OUR INFORMATION BUREAU.

Responses to Correspondents Seeking Substantial Information.

[For responses to questions of practical value. Mere puzzles, and the curious and common, answers to which ought to be found in the ordinary home library, will receive no attention. Queries published without responses are invitations to furnish answers, to make this department an information exchange also. Communications must be brief and signed with name and address.]

H. C. L.—No Englishman was ever named by the Chinese Government as Envoy. The only foreigner upon whom China conferred that honor was Burlingame, the American. But China has frequently named foreigners as Consular Agents—out of that fact probably arises your misapprehension.

B. H.—Not McClellan, nor yet Grant. It was General Butler who appointed Clara Barton and conferred upon her the title "Lady in Charge" of the hospitals. She never signed her name with that title, however.

Who were the "Biddenden Maids?" I find them referred to in a magazine, but without explanation as to who they were. SADIE.

[They were two sisters Chulkhurst of Biddenden, Kent, Eng. They were said to have been united by a ligament, as were the Siamese twins. They died in the twelfth century. A bequest of these maids, it is said, laid the foundation for a fund for distribution of bread and cheese to the poor of Biddenden on Easter Mondays. It comes from the rental of twenty acres of land, yielding about $150 a year for the lease.]

S. S.—The question as to what is the cause of earthquakes is not settled. The most generally received opinion is that that they result from internal explosions and breakings off of the internal side of the earth's crust. But the contrary is stoutly maintained in favor of other theories.

BOONE—No, "dark and bloody ground" is not the meaning of Kentucky. The term has been applied, but incorrectly, for the word means "land at the head of the river," and the Indian word was pronounced Kain-tuk-ee.

MOTHER—A heating diet will cause apparent skin disease—but consult a physician, and ascertain the cause beyond doubt.

C. L.—As to the relation between meteorology and la grippe we are not possessed of accurate knowledge. It is not a new question, but a technical one. It is held by some men of scientific standing that solar disturbances early precede or accompany the influenza epidemic. Dr. McCarthy of Rochester, N. Y., claims that Consular reports at Washington show that solar disturbances are determining factors at the bottom of the unusual development of ordinarily inert germs during la grippe epidemics.

STEWART—Professor Frank Stewart of California was the most prominent exponent of the theory that earthquakes are due to electrical discharges to and from the surface of the earth. You will probably find something of his writing on the subject in the State Library.

C. S. H.—There is no warrant for the addresses you quote. Good usage does not sanction them. Women do not take the titles of their husbands. It is therefore improper to write Mrs. General Brown, Mrs. Colonel Smith, Mrs. Judge Jones. No, never address any one below the rank of Captain or Commander by his military title.

PRINT—Yes, sir, woodtype casting is not only proposed, but has been patented in France by M. Bizouard and M. Lenoir. Their process substitutes wood for lead. The type is said to take the ink well, to wash well even with strong chemicals. If the claim is all contended for, it will revolutionize letter-cutting, wood-engraving and electrotyping and work great changes in cabinet making. The composition is sawdust worked with some chemicals that gives a result as ductile as lead and in a few moments presents a cast as fine as anything by electrotyping. The process is a secret.

MRS. S.—We adhere to the former statement, that in addressing a stranger you should sign "Mrs. S." Otherwise he or she must reply to you thus awkwardly, "Madam or Miss" and likewise in that form address the envelope. Why you object to the honorable title of Mrs. we cannot understand.

ED.—Mr. Edison has long been experimenting with what he calls a solar-telephone, by which he hopes to receive sounds from the sun, when it is in an apparent spasm of disturbance, as indicated by breaks in its envelope, called sun spots. He expresses confidence in his experiments. He erects poles with a copper wire thereon, encircling a small mountain of iron ore as his magnet. His theory is that the disturbances affect and transmit electrical waves, which reach the earth in a very short time, and that he can change them into sound.

AMY—"Is there a planet between Mercury and the sun?" Well, yes. That is there is excellent reason for so believing, from mathematical analysis of the perturbations of Mercury.

DOUBTER—The telegraphic dispatch is correct. Gladstone was a few years ago an advocate of woman suffrage; he has changed to an opponent, from conviction that it is not best for woman. Gladstone is not alone in this change of belief; some of the most prominent sociologists of the age hold with him, though earlier believing in conferring the ballot privilege upon woman.

COMMERCIAL.

SACRAMENTO MARKET.

SACRAMENTO, April 21st.

FRUIT—Lemons—Sicily, $6@6 50 ₱ box; California, $3@4 50; Limes, $5@5 50 ₱ case, 75c@$1 ₱ 100; Bananas, $2 50@3 ₱ bunch for Island; Cocoanuts, $7@8; Oranges—Navels, $3 50@4 ₱ box; Riverside, $1 75@2 ₱ box; Los Angeles, $1 50@2 50 ₱ box; Pineapples, 60@75c each, $7 ₱ doz; Apples, $2@2 50 ₱ box; Cape Cod Cranberries, $12@13 ₱ bbl; Strawberries, 20c ₱ lb, just coming in.

CANNED GOODS—Assorted table, $1 65@1 75; Apples, $1 50@1 60; Apricots, $1 60; Blackberries, $1 75@1 85; Cherries, $1 75@2 25; Currants, $2 25; Gooseberries, $1 80@1 90; Muscat Grapes, $1 40@1 50; Plums, $1 40; Quinces, $1 75; Strawberries, $2 50.

BREADSTUFFS—Flour, $5 25 ₱ bbl; Oatmeal, 10-lb sacks, 3¾c ₱ lb, $3 50 ₱ 100-lb sacks; Cornmeal, White, $2 60 ₱ 10-lb sacks; Yellow, $2 60 ₱ 25-lb sacks; Cracked Wheat, $3 10 ₱ 10-lb sacks, $2 85 ₱ 100-lb sacks; Hominy, $3 75 ₱ 10-lb sacks, $3 50 ₱ 100-lb sacks; Graham, $2 75 ₱ 10-lb sacks, $2 60 ₱ 100-lb sacks.

VEGETABLES—Onions, Silverskins, $1 35@1 50 ₱ cwt; Cabbage, 4@3c ₱ lb; new Cabbage, 7@8c; Carrots, 70@$1 ₱ 100 lbs; Turnips, 75c@$1 ₱ sack; bunch vegetables, 12½c ₱ dozen; Parsnips, 75c@$1; Beets, 75c@$1; Horse Radish, 10@12c; Garlic, 10c ₱ lb; Artichokes, 50c ₱ dozen; Dried Peppers, 20c; Potatoes, Early Rose, 50@65c ₱ sack; Peerless, 50@60c ₱ cwt; Oregon Burbanks, $1@1 25; River Burbanks, 50@60c; River Reds, 50c ₱ cwt; New Potatoes, 2@3c ₱ lb; Celery, 60@70c ₱ dozen; Cauliflower, 85c@$1 ₱ dozen; Red Cabbage, 3c ₱ lb; Spinach, 3c; Asparagus, 4@5c; Peas, 4@6c; Mushrooms, 10@20c; Rhubarb, 5c; Tomato Plants, 15c ₱ doz; Shives, 15c ₱ bunch.

DAIRY PRODUCTS—Butter, Valley, 18@20c ₱ lb; Fancy Petaluma, 21@22c ₱ lb; Eastern Creamery, fancy, 16@18c; packed in firkins, choice, 18@20c; pickled roll, 20@22c; common, 12½@13c ₱ lb; Cheese, California, 12@13c; Young America, 14@15c; Eastern Cream, 15c; Limburger, 18@20c; genuine Swiss, 29@31c; American Swiss, 21c; Martin's Cream, 17@18c; Eggs, 16@18c.

POULTRY—Dealers' prices: Live Turkeys, 12½c; dressed, 16@17c; full-grown Chickens, $5@5 50 ₱ dozen; young roosters, $5@6 ₱ dozen; broilers, $3@4; tame Ducks, $6; Pekin, $7; Geese, $1 50@2 ₱ pair.

HAY, GRAIN AND FEED—Oat Hay, $12@14 ₱ ton; Alfalfa do, $10@12 ₱ ton; Bran, $20 ₱ ton; Middlings, $20 ₱ ton; Barley, whole, paying, $1 00@1 15; rolled, $1 25; Wheat, choice milling, paying, $1 60 ₱ cwt; Rye, $1 90; Tame Oats, $1 75@1 90; Corn, paying, $1 20@1 25 ₱ cwt.

MEATS—Beef, 7c; Mutton, 10c; Lamb, 12½c; Veal, large, 5@6c; small, 7@8c; Hogs, 5@5¼c; dressed Pork, 7@8c; Hams—Eastern, 13@14c; California, 11@13½c; Eureka Hams, 12@13½c; Bacon—Light medium, 10@11c; selected, do, 12c; extra light, 12½@13c; extra light boneless, 13½@14c.

MISCELLANEOUS—Seeds—Alfalfa, new crop, 7@8c; Timothy, Eastern, 5@6c; Pop Corn, ear, 2@3c; shelled, 4@5c; Red Clover, 10@11c; Red Top, 6@7c ₱ lb; Nuts—Chile Walnuts, new, 11@12c; California Walnuts, 9@10c; Almonds, new, 11@13c; Peanuts, California, 5@6c; Eastern, 6@7c; Lard—California, cans, 10@11c; Eastern, 8¾@10c; Hides—Salt, light, 4c; medium steers, 6c; heavy steers, 7½c; heavy cows, 5c; dry, 9½c; Tallow, 3½c.

SAN FRANCISCO MARKET.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 21st.

FLOUR—We quote: Net cash prices for Family Extras, $4 90@5 ₱ bbl; Bakers' Extras, $4 75@5; Superfine, $2 75@3 10.

WHEAT—Quiet at old figures, say $1 50 to $1 51¼ ₱ ctl for good to choice shipping. Milling parcels were held with moderate firmness at $1 55@1 57½.

BARLEY—The market lacks activity. There is good array of samples, but they are neglected. We quote prices as follows: Feed, 97½c@$1 for dark coast, $1 01½@1 02½ for good quality and $1 03½@1 05 for choice; Brewing, $1 10@1 17¼ ₱ ctl.

OATS—There is a firm tone to prices, as receipts are moderate and the inquiry is steadily improving. Surprise, $1 50@1 60; good to choice feed, $1 35@1 45; off grades, $1 25@1 30; Gray, $1 25@1 30.

CORN—Is firm. Quotable at $1 35 for Large Yellow, $1 36¼@1 37½ for Small Yellow, and $1 30@1 48 ₱ ctl for White.

CRACKED CORN—Quotable at $28 50@29 ₱ ton.

CHOPPED FEED—Quotable at $21 50@22 50 ₱ ton.

CORNMEAL—Millers quote Feed at $27 50@28 ₱ ton; fine kinds for the table, in large and small packages, 3¼@3¾c ₱ lb.

OILCAKE MEAL—Quotable at $25 ₱ ton from the mills.

SEEDS—We quote: Mustard, Brown, $3 to $3 25; Yellow, $3 25@3 75; Canary, Imported, $2 75@3 12; Hemp, 3¾@4c ₱ lb; Rape, $2 to $2 50; Timothy, 5¼@5½c; Alfalfa, 12½c ₱ lb; Flax, $1 75@2 10 ₱ ctl.

MIDDLINGS—Active and steady. Quotable at $20@20 50 ₱ ton.

HAY—We quote: Alfalfa, $8@9 50; Wheat, $10@14; Wheat and Oat, $10@13; Barley, $8@12; Wild Oat, $10@12; Clover, $8@10 ₱ ton.

STRAW—Quotable at 45@60c ₱ bale.

HOPS—Quotable at 22½@25c ₱ lb.

MILLSTUFFS—We quote: Rye Flour, 4c; Rye Meal, 3½c; Graham Flour, 3½c; Oatmeal, 4½c; Oat Groats, 5c; Cracked Wheat, 4c; Buckwheat Flour, 5c; Pearl Barley, 4@4½c ₱ lb.

BRAN—We quote: No. 1, $17 50@18 ₱ ton.

RYE—Quotable at $1 50@1 52½ ₱ ctl.

BUCKWHEAT—A sample was offered today at $2 25, with $1 75 ₱ ctl bid.

GROUND BARLEY—Quotable at $22 50@23 50 ₱ ton.

POTATOES—Receipts of New to-day were 2,768 sacks, quotable at 60@70c ₱ ctl. We quote old stock: Early Rose, 25@40c; River Reds, 30@40c; Oregon Burbanks, $1@1 10 ₱ ctl.

ONIONS—Market yet unsettled and nominal at 2@3c ₱ lb.

DRIED PEAS—We quote: Green, $1 50@2; Blackeye, $1 40@1 50; Niles, $1 30@1 40 ₱ ctl.

BEANS—Bayos, $2@2 12½; Butter, $2 50@2 75; Pink, $2@2 10; Red, $2 25@2 40; Lima, $2@2 20; Pea, $2 50@2 75; Small White, $2 40@2 60 ₱ ctl.

VEGETABLES—Receipts to-day include 565 bxs Asparagus, 349 bxs Rhubarb, and 638 sks Peas. Trade keeps active. We quote as follows: Rhubarb, 25@50c for common, and 65c to 90c ₱ box for better quality; Asparagus, $1 25@1 75 for ordinary and $2@2 25 for choice; Egg Plant, 20@25c ₱ lb; Cucumbers, 75c@$1 25 ₱ doz; Los Angeles Green Peppers, 25c ₱ lb; String Beans, 8@10c; Los Angeles Summer Squash, 12c ₱ lb; Los Angeles Tomatoes, $2@2 50 ₱ box; Green Peas, $1 ₱ sack for common and 2@2½c ₱ lb for Sweet; Turnips, 50@75c ₱ ctl; Beets, $1 ₱ sack; Carrots, 60c; Parsnips, $1 25 ₱ ctl; Cabbage, 40@50c; Garlic, 2@4c ₱ lb; Cauliflower, 50@60c ₱ dozen; Dry Peppers, 10@12½c; Marrowfat Squash, $12@15 ₱ ton.

FRESH FRUIT—The first box of Cherries this season arrived yesterday afternoon from Cordelia, Solano County, selling at $1 ₱ lb. A carload of Apples from Nevada is expected this week. Receipts of Strawberries to-day were 206 chests, sales being rather slow on account of damp weather. Strawberries, $5@8 for Sharpless and $7@12 for Longworth; Apples, $1 50@2 ₱ box for common to fair and $2 50@3 for good to fancy red.

CITRUS FRUIT—Buyers have the Orange market all in their favor, as receipts are quite liberal. We quote as follows: Mexican Limes, $3@4 ₱ box; California Limes, 60@75c ₱ box; Lemons, Sicily, $5 ₱ box; California Lemons, $1@1 50 for common and $2 50@3 for good to choice; Los Angeles Seedlings, 75c@$1; Los Angeles Navels, $1@2 for common to choice; Riverside Seedlings, 75c@$1 25; Riverside Navels, $1 50@2 50; San Bernardino Seedlings, $1 50@2; San Bernardino and Duarte Navels, $3@4; Bananas, $1 50@2 50 ₱ bunch; Pineapples, $6@8 ₱ doz.

DRIED FRUIT—We quote prices: Apricots, bleached, 5@7c; do, sun-dried, 3½@4c; Peaches, sun-dried, 2½@3½c; bleached, 4½@6c; Apples, 4½@5½c for evaporated, 3@3½c for sliced and 2½@3c for quartered; Pitted Plums, 4@4½c; unpitted do, 2@2½c; Grapes, 1¼@1½c ₱ lb; Prunes, 4@7c ₱ lb; German Prunes, 4@5c; Pears, 7@8c for evaporated, 3@5c for sliced and 2½@4c for quartered; Nectarines, 3@4c for red and 4@5c for white; Figs, 4½@5c for pressed and 3@4c for unpressed.

RAISINS—We quote: Layers, fancy, $1 20 to $1 35 ₱ box; good to choice, 90c@$1 10, with the usual advance for fractional boxes; Muscatels, 60@90c ₱ box, and 2½@3c ₱ lb for sacks.

NUTS—We quote: California Walnuts, 4@6c for hard shell and 7@8c for soft shell; Chile Walnuts, 8@9c; California Almonds, 10½@11½c for soft; —c for hard shell, and 12@13c for paper shell; Peanuts, 1¼@3c; Hickory Nuts, 7@8c; Filberts, 11@12c. Pecan, 11½c to 13c for small, and 15@16c for large; Brazil Nuts, 6½@8c ₱ lb; Pine Nuts, —c ₱ lb; Cocoanuts, $4@4 50 ₱ hundred.

HONEY—We quote: Extracted, 5@6c for amber, and 6½@6¾c for bright. Comb is quotable at 8@10c in 2-lb frames and 10@13c for white in 1-lb frames.

BUTTER—The demand is good, with supply ample for all wants. Quotable at 17½@18c ₱ lb for fancy, 16½@17c for good to choice, and 15@16c for common grades.

CHEESE—We quote as follows: Choice to fancy, new, 10½@11c; fair to good, 9@10c; Skimmed, 6@8c; Eastern, ordinary to fine, 11@13c; do, fancy creamery, 13@14c ₱ lb.

EGGS—Fair trade. Prices easy. We quote, California ranch, 21c; store lots, 18@19c; Eastern, 17@18c ₱ dozen.

POULTRY—Steady market, under moderate receipts and fair demand. We quote: Live Turkeys—Gobblers, 15@16c; Hens, 18@19c; Roosters, $6 50@7 for old, and $9@11 for young; Fryers, $7@8 50; Broilers, $5@7; Hens, $6 50@7; Ducks, $6@7; Geese, $2@2 50 ₱ pair.

GAME—Hare, $1@1 25 ₱ dozen; Rabbits, $1 to $1 25.

PROVISIONS—We quote as follows: Eastern Hams, 12@12½c; California refrigerator-cured Hams, 10½@11c; Eastern Breakfast Bacon, 13@13½c; California Bacon, heavy and medium, 9½@10c; do, light, 11½@12c; do, extra light, 13@13½c; do, clear sides, 9½@10½c ₱ lb; Pork, extra prime, $14@14 50; do, prime mess, $15@15 50; do, mess, $17 50@$17 75; do, clear, $18 50@19; do, extra clear, $18@19 50 ₱ bbl; Pigs' Feet, $12 50 ₱ bbl; Beef, mess, bbls, $7 50@8; do, extra mess, bbls, $8 50@9; do, family, $11@11 50 ₱ bbl; do, smoked, 11½@12c ₱ lb; Eastern Lard, tierces, 8@8½c; do, 10-lb tins, 8¾c; do, 5-lb tins, 8⅞c; do, 3-lb tins, 9c; California Lard, tierces, 8¼@8¾c; do, kegs, 9@9½c; do, 10-lb tins, 10½c to 10¾c; do, 5-lb tins, 10¾@10⅞c; do, 20-lb buckets, 9½c; do, 10-lb buckets, 9¾c ₱ lb.

WOOL—We quote spring:

San Joaquin, year's fleece, good condition, ₱ lb	11½@13	c
San Joaquin, year's fleece, poor condition	10 @11½	c
San Joaquin, 6 month's fleece, fair to best	11 @14	c
Nevada	13 @16	c

HIDES AND SKINS—Quotable as follows:

	Sound.	Culls.
Heavy Steers 57 lbs up, ₱ lb	7 @—c	6 @— c
Medium Steers, 46 to 56 lbs	6 @—	5 @—
Light, 40 to 45 lbs	4 @—	3½@—
Cows	4 @—	3½@—
Stags	4 @—	3 @—
Kips, 17 to 30 lbs	3¾@—	3 @—
Veal Skins, 10 to 17 lbs	5 @—	4 @4
Calf Skins, 5 to 10 lbs	6 @—	5 @5

Dry Hides, usual selection, 10c; Dry Kips, do, 9c ₱ lb; Calf Skins, do, 9c; Cull Hides, Kip and Calf, 6c; Pelts, Shearlings, 10@25c each; do, short, 40@70c each; do, medium, 70@90c each; do, long wool, 90c@$1 40 each; Deer Skins, summer, 37½c; do, good medium, 30@32½c; do, winter, 20@25c ₱ lb; Goat Skins, 30@50c apiece for prime to perfect, 10@25c for damaged and 5@10c each for kids.

EASTERN AND FOREIGN MARKETS.

NEW YORK, April 21st.

WHEAT—90⅞c for May, 90c for June, 90½c for July, 89⅞c for August, 92c for December.

SUGAR—Cuba Centrifugal, 3½c.

CHICAGO, April 21st.

WHEAT—81⅜c for May and 81⅛c for July.

LIVERPOOL, April 21st.

WHEAT—Quiet but steady. California spot lots, 7s 5d; off coast, 36s 3d; just shipped, 36s; nearly due, 36s; cargoes off coast and on passage, steady; weather in England, milder.

SAN FRANCISCO STOCK SALES.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 21, 1892.

MORNING BOARD.

Alpha	20c	Lady Wash	10c
Andes	55c	Mexican	1 35@1 40
Belcher	1 25	N. Com'onwealth	25c
B. & B.	2 25	N. Queen	75c
Challenge	50@55c	N. B. Isle	15c
Chollar	80@85c	Occidental	15c
Com'wealth	10c	Ophir	2 30
C. C. & V.	4 10	Overman	60@65c
C. Point	95c	Potosi	1 05
Eureka	2 00	Savage	1 35
Exchequer	30@35c	S. Belcher	20c
G. & C.	1 30	S. Nevada	1 25
G. Prize	15c	Union	1 15
H. & N.	90@95c	Y. Jacket	80@85c

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Alpha	20c	G. & C.	1 30@1 35
Ida	70c	H. & N.	90c
B. & B.	2 20	Justice	20c
Belcher	1 25	Kentuck	5c
Bullion	90c	Mexican	1 35
Bulwer	45c	N. Queen	80c
C. C. & V.	4 20	Overman	60c
Chollar	85c	Potosi	1 10
C. Point	95c@1 00	Scorpion	10c
C. Imperial	5c	Savage	1 45
Confidence	1 25	Utah	35c
Caledonia	20c	Union	1 10
Eureka	2 00	Y. Jacket	80c

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JUST A LITTLE HELP.

That is All Which is Required at This Time of the Year—Do You Know What to Do?

We hear a great deal, just now, about spring medicines. It is known that people feel run down after the labors and siege of winter, and it is assumed they need a spring medicine. This is not true. Spring medicines are not needed; nature will throw off the rheums in the blood which have accumulated during the winter, if she has only a little help. Nature is able to clean her own house, and take care of her own household, with a little assistance, and a little, gentle stimulant is all the spring medicine anyone requires. "But," you may say, "what do you mean by stimulant, and what do I require?" We answer, something absolutely pure, powerful and which has been proved to abundantly answer the purpose. Unquestionably, whisky, if of the right kind, is the proper thing to use, but unfortunately, there are few good whiskies in the market, and only one which is absolutely pure, and possesses medicinal qualities. That whisky is Duffy's Pure Malt. It has been upon the market for years. It has the unqualified indorsement of physicians and chemists, and it is the only whisky which can be recommended. It is true, certain unscrupulous druggists and grocers seek to sell other and inferior goods, claiming they are equal to Duffy's, but they possess little purity and no medicinal power whatever, whereas Duffy's is specially designed as a medicinal whisky. It would be well to bear these facts in mind when considering the subject of spring medicines, and how to best put the system in shape for the requirements of the season.

AN ILLUSTRATIVE CASE.

A San Francisco Merchant Complains That the Rate to Fresno From Chicago is $2, While to San Francisco it is $1 75.

A FULL CONFESSION OF WHAT SAN FRANCISCO WANTS.

It Demands a Rate So Much Lower Than That Accorded to Any Other City in the State That It Can Ship Goods Back at a Profit and Establish Itself in Monopoly as the One Single Distributing Center of the Pacific Coast.

[From the San Francisco Bulletin.]

A California-street merchant to-day furnishes an illustration of the advantages which have been accorded to the Chicago merchants over the San Francisco merchants by the imposition of high local transportation charges within the State. "We have a carload rate on our goods of $1 75 per hundredweight for transportation from Chicago to San Francisco. The rate on a hundredweight of the same commodity from Chicago to Fresno is $2. The local rate from San Francisco to Fresno is over half the rate per hundredweight from Chicago to Fresno, being in fact 90 cents per hundredweight. Add this 90 cents to the carload rate of $1 75 from Chicago and you can see what chance there is for us to do a jobbing trade with the interior in these goods. With the local rates added it costs us $2 65 per hundredweight to lay down in Fresno goods brought from Chicago in carload lots, while the Chicago jobber delivers the same goods for $2. There is a difference of 65 cents per hundredweight against us in freight money and no margin for profit. Can you wonder that the jobbing trade of San Francisco even within points near this city is slipping away in favor of Chicago and other Eastern jobbing points? I have a list of upward of twenty houses in the San Joaquin Valley buying goods in small lots in Chicago in preference to giving their trade to this city. This is the way the Southern Pacific Company ties us up."

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Ladies' $2.50, $2.00 and $1.75 shoe for Misses are the best fine Dongola. Stylish and durable.

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LEAVE	TRAINS RUN DAILY.	ARRIVE
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†8:00 A	Calistoga and Napa	
3:05 P	Vallejo and Calistoga	8:40 P
10:50 P	Ashland and Portland	4:20 A
10:40 A	Deming, El Paso and East	6:35 P
7:35 P	Knights L'ding & Oroville	7:40 A
7:00 P	Los Angeles	10:30 A
11:55 A	Ogden and East—Second Class	6:45 P
10:00 P	Central Atlantic Express for Ogden and East	7:40 A
3:00 P	Stockton via Roseville J'n	10:30 A
3:00 P	Red Bluff via Marysville	10:30 A
10:35 A	Redding via Willows	4:00 P
4:35 A	San Francisco via Benicia	11:05 A
6:50 A	San Francisco via Benicia	11:30 A
8:00 A	San Francisco via Benicia	8:40 P
3:05 P	San Francisco via Benicia	9:40 P
7:05 P	San Francisco via Benicia	10:30 P
*10:00 A	San Francisco via steamer	‡6:00 A
10:40 A	San Fran. via Livermore	2:50 P
10:40 A	San Jose	2:50 P
7:00 P	Santa Barbara	10:30 A
*6:50 A	Santa Rosa	11:05 A
3:05 P	Santa Rosa	*8:40 P
8:30 A	Stockton and Galt	10:30 A
10:40 A	Stockton and Galt	2:50 P
7:00 P	Stockton and Galt	6:35 P
11:55 A	Truckee and Reno	7:40 A
10:00 P	Truckee and Reno	6:45 P
†8:00 A	Vallejo	8:40 P
3:05 P	Vallejo	11:05 A
*8:30 A	Folsom and Placerville	*2:40 P
*12:15 P	Folsom and Placerville	*10:20 A
*4:45 P	Folsom	*8:00 A

*Sunday excepted. †Sunday only. ‡Monday excepted. A.—For morning. P.—For afternoon.

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NOTICE OF SALE OF BONDS.

PURSUANT TO A RESOLUTION OF THE Board of Directors of Modesto Irrigation District, duly given and made on the 5th day of April, A. D., 1892.

Notice is hereby given that said Board of Directors will sell to the highest and best bidder the bonds of said irrigation district to the amount of $150,000, bearing interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, on the first day of January and July of each year on the presentation of the interest coupons at the office of the Treasurer of said district.

Said bonds are issued by the Board of Directors of Modesto Irrigation District in accordance with, and by the authority of an Act of the Legislature of the State of California, entitled "An Act to provide for the organization and government of irrigation districts, and to provide for the acquisition of water and other property, and for the distribution of water thereby for irrigation purposes," approved March 7, 1887.

Said bonds will be sold for cash, and for not less than ninety per centum of the face value thereof.

Sealed proposals and bids for the purchase of said bonds will be received by the said Board of Directors at their office, in the City of Modesto, County of Stanislaus, State of California, and may be addressed to or left with C. S. Abbott, the Secretary of said Board, at Modesto, Cal., at any time after the date of this notice and until 2:30 o'clock P. M. on the 30 DAY OF MAY, A. D. 1892, at which time and place the said sale will be made.

Said bonds will be each of the denomination of $500, and will be negotiable in form and will conform in all respects to the requirements of said Act.

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Bids must be sealed and addressed to the Secretary of said Board, and indorsed: "Proposals for Modesto Irrigation District Bonds."

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