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Weather Forecast. Forecast till 8 p. m. Tuesday: For Northern California--Fair weather; except light rain at Keeler and vicinity; cooler in the interior and upper northwest coast; fog along the coast.

AN IRRIGATION REPORT. The irrigation district bonds of California placed upon the market in pursuance of the provisions of what is known as the Wright law have as a rule found no takers.

The holder of an irrigation district bond finds that he can get his money only through process of assessment. He cannot sue the owners of lands, but he can sue the directors or trustees of an irrigation district and make them levy an assessment in accordance with the law.

Completely stated, the difference between a first mortgage on land as between individuals and a mortgage by way of irrigation bonds is, that the former has the land actually and bodily hypothecated; the latter has the aggregated value of the land embraced within the district liable for the repayment of his money, but by processes of indirection, somewhat remote and obstructed by many difficulties.

If the statute popularly known as the Wright law had provided that the holder of the bond, or the syndicate of the holders of irrigation bonds, might sue directly the owner of any delinquent property within the district, or in the event of failure to assess, which is one of the dangers besetting the situation, the bondholders could sue all the property owners in the district by direct proceedings; or in short, if provision had been made for the foreclosure of the mortgage created by the bonds against the land, instead of their payment through processes of assessment, the bonds would have been gilt-edged securities in any market; at least where the land in its unirrigated condition was worth the amount of the bonded indebtedness.

To meet and obviate all the difficulties which have obstructed the sale of the bonds, a device was hit upon of having an engineer selected by the bankers upon whose favorable testimony the bankers would recommend the bonds to Eastern investors; to have a single firm of attorneys determine whether the district had organized in accordance with the Wright law. This device has been put in practice by the Central Irrigation District of Colusa County. William Hammond Hall was employed to examine the ditch, and the firm of attorneys, Messrs. Wilson & Wilson, were retained to give an opinion as to the regularity of the organization. William Hammond Hall has reported. He was called to the stand by the irrigationists and his testimony is before the public. It remains now to be seen whether the investor will accept the testimony of this witness.

The first thing discovered by Mr. Hall is that the former estimates of the cost of the work were far too low. The first estimate of the cost of the work was about \$700,000. Mr. Hall estimated it at \$945,000. The land to be reclaimed aggregated 156,000 acres, 145,000 acres of which are under cultivation for cereals. But the bonded indebtedness, that is, the face of the bonds has interest coupons attached aggregating 120 per cent. of the body of the bonds, or \$1,134,000, which, if added to the principal, makes the indebtedness which the land must pay, \$2,079,000. Mr. Hall reports the water abundant, the line of the canal well laid and all engineering considerations favorable to the proper development of an irrigation system.

At this point the bonds are supposed to be marketable. Everything has been done in accordance with well-devised plans. The advantages of irrigation have been thoroughly advertised in a metropolitan newspaper at the expense of the irrigation districts of the State. A consulting engineer has reported as to all the engineering problems involved, and a firm of attorneys have declared that the district is organized strictly in accordance with the law. We sincerely hope that nothing has been omitted, and that the bonds of the district will be floated at par without further delay.

The report of the engineer does something more than discuss engineering problems. It reveals a state of things highly creditable to the owners of the land in Glenn County, through whose possessions the canal passes. In his estimate of the cost, the engineer says that about \$250,000 will be required to pay for the right of way for the ditch; that the land itself was paid for in some instances at the rate of \$200 an acre. We know of land which has been sold to the ditch company worth less than sixty dollars an acre, equally as good, however, as any land through which the ditch passes. Now if the ditch company has been paying one set of people \$200 an acre, and another set \$50 an acre, they have been paying in proportion to the rapacity and greed of the owner, and not on any well established basis of value. But the statement of the engineer as to the cost of the right of way for the ditch is appalling. A mere place to put the ditch to convey the blessing of plenty on the arid plains of Glenn County is to cost \$15,000 a year for twenty years, with \$250,000 added. Thus the land occupied by the ditch, when the debt created by the existence of the district is discharged, will have cost \$500,000. Irrigation has been held up on the highway of progress at every turn of the road, but it would appear from the report of the engineer that the most rapacious robbers who have despoiled this species of progress, are the owners of the lands which are to be most benefited by the construction of the ditch.

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Of these 5,246,613, more than one-third of the whole number; came over during the past decade; of those 2,483,904 are registered as having no occupation. So, we can safely say that half of the immigration for the last ten years has been unfruitful, because not prepared to earn a living here. Of course women and children are included in that figure. But it is still formidable, for the adult males number enough, and the presumption must be that the females and children were in the main dependent upon them. Of course a considerable proportion of the two and a half millions went to swell our pauper ranks and to fill our asylums and penal institutions. We submit that we have taken enough of the unselected population of Europe and that it is full time to put up the bars higher.

PHILADELPHIA has a reasonable regulation of the liquor traffic and a license that is regulative in itself. In Maine they have prohibition. On the Fourth of July last, according to the Portland Argus, there were thirty-five drunks arrested who were noisy and disorderly. All simple drunks were passed by, and of these there were very many. Portland has 36,000 population. Thirty-five arrests for vicious drunkenness in that prohibition town, on a holiday, is in itself a sufficient commentary. But in Philadelphia on the "Fourth" there was very little drunkenness, very few arrests, and no disorder. Yet Philadelphia could lose Portland in one of her smaller wards. The example of the two cities is full of suggestion for those who desire to conserve good government.

Now that the entering wedge of genuine reciprocity has been driven in the case of the adjustment with Spain and San Domingo, Cuba and Porto Rico, the people are beginning to understand what full reciprocity would mean and do. So little of it is permitted under the McKinley bill is all there is of saving grace in that blunder. With reciprocity in its purity obtaining as our national policy with all peoples with whom we could treat so as to enlarge our export trade, and thus protect our productive industries, we would have no reason to envy any people or condition, and our prosperity would exceed the fancies of the most ardent and hopeful.

The death of Judge Ogden Hoffman of the United States District Bench at San Francisco was not unexpected, as he has long been failing. His death removes a jurist of eminence, who had passed forty years upon the bench of the District Court. His decisions, the leading ones of which have been compiled in a large volume, stand among the soundest and most prominent that have come from the Federal courts. Even in his very earliest experience as a Judge he proved his capacity to fill a high judicial position. He had a very wide circle of friends throughout the coast, and his death will be deplored on all sides.

It is affirmed with the accompanying declaration that proofs of the correctness of the assertion will be made, that certain Republican leaders or political manipulators employed a reporter at Bar Harbor to represent Mr. Blaine as incurably ill and to daily report his condition as physically low and failing. If this is verily, it is of the lowest and meanest political trickery. No matter how much money may differ with or dislike Mr. Blaine, fair play is the demand of justice. The political tricksters who have sought

THE NEW HALL BUILT BY J. W. HOUTON at Courtland will be dedicated on Friday Evening, Aug. 21, 1891, by a ball (informal) under the auspices of Courtland Parlor, No. 106, N. S. G. W.

A Planter's Experience. My plantation is in a malarial district, where fever and ague prevailed. I employ 150 hands; frequently half of them were sick. I was nearly discouraged when I began the use of

Tutt's Pills The result is marvellous. My men became strong and hearty, and I have had no further trouble. With these pills we can fear to live in any swamp. E. RIVAL, Bayou Sara, La. Sold Everywhere. Office, 39 & 41 Park Place, New York.

THE CHICAGO HERALD says that Senator Sherman's letter against free coinage is conspicuously a partisan deliverance. But the question is not one of party or partisanship. It is simply this: Does the Senator's declaration against unlimited silver coinage bear the test of reason? No matter whether it is partisan or not, if it is fortified by reason and financial sense.

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LADIES are greatly benefited by the use of Angostura Bitters, the South American tonic, of Dr. J. G. B. Siegert & Sons.

Special Notices. EVERY SATURDAY, 10:30 A. M. Round-trip excursion tickets from San Francisco to STANFORD UNIVERSITY, including carriage drive to all principal residence properties, Menlo Heights, Palo Alto Station and the University buildings and grounds. For particulars or printed matter call on or address Edgar C. Humphrey, Manager Menlo Heights Department for the CALIFORNIA HOPKINS CO., 624 Market Street, San Francisco (opposite Palace Hotel), 12:30-1:15.

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DEDICATION BALL. Ladies' Glaze Dongola Oxfords, patent tip, reduced to... 95c Ladies' Fancy Patent Leather Oxfords, drap cloth top; former price, \$3; reduced to... \$1 95 Ladies' French Patent Leather, tan oze top, French heels, one of the latest styles in the market (Laird, Schuber & Mitchell's make); former price, \$7; reduced to... \$4 85 A few more pairs of Ladies' and Misses' Tan Shoes and Oxfords, in different styles of toes, reduced to less than the material cost to make them. Boys' Neat and Reliable Calf Shoes, in lace or button, sizes 2 1/2 to 5 1/2; former price, which we considered

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BARGAIN IN KNEE PANTS SUITS

There's not a better buy in this store or any other than those KNEE PANTS SUITS for children which go into the Clearance Sale this week. They comprise our surplus of the season in Cheviots, Cassimeres, Worsted, And have been selling at

\$4 00 \$4 50 \$5 00 \$6 00 Reduced to \$2 50.

Another great Clothing chance is the broken price on Big Boys' Suits, ages 10 to 18, which sold for \$7, \$7 50, \$8, \$8 50, \$9. Closing them out for \$5. Good styles.

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Is booming along, and it is a matter of great pride with us that we have so far exceeded all our expectations. We have sold more

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A FEW OF THE MANY SPECIALS:

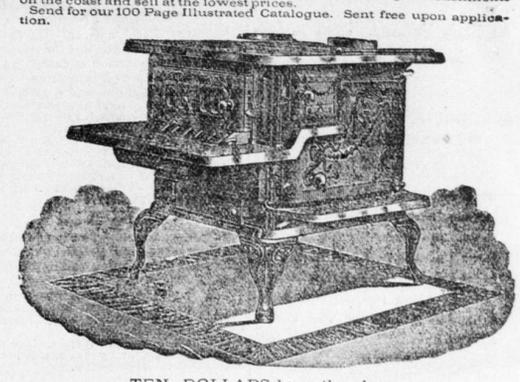
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ANNOUNCEMENT. To-day, August 10th, we will begin our Forced Out Clearing Out or Sacrifice Sale, so as to reduce our present stock as much as possible, to be ready for removal by the 1st of September, and fondly hope by that time to find a suitable location, and, if successful, will notify the public thereof. We have but nineteen salesdays before the 1st of September, and you want to begin early to take advantage of the sacrifices caused by this forced removal. It does not happen often in business circles.

Look in our show window at those Lisle Thread Vests, reduced from 60c to 45c. Ladies' Full-finished Solid-colored Hose, reduced from 80c to 25c. Ladies' Fancy Colored Hose, reduced to 19c. Space will not permit to give a list of the reductions made through the stock. We will simply say, if there is anything you want that we carry, come in and ask for it. You will find the price right.

W. I. ORTH, 630 J Street. SACRAMENTO LUMBER COMPANY, Dealers in Lumber, Doors, Windows and Blinds. MAIN OFFICE--Second street, L and M. YARD--Front and R streets, Sacramento.

Auctions. AUCTION SALE of Magnificent and Costly Household FURNITURE, MATHUSHEK PIANO, FINE CARPETS, ETC. D. J. SIMMONS & CO., Auctioneers, WILL SELL-- Wednesday, August 12th, BY ORDER OF THE SUPERIOR COURT, in the estate of ANNE MANNING, deceased, the following personal property: FURNITURE: One Oak Set, cost \$235; Spring and Hair Mattress; Fine Oak Wardrobe, with glass doors; one Cabinet and Library; Crochery, Bedding, Velvet Carpet.

SECOND SALE. By order of the Superior Court, at 10:30 A. M. same day, all the Elegant Furniture, Carpets, Mathushek Piano, Situated in her late residence, 43 L street, near Second, comprising 14 rooms of magnificent and costly furniture--Bowed Piano, Massive sideboards and a general assortment of Parlor, Bedroom, Dining-room, Hall and Kitchen Furniture. Also, a Fine Lot of Dresses. SALE POSITIVE. D. J. SIMMONS & CO., Auctioneers, Office and Salesrooms, corner Eleventh and J streets. JOHNSON, JOHNSON & JOHNSON, Attorneys for Estate. au8-4f

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