

POKER IN MINING CAMPS.

A GAME WITH BIG DOUBLE EAGLES FOR THE CHIPS.

What broke up the game at Old Abe Curry's and made Jack Lynch take a Trip to San Francisco... DENVER, Dec. 21.—They were talking at an up town hotel one evening recently about the decadence of poker playing in the West...

"Poker playing," he said, "was done about right during the early days of the gold excitement in California, and it was not draw poker, either. You just took your cards as they were dealt and staked your chances on the deal."

"Old Abe Curry was a noted lawyer in those days, and he made a big stake in Downeyville for a time at his practice. His fees were so high that he could afford to play with the best of them, and he had to play with the best of them, and he had to play with the best of them..."

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WHY HE HAS QUIT CHICAGO.

A MAN FROM THE LAKE FRONT EXPLAINS HIS GRIEVANCES.

Centers, Old Masters, and All That Were to His Satisfaction, but His Contented Head the Mayor Moves and the Chief of Police's New Enigmas of Demoscr Contain...

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THE COMPOSITE CRUISER AFOLOAT AT ELIZABETHTOWN.

Will Have a Large Sail Area and Will Be Able to Make Long Voyages Without the Assistance of the Steam Engines with the Wind as a Grainsource of Admiral Porter.

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Merchandise and watches guaranteed. Open this evening until 7:30.

A. Raymond & Co. JEWELRY & OUTFITTERS. NASSAU AND FULTON STS. ONE PAPER COLLAR, \$15.

The Major Preferred a Handkerchief, but It Was Beyond His Price. LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 23.—Major David W. Sanders, a conspicuous member of the local bar, deeply regrets the failure of McKinley to carry Kentucky by a large plurality. He bet \$5,000 that Bryan would lose the State by 100,000 votes.

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Reorganization.

GREAT SALE OF WHEEL LOCK, STUYVESANT AND OTHER

AT AUCTION, On Monday, Dec. 28, and Tuesday, Dec. 29. By MARLIN F. HATCH, Esq., Auctioneer, At the WHEEL LOCK WAREROOM, 25 East 14th St., near Union Square.

Sale Absolute and Without Reserve. The Chairman of the Reorganization Committee will represent the interests of the New Company at the Sale. Every Piano disposed of at this sale will be

GUARANTEED FOR FIVE YEARS, except such as may be specifically exempted by announcement of the auctioneer on the day of sale.

Sale will begin promptly each day at 1:30 P. M. Pianos will be delivered to purchasers free of charge within a radius of twenty miles from the City of New York.

TERMS—\$25 Cash on acceptance of bid, balance before delivery of the instrument either in cash or purchaser's note, payable \$10 monthly, with interest at 6 per cent, secured by chattel mortgage.

Catalogues will be ready December 26, and will be mailed on application to any address.

GEORGIA'S POSSUM UNPROTECTED. McCook's Bill Voted Down in the Legislature in Spite of Powerful Arguments for It. From the Atlanta Constitution.

The Georgia possum was under discussion in the House of Representatives last night. The House failed to pass the famous bill of Mr. McCook of Chattahoochee county, although Mr. McCook and friends of the bill succeeded in voting down various and sundry amendments designed to bring the bill into disrepute and burdening it with provisions which would make its enforcement a costly business for the State.

The bill was in favor with the great majority of the people, but it was voted down by a majority of the Georgia legislature. The bill was a simple measure and it is clothed in no suspicious terms. It is what is known as a "possum" bill.

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