

TOPICS IN CALIFORNIA.

EFFORTS TO SECURE COMMUTATION FOR DURRANT.

OUTLOOK FOR WHEAT AND FRUIT—THE FAIR WILL CARE—DE WOLF HOPPER'S SUCCESS—SAN FRANCISCO TRADE THREATENED.

San Francisco, May 15.—The greatest efforts have been made here this week to secure the commutation of the death sentence of young Theodore Durrant, who murdered Blanche Lamont and Minnie Williams in Emmanuel Baptist Church two years ago.

Early last month the wheat and fruit crops of California promised to be the largest for years. March had been very wet, and the crops escaped killing frosts.

The local real estate market has been strengthened by the purchase of an important piece of Market-st. property by Mayor Phelan.

The Fair will still drag its slow length along through the mazes of the technicalities of handwriting.

The Regents of the State University this week elected Edward W. Davis, Superintendent of Schools of Sonoma County, as secretary of the University, to succeed the late Dr. Bonte.

A registered letter from abroad, which reached here this week, was tampered with in a peculiar way. Banknotes which it contained were attracted by washing off the stamps and getting a slit in the envelope.

DeWolf Hopper has scored one of the greatest successes in the records of the Baldwin Theatre.

The Supreme Court this week decided that Sehorn, the editor of Willows, must serve eight years in the State prison for killing Putnam, a drunkard.

CIGARS MADE FROM STOLEN TOBACCO.

ONE OF THE RECEIVERS OF THE GOODS CAPTURED THROUGH THE CONFESIONS OF THE THIEF.

Detective McGreevey, of the East Sixty-seventh-st. station, arraigned Anton Perez, forty-five years old, of No. 42 East Eighty-third-st., in Yorkville.

T. E. LYON IS NOW CAPTAIN.

First Lieutenant Theodore E. Lyon, of Company E, 8th Regiment, has been elected captain, to fill the place made vacant by the promotion of Captain Stauch to the staff.

THE 71ST REGIMENT AT CHURCH TO-DAY.

The 71st Regiment, Colonel F. Vinson Green, will attend divine service at St. Andrew's Church, One-hundred-and-twenty-seventh-st. and Fifth-ave., to-day. Assembly will be at 8:30 p. m.

THE REAL ESTATE MARKET.

BUSINESS AGAIN ON A MODERATE SCALE—SOME OF THE SALES.

The business in real estate the last week was again on a moderate scale. As for some time, the better part of the dealings by private contract was in dwellings.

Hammerlag & Oppenheimer sold for a client No. 140 West Seventy-seventh-st., a five-story American basement house, private dwelling, No. 2320122, one of a row of five houses recently erected by James Livingston.

Robinson & Co. sold for Mrs. Ewell the six-story American basement house, No. 14 West Fifty-fifth-st., being 29 feet by about 120 feet, with lot of \$30,000. This house was sold last year by the same firm to Mrs. Ewell at about \$70,000.

The heirs of Reuben Parsons sold No. 22 Park-st., a three-and-one-half-story brick building, for about \$50,000. The contract was taken in the name of a Mr. Walker, but the real purchaser was the late owner of the adjoining property.

J. Romaine Brown & Co. sold for Mrs. A. T. Conroy, formerly Mrs. W. J. Florence, No. 22 Park-st., a four-story brownstone dwelling, on private terms.

W. J. Casey sold to Thomas W. Ball the two private stables, Nos. 15 and 12 West Eighty-ninth-st., on private terms.

The four-story, high-story, brownstone private dwelling, No. 12 East Fifty-sixth-st., was sold by the trustees of Vassar College to H. Gottefried.

W. F. & C. H. Smith sold on the east side of Third-ave., 125 feet front of One-hundred-and-seventy-first-st., 25x100, for \$4500. The buyer erect a four-story brick building on the property.

The estate of John Ewen sold, through A. H. Matthews, the four-story brownstone private dwelling, No. 3 East Forty-eighth-st. The plot is 25 feet front by 73 feet deep, and was purchased in 1875 for \$5,000.

Harnett & Co. sold for the New-York Realty Company (Flake & Dowling) the properties at No. 15 Maiden Lane, 25x90, with old building, No. 15 Nassau-st., 6x102, with old building, to Charles T. Harbeck, who gives in exchange No. 29 Fifth-ave., for four-story brownstone dwelling thereon.

William Rankin resold the lot which he recently bought on One-hundred-and-eighteenth-st., near Hiram Rinaldo & Bro. sold for Richard F. Martin to Feinberg & Feinberg, No. 15 Forty-fifth-st., 25x100. The present buildings will be torn down and a six-story tenement-house erected.

John J. Clancy & Co. sold for Washington I. Snyder, No. 25 West Sixtieth-st., a four-story brownstone dwelling, on lot 25x100, for about \$22,500.

Conveyances. 1896. 1897. Total number for entire city. 279. 270. 549.

Mortgages. Total number. 43,703. 44,175. 87,878.

Projected Buildings. Number of new buildings. 92. 171. 263.

Volunteers in the Greek Army. A special corps for them and a special uniform—Germany is represented.

Another Fraud Order Received. The postoffice authorities received from Washington Friday morning a fraud order against the Lusk Publishing Company.

THE PHILADELPHIA MEET.

INFORMATION PREPARED FOR WHEELMEN.

NO VISITOR TO THE CITY OF BROTHERLY LOVE NEXT AUGUST NEED ASK ANY QUESTIONS.

Philadelphia, May 15.—Requests for information on various topics in connection with the meet have become so numerous of late that the Press Committee has decided to issue a handsome illustrated pamphlet, giving, among other things, pointers as to hotels, their location, rates, and a nearby amusement park, and how to reach them; map of the city, showing principal places of interest, historical and otherwise, with an index (this will be of assistance to next August's visitors); table of distances by wheel from the heart of the city to all the surrounding towns and suburban summer resorts; a résumé of the numerous pikes leading out of the city; some items of interest; relative to Fairmount Park, the largest municipal pleasure ground in the country, with three thousand acres and fifty miles of well-kept drives; the splendid railroad terminal

facilities (second to none in the country); location of the clubhouses of the more than one hundred bicycle organizations in the city; names of east and west streets north and south thoroughfares being designated by numerals, with information as to the house-numbering system, rendering the location of any address a matter of but a few moments; names and locations of the more prominent firms in many branches of business—in short, a compact Philadelphia directory, which will be of immense assistance to those who have not the time to visit the city of Brotherly Love on the occasion of the eighteenth annual meet of the League of American Wheelmen. These valuable little directories will be furnished in quantities upon application, and will be ready for delivery about June 1.

Among the many requests for information are several from bicycle manufacturers as to the location of the official headquarters during the meet. The Lafayette Hotel, Broad-st., below Chestnut, is the official League hotel, and headquarters during the meet will be located there.

Speaking of hotels, few cities in the country are better provided in this respect, either in number or quality. With service of the best, prices in every way reasonable, and the usual L. A. W. discount being granted on a presentation of that "open August" league ticket, the most exacting of next August's visitors will find little to complain of in the matter of accommodation.

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OPENING OF THE SEASON.

THE FIRST RACE MEET NEXT SATURDAY.

MANY OF THE SPEEDY PROFESSIONALS NOW IN THIS DISTRICT—SOME OF THOSE WHO ARE ENTERED.

Practically all the speedy professionals of the country are now in this district waiting for the formal opening of the racing season, which will take place at the Manhattan Beach track next Saturday afternoon.

Most of the professionals at Savannah and at other points in the South for several weeks, and they are in splendid condition for so early in the season. There was a small army of riders at the track yesterday, including many of the Columbia, Princeton and Yale teams, and most of the fast riders of the New-York and Knickerbocker Athletic clubs and the racing men of several of the bicycle clubs of the district.

The opening bicycle race meet will be under the auspices of the Quill Club Wheelmen of America. In previous seasons it has been customary to open the racing season about Decoration Day, and the Quills have made a new departure by running a meet a week previous. It is admitted, however, that the opening of the season should be earlier, and from the entry list it would appear that the club has done the right thing.

The quality of the entries received is good, and insures competition of the best. In the amateur races will be Hill and Brookfield, of the Yale team, with the entire team of Columbia University will ride against them. This will enable the critics to get a line on the college boys before their meet of June 5. Other fast amateurs are Walter C. Roome, Frank Dupp, who returns to the path after an absence of two years; Bert Ripley, the pride of Newark; Owen and Munz, of Brooklyn. There are also large entry lists from the Harlem, Riverside and Kings County Wheelmen, who will make a strong bid for the honors which has been offered to the club whose racing men score the most points, counting five for a first, two for a second and one for a third.

In the professional races a string of cracks will fight hard for their share of the cash prizes. Bald, the champion of 1896 and 1897, will ride in the two open races, and will attempt to lower the track record of 1:04.5, held by Harry Tyler, Charles Murphy, of Brooklyn; Joseph Harrison, last year's champion, who will come on from Minneapolis; A. Pendergast, of Chicago; Willie of San Francisco; McFarland, of California; Ingraham, of Illinois; and Louhead, of Canada, who are under the management of the "Dixie" team, headed by Tom Hornum. Dick's team of Kiser and Mertens, will be among the other contestants. Ray McDonald, the white star of the rider, with a number of others, will complete the list.

From now until the day of the meet Manhattan Wheelmen will be busy with the details of the riders preparing for the meet, and for that reason the Long Island Railroad will run a special train shortly after 2 o'clock which will carry a strong contingent to the track. The train will stop at Long Island station, in order to take visitors to the club who care to watch the men in training.

On the day of the races there will be special trains every few minutes in order to accommodate the spectators. Besides the regular contests on the programme, there will be a record trial by W. H. Fearling, jr., of Columbia University, and an exhibition of trick riding by Master "Willie" East of Trenton, who, although only twelve years old, is considered one of the best trick cyclists in the country.

Those who attend the meet will have the trouble of last year in the way of lack of conveniences in reaching the track, while the crowd will be able to find the entrance to the track on the Sheephead Bay Road, near Coney Island, which brings him directly to the track. The boat will be checked and he can enjoy an excellent afternoon's racing.

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THE KIMBALL BICYCLE. A VICTORIOUS WEEK—CHANGES IN THE NINE—THE WORK OF THE CREW. Philadelphia, May 15.—The baseball team finished a victorious week yesterday when they defeated the University of Virginia by the score of 15 to 7. The visitors were weak in the box, their pitchers were out of condition. On Wednesday Lehigh was defeated. The score was 27 to 0. The reserves were treated to a surprise when they were defeated on Wednesday by the Cheltenham Military Academy by the score of 6 to 0. The left-fielder, Jackson, probably the best all around player in the college, has had trouble with Coach Allen and Captain Blakeley, and is no longer a member of the team. Ritchie has taken his place. The change weakens the pitching department and the team in general. William Radcliffe, who broke his collarbone in the first game with Lehigh, at Bethlehem, has returned to college, but will be unable to play ball this year. Captain Boyle, of the Varsity crew, went to Annapolis last night to make arrangements for Pennsylvania's race there on the 20th, and incidentally witness the Cornell-Annapolis race. By the defaulting of '00 Medical last Saturday, '99 College won the intercollegiate baseball championship. Manager Sinker is still negotiating with the Wisconsin crew for a race on the Schuylkill River. Ward, the coach, has completed arrangements for quartering Pennsylvania's crews at their old quarters at Poughkeepsie. Fulwell has been elected captain of the college freshman crew. Vice-Commander, Fulwell was captain of the freshman football team last year. The Schuylkill Gun Club has organized at the suggestion of the University Gun Club, and the following officers have been elected: President, Dr. Delancy School; Vice-President, Fay, Lawrence; Secretary, Kindelberger; Hill School; Treasurer and recording secretary, O. Paul, University of Pennsylvania; Membership Committee, Thomas, of Norristown, and Bert, of Penn Charter. The crews have not done any encouraging work for the last week. Captain Hoyle was sick in the first part of the week, and his absence unbalanced the boat, as Wallace, who filled his seat, is unused to rowing on the port side. He has been rowing on the starboard side of the second crew. The boat rolls considerably, and the blade work is consequently affected. Work preparatory to the Annapolis race has begun, and the crew is being put over the two-mile course at a lively clip daily. The crews have been rowing in the following order: Varsity—Wallace, Howell; 2, Carnett; 3, De Silver; 4, Stearns; 5, Overfield; 6, Hall; 7, Ruger; 8, Norristown, and Bert, of Penn Charter. Freshmen-McCook, bow; Henry; 3, Kinsing; 4, Kerve; 4, Johnson; 5, Patterson; 6, Polwell; 7, Hutchins, stroke.

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