested that Denny be released, as he did not wish to prosecute. It was said that the watch had been recovered.

NEWSPAPER NEWS.

Northern and Central California Press Association Meeting.

Owing to the conflict in date of the meeting of this Association, and the celebration of Admission Day, both of which occurred on September 8th, the Executive Committee postponed the meeting of the Association to September 15th, at 7:30 P. M., which will be held in the lecture-room of the Crocker Art Gallery in this city, and will be open to the public.

A literary programme has been arranged, consisting of the following papers: "Unity of the California Press," by D. McPherson, editor of the Santa Cruz *Sentinel*. "The Country Newspaper," by S. S. Boynton, editor of the Oroville *Register*. Other entertainment will also be provided. The leading feature of the meeting, however, will be the consideration of business of the Association, and it is the desire that each member will come prepared to give the business matters which will come before the meeting their earnest and undivided attention, and to remain at the meetings until all business is disposed of and adjournment had. Business of importance to every member will come before the Association.

There will be several persons from Southern California.

The Executive Committee will meet at the RECORD-UNION office at 10 o'clock A. M.

BACK TO PRISON.

The Four Convicts Who Dug Their Way Out of Folsom Prison Captured.

A dispatch was received by the RECORD-UNION last evening from its Folsom correspondent announcing that Warden Aull had received word from Ogden, Utah, to the effect that Kohler, Blumer, Wilson and Gierman, the convicts who made a sensational escape from the penitentiary on the 19th of last month, had been captured in that city by the Chief of the Ogden police. They were together when captured.

Deputy Warden Robinson and T. Hughes accompanied by Police Officer W. Arlington, of this city, will start for Ogden, to-day with the necessary requisition papers, to bring the escapes back.

The four convicts, it will be remembered, escaped through the floor of their cell into a tunnel which they had dug, and which led out beneath the walls. They had removed several slabs of stone from the floors of their cells and excavated a tunnel ten feet deep and thirty feet in length. It was a wonderful piece of work, considering the limited hours in which the men had to push the work. When the other convicts were sleeping, and all about the prison was hushed in the stillness of the night, these men were working in their tunnel and digging their way out to freedom. It was estimated that they had been a year at the work.

Jail Might Improve Him.

Mrs. Jennie Abbott, who keeps a saloon on Second street, swore to a warrant last night charging her husband, John Abbott, with battery. Abbott was convicted and fined in the Police Court only a few weeks ago on a similar charge. His wife stated last night that he persists in beating her constantly.

Half a Mile in 1:06.

Stamboul, the fleet-footed stallion, was given a "warming up" at Agricultural Park yesterday in the presence of a coterie of horsemen. After a few jags around the track, the flyer was "speeded" for half a mile. He did it in 1:06.

FINEST line of groceries in the city. McMorry & McEwen. Sarsaparilla and iron.*

THE ATHLETES.

HOW THEY WILL BE HANDICAPPED IN WEDNESDAY'S RACES.

The 100-Yard Race Will be a Grand Event—Something of Interest to the Uninitiated.

Local athletes and others interested in the contests to take place at Agricultural Park Wednesday morning have, since the publication of the entries, been anxious to learn what the handicaps would be. These have been carefully kept secret for the past week, and strict orders were given out that none should be allowed to see the list.

The programme is now completed, however, and Walter A. Scott, President of the Pacific Coast Amateur Athletic Association, and official handicapper, has sent the list to Secretary Smith of the Agricultural Society for printing. The RECORD UNION has been furnished with a copy for publication.

For the benefit of those uninitiated into the mysteries of athletics a little explanation might be of interest. It will be noticed in the "handicap" races the various starters have a certain number of yards or feet set opposite his name. These indicate the advantage of the start that he is given over the "scratch" men. The latter are supposed to be the best runners in their respective classes, and in order to insure a good race it is necessary to handicap them in this manner.

The "scratch" races are those in which no handicaps are given.

In the hurdle races the handicap operates differently from the other races. The "scratch" man, instead of starting from the mark, is penalized a certain number of yards—that is, he is set back from the starting mark. Consequently a man who is penalized twelve yards in a 120 yard race really has to run 132 yards.

The initials following the name of each entry denotes the athletic club he is a member of. There are nine clubs in the P. C. A. A. A. and (with their abbreviations) are as follows: Olympic Club of San Francisco, O. A. C; Sacramento Athletic Club, S. A. C.; Alpine Club of San Francisco, A. A. A. C; Lurline Club of San Francisco, L. A. C.; Acme Club of Oakland, A. A. C; Reliance Club of Oakland, R. A. C.; University of Berkeley, U. C.; Alameda Olympic, A. O. C; and the Garden City Club of San Jose, G. C. A. C.

The completed programme for Wednesday is as follows:

One hundred and twenty-yard handicap hurdle race. (Ten hurdles, three feet six inches high.) First hurdle fifteen yards from start, and a hurdle every ten yards thereafter, last one being fifteen yards from finish. Entries—F. F. Foster, O. A. C., penalized 12 yards; P. M. Ward, O. A. C., penalized 4 yards; H. C. Cassidy, A. A. A. C., penalized 4 yards; A. Cooke, A. A. A. C., and J. Campbell, S. A. C., not penalized.

Fifty-yard scratch race, first two in each heat to run in final heat. First heat—A. S. Henderson, O. A. C.; J. Newton Black, G. C. A. C.; C. A. Jellinek, O. A. C.; J. C. Kortick, O. A. C. Second heat—J. W. Flynn, O. A. C.; F. Holland, A. A. A. C.; Roy Gallagher, O. A. C.; P. M. Ward, O. A. C.; F. G. O'Kane, O. A. C.

Half mile scratch race—Clyde Frost, G. C. A. C.; R. McArthur, O. A. C.; P. D. S. Killman, O. A. C.; H. C. Cassidy, A. A. A. C.

One hundred-yard handicap race—First heat, J. Newton Black, G. C. A. C., allowed 5 yards start; J. C. Kortick, O. A. C., 2½ yards; F. G. O'Kane, O. A. C., 3 yards; D. A. Cohen, A. O. C., 6 yards; C. B. Vanderbilt, S. A. C., 5 yards. Second heat—A. S. Henderson, O. A. C., scratch man; J. F. McDonald, O. A. C., 6 yards; R. J. Luttringer, A. A. A. C., 5 yards; A. M. King, A. A. A. C., 5 yards; T. W. Measure, S. A. C., 4 yards. Third heat—F. F. Foster, O. A. C., 5 yards; Roy Gallagher, O. A. C., scratch; Fred. Holland, A. A. A. C., 5 yards; Howard P. Coleman, A. A. A. C., 7 yards; H. Rubenstein, S. A. C. 6 yards. Fourth heat—P. M. Wand, O. A. C., 3 yards; C. A. Jellinck, O. A. C., 2 yards; J. W. Creagh, A. A. A. C., 6 yards; Adam Bergman, S. A. C., 6 yards; W. E. Newbert, S. A. C., 5 yards. Fifth heat—M. L. Espinosa, O. A. C., 6 yards; S. V. Winslow, O. A. C., 4 yards; F. W. Whitmore, S. A. C., 6 yards; G. W. Bishop, A. A. A. C., 5 yards; J. D. Garrison, A. A. A. C., 2 yards.

One mile walk, handicap—A. Cooke, A. A. A. C., 20 seconds start; Geo. W. Armbruster, A. A. A. C., 40 seconds start; Horace Coffin, O. A. C., and P. N. Gaffrey, A. A. A. C., no seconds start. Two hundred and twenty yard handicap race for members of the Sacramento Athletic Club. First heat—T. W. Measure, scratch; C. E. Bauer, 5 yards; F. W. Whitmore, 5 yards; W. H. Hanlon, 5 yards; E. M. Simpson, 7 yards. Second heat—W. E. Newbert, 3 yards; C. B. Vanderbilt, 3 yards; H. Rubenstein, 5 yards; J. Campbell, 5 yards; F. Welch, 6 yards; Adam Bergman, 7 yarps.

Four hundred and forty-yard scratch race—S. V. Casady, O. A. C.; J. D. Garrison, A. A. A. C.; Roy Gallagher, O. A. C.; S. V. Winslow, O. A. C., and J. C. Kortick, O. A. C.

Two hundred and twenty-yard handicap race—First heat—S. V. Casady, O. A. C., scratch; C. A. Jellinek, O. A. C., 6 yards; S. V. Winslow, O. A. C., 7 yards; J. F. McDonald, O. A. C., 10 yards; C. W. Meyer, A. A. A. C., 10 yards; T. W. Measure, S. A. C., 8 yards; J. W. Creagh, A. A. A. C., 10 yards. Second heat—J. C. Kortick, O. A. C., 6 yards; F. F. Foster, O. A. C., 6 yards; F. G. O'Kane, O. A. C., 6 yards; Roy Gallagher, O. A. C., scratch; H. Rubenstein, S. A. C., 10 yards; H. P. Coleman, A. A. A. C., 10 yards; G. W. Bishop, A. A. A. C., 8 yards. Third heat—P. M. Wand, O. A. C., 7 yards; H. M. Collins, O. A. C., 12 yards; D. A. Cohen, A. O. C., 10 yards; J. D. Garrison, A. A. A. C., 5 yards; D. J. Barnett, O. A. C., 15 yards; M. L. Espinosa, O. A. C., 10 yards; C. B. Vanderbilt, S. A. C., 9 yards; Clyde Frost, G. C. A. C., 10 yards.

Two mile run, handicap—W. M. Phelps, O. A. C., 85 seconds start; W. H. Toomey, O. A. C., 65 seconds; A. Cook, A. A. A. C., 65 seconds; A. Choynski, A. A. A. C., 65 seconds; S. Choynski, A. A. A. C., 65 seconds; C. W. Meyer, A. A. A. C., 65 seconds; F. Welch, S. A. C., 65 seconds; F. O. Galvez, L. A. C., 65 seconds; H. M. Collins, O. A. C., 60 seconds; J. A. Christie, O. A. C., 60 seconds; E. P. Moody, A. A. A. C., 60 seconds; A. Snow, A. O. C., 55 seconds; M. L. Espinosa, O. A. C., 50 seconds; F. L. Cooley, O. A. C., 45 seconds; R. MacArthur, O. A. C., 40 seconds; H. C. Cassidy, A. A. A. C., 35 seconds; P. D. Skillman, O. A. C., 0 seconds.

The officers of the day are as follows: Referee, President William Greer Harrison, O. A. C.; judges, W. F. Bouton, O. A. C.; E. A. Rix, O. A. C., and H. H. Egbert of the *Call*; timers, Peter McIntyre, O. A. C.; D. W. Donnelly, O. A. C., and John Elliott, O. A. C.; starter, Captain Walter A. Scott, President P. C. A. A. A.; judge of walking, John Elliott, O. A. C.; inspectors, A. Kleinsorge, A. P. Booth, J. G. Mansfield, Geo. H. Clark and George McMillan, S. A. C.; clerk of the course, J. M. Hamilton; assistant clerks, J. J. Theobald, O. A. C.; Professor Cal Goodfroy and A. L. Ripley, S. A. C.; marshals, Crawford J. Cox and assistants; scorers, Ira A. Robie and Morrill Hamilton, S. A. C.; official reporters, T. L. Enright and Elwood Bruner, S. A. C.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Peter Miller has returned from a four weeks' trip to the hills.

Mrs. May Whipple, of Santa Rosa, is in the city, and will be the guest of Miss Leila J. Lindley during the fair.

Professor J. E. Blanchard and family, of Folsom, returned last week from their Eastern trip. They visited various points of interest on the way and had a very pleasant time.

Thieves are Everywhere.

A young man employed at the Buffalo Brewery yesterday morning left his vest, containing his watch, in a shed adjoining his house while he went in to take a bath. When he returned for his vest he found it had been stolen.

FOR anything in the music line call at Cooper's music store, 631 J street. They have the largest stock in the State outside of San Francisco to select from. Agency for the solid iron-frame Mathushek Piano of New Haven, Conn. Send for new circular.*

THE WORLD IS COMING TO AN END.—Chas. Robin, the clothier, is selling suits for gents at $3 75 and higher, according to their value. Also, the latest styles of hats and underwear, at astonishingly low rates. Call and see him, at 612 and 614 K street, and do not forget your purse. *

THE work exhibited and done at the fair by the Domestic and New Home Sewing Machines is not equalled by their competitors. *

DIED.

San Francisco, September 13—Robert, husband of Carrie Howe, and son-in-law of J. W. Greenlaw, Sacramento, a native of New York, 35 years, 2 months and 21 days.

[Funeral notice hereafter.] *