

THE ANGELS' SONG.

"Peace on Earth, and Good Will Toward Men."

A Sermon Delivered Yesterday by Rev. W. S. Hoskinson on the Birth and Life of Christ.

At the English Lutheran services yesterday the pastor, Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, preached from the text (Luke ii, 14), "Peace on Earth, and Good Will Toward Men." The delightful time, he said, has come again and gone. Many hearts looked forward wistfully to this day. It is the one day of the year when youthful hearts beat quick and fast, and when older hearts are caught in the current and compelled to hurry to the spirit of youth leads and prevails. You might turn aside the Euphrates, and see the great General Cyrus enter ancient Babylon by marching along the bed of the stream; you might make the Sacramento flow some other direction toward the sea than past our own city; you might do a great many things that seem almost impossible, with much more ease than you could stem the tide of joy and gladness and hilarity of Christmas. It would take a bold king to say to this people, "You shall have no Christmas." And it would take a brave general to say to such an army, "I command you to have no Christmas." Many things the people will submit to; many other things they may give up, but Christmas they must and will have, and no one dare say to them, "No."

Many signs have told us of the coming of this day for some time. Children of the rich have looked for this day, expecting some new and unseen presents and the enjoyment of social parties. Children of the poor have hoped for some extra comfort in the shape of new clothing or playthings as gifts from those whose hearts are prompted to kindness at this season of the year. Old people will remember the days of their childhood, too, were made so glad and happy by the things for which children are looking in our days. Business men looked and prepared for the day, because they were advancing their business, because the people spend their money freely at this time.

Friends separated for long months or years are brought together now, and the tide of joy is swelled. And so Christmas comes to be looked upon from many standpoints of joy and gladness.

Narrow Escape of a Family From a Similar Fate—Burning of Dr. McLain's Barn.

The fine barn of Veterinary Surgeon L. A. McLain, on Eighth street, between G and H, together with four valuable horses, was burned on Saturday morning between the hours of 4 and 5 o'clock. The fire was discovered by Mrs. Walter T. Elkin, who immediately gave the alarm, and Mr. Elkin and Mr. Elkin rushed into the barn to save the horses. They succeeded in bringing out twelve of them, but four of the animals in the stalls perished in the flames.

One of the latter was C. H. Todd's well-known black roadster, Lem, and the other three were the property respectively of J. C. Boyd, A. Heilbron and J. H. Cox. They were also valuable animals. Mr. Todd also lost a set of double harness and his loss will probably reach \$1,200. He valued his horse highly.

The second story of the barn was hard-finished, and several parties roomed there. Mr. and Mrs. Elkin barely escaped with their lives. The former remained in the building, trying to save the horses, until there was no other way, when he dropped from the second story. He was not injured.

Dr. McLain's loss is estimated at about \$3,000 and he was watching for \$2,000. The stable of Dr. Cluness, across the alley, was somewhat scorched, but the fire department succeeded in saving the building.

Dr. McLain was severely burned about the hands and face while trying to save the horses.

YESTERDAY'S FIRE. The firemen have been getting it pretty hard the past week. Yesterday morning they were again called from their comfortable beds at an early hour by an alarm from box 28. A frame-house in the alley between K and L, Eighth and Ninth streets, was found to have caught fire from defective gas or pipe work and was damaged to the extent of some \$300.

The building was owned by A. Coolot, and occupied by F. F. Dolan. It was not insured. Dolan's loss was probably \$300, also uninsured.

It was reported yesterday that a man occupying a room in the house claimed to have lost \$300 in gold coins. He is a butcher, employed in the market on J street, near Front.

ORGANIZATION COMPLETED. The Reporters' Union adopts Rules and Elects Its Officers. The Reporters' Union completed its organization on Saturday night by adopting a constitution and by-laws and electing officers.

THE WEATHER.

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The rainfall amounted to .54 of an inch, making for this season 2.66 inches, distributed as follows, September, .10 of an inch, October, .10, November, .48, and December (to date) 1.88 inches. There was 8.70 inches to an equal date last year, distributed as follows: September, .80 of an inch, a trace in October, none in November, and 2.90 inches in December. On the 30th of last December, there was an inch of rain, which would make .114 inches last season up to the first day of January, 1891. The prospects appear good for the present season, as the rain before the year bids us a final adieu.

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In a record of fourteen years there was measured 61.12 inches of rain in as many Januarys, and out of that amount of rainfall there was but 15.74 inches measured during the first five days of the month, leaving the large amount of 45.38 inches as having been measured during the last sixteen days. This leads to the belief that we need to look for any heavy rains until after the middle of the month, but if they should come they will be experienced somewhere between the 1st and 5th, and after 10, or 12, or 14th and 15th, but no great amount need be looked for on the 6th, 7th, 8th, 11th, 12th or 13th.

The first of January was that of 1889, when but .15 of an inch was measured, which fell on the 12th, 13th and 20th. The next January was in 1878, when .26 inches was measured. All but .20 of an inch of that fell on and after the 15th. The above deductions are based upon well-known scientific facts, and will be well worth taking notice of, to see how January next pans out.

More Money for the State. The following county settlements were made with the State Treasurer Saturday: Humboldt, \$49,867 28; Siskiyou, \$20,740 67; Tulare, \$75,949 57; Lake, \$14,461 26; Santa Cruz, \$34,716 97.

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Witness my hand and the seal of said court this 21st day of December, 1891.

J. E. DOODY, Deputy Clerk. JOHNSON, JOHNSON & JOHNSON, Attorneys for Petitioner. 622-111

Capay Valley Lands.

A CAPAY COLONY.

Robert A. and Neil D. Barker associated themselves with William McKay, all of Oakland, in which to engage in the profitable occupation of fruit-growing. After visiting many localities, they decided on the Capay Valley, Yolo County, and the Rhodes tract at Tancred.

Busy Fruit-Growers in a Pretty Yolo Valley—Tancred and Its Adjoining Farms.

Negotiations were opened with the Capay Valley Land Company, owning the tract in question. With W. H. Mills, the General Agent of that company, they arranged for the purchase of about 220 acres of foothill land. This being more than they had thought of taking for their own use, they spoke to a number of friends about it, with the result that the tract was divided among the following people: B. L. Hilecock, 40 acres; W. T. Barnett, 20 acres; N. T. Greathead, 20 acres; Mrs. L. Greathead, 20 acres; W. McKay, 20 acres; N. D. Barker, 20 acres; R. A. Barker, 20 acres; J. J. Brownlee, 20 acres; E. H. Hawley, 10 acres; and Frederick Kelly, 10 acres.

So far this had been merely private venture of the gentlemen above named, but in talking up the question of dividing the land already purchased, it was found that so many more would like to join than the area of the purchase would admit of, that it was suggested on all hands, "Why not get some more land and divide it up in the same way?" Then followed the idea of a stock company to take hold of a larger tract and arrange for the cultivation of the whole of it, after subdividing it according to the requirements of the subscribers. A provisional board was formed, a prospectus issued, and finally, on the 6th of June, 1890, the Western Co-operative Colonization and Improvement Company was duly registered and organized for business, with the following officers: President, William McKay; Vice-President, M. P. Brown; Directors—C. E. Ellis, Charles Brooker and R. A. Barker; Secretary and General Manager, Neal D. Barker; Solicitor, C. E. Snook; Treasurer, First National Bank of Oakland.

The balance of the tract, 373 acres, was purchased. A contract was entered into for the purchase of a large number of fruit trees, vines, etc. This early purchase of fruit trees, the means of saving between \$3,000 and \$4,000 to the company, the prices in some cases having more than doubled since then.

The ideas which have been suggested have been but slightly modified and the progress of the company has been uninterrupted. Those who went into it doubtfully have become enthusiastic, and almost all the members arranged to set out their land with fruit trees, etc., the first year. Consequently in this, the first season, some 40,000 trees and between 20,000 and 30,000 vines will be planted.

The satisfactory working of this scheme has had the effect of attracting considerable attention to the work of the Colony Company, and a large number of people are now desirous of joining in with them. An additional 200 acres have been added to the sixty acres originally purchased.

The company is predicted a very bright future, as well as for the following valley in which their operations are conducted. How this marvelous little garden has come to be so long neglected is a puzzle to every one who has visited it, but one thing is very sure, and that is that this neglect will never again be felt in the valley.

The fruits set out are mostly of the standard varieties—peaches, apricots, Bartlett pears, prunes, figs, etc., etc., while along both sides of the avenue, throughout the tract, walnuts will throw their graceful shade. A considerable number of citrus trees are also being set out; quite a sufficient number to demonstrate that the Tancred colony is fully grown in the valley, about which the colonists appear to have no doubt, provided proper care is given to the young trees. Neal D. Barker, General Manager of the company, resides on the tract, and his hard work has deserved much of the success of the venture.

Mention should be made of the town-site, about which there is a pleasant innovation which might have been followed by more ambitious plans. A small park of some 200 acres has been laid out right in the center of the town. This park it is proposed to beautify by planting the Tancred colony trees, and the beauties and curiosities of trees and shrub life may be obtained by diligent search and a wise expenditure of money. It is not expected that Tancred will ever be a large and busy city, but it is thought that it can be made a very pleasant little place to dwell in.

A petition has been circulated recently and very largely signed, asking the county to acquire Island avenue, the colony tract, as a county road, and to build a bridge across Cache Creek at this point, in order to give the settlers on the east side of the creek access to Tancred. The petition is signed by many quite willing to give the necessary right of way, and are very desirous of having a bridge there, as the colony lands extend along both sides of the creek. It is thought that it would be a very wise expenditure of public money to grant them this very necessary improvement, as the operations of such companies are of widespread benefit to the whole county and State. The attractions and efforts of the cities are well known, but to those who are willing to settle on the land and show that the country also affords attractions and comforts and ways of making money plentifully, every inducement should be held forth.

The following is a list of the principal members of the Tancred Colony, with the number of acres owned by each, and a fact worthy of mention is that in each contract or deed issued by the Colony Company there is a provision