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DOUBLE SHEET.

FOR SALE.

$2,500.—FOR SALE.—A SPLENDID BILLIARD Saloon, containing several elegant Tables, and taking in over $100 per week. This is the best chance ever offered to engage in this line of business. The proprietor has other business, which is his reason for selling. Apply to D. M. ELMORE, 237 Hudson street.

BAKERY FOR SALE.—THE LEASE, FIXTURES, stock, horses, carts, round of customers, implements of trade, &c., of a first-rate business, baking at present thirty barrels of flour a week in bread, and also a good cake trade. The above is situated on one of the great thoroughfares of the city, and is fitted up in good style. Satisfactory reasons given for selling. A note addressed to Baker, Herald office, will meet with attention.

DOGS FOR SALE—A BEAUTIFUL IMPORTED BLACK and tan Terrier Dog, and a very handsome large Newfoundland Dog, 11 months old and well trained. Inquire at 235 Water street.

FOR SALE.—A FIRST CLASS THREE STORY, ATTIC, and under cellar brown stone front House, built in the very best manner, with all the modern improvements. The House is 24 feet 4¾ inches by 60 feet deep; lot, 24 feet 4¾ inches by 100. Situated between Thirtieth and Thirty-first streets, on the east side of Madison avenue. Also, three three story attic Houses, situated on the northeast corner of Fourth avenue and Thirtieth street. And also, the three story basement House next adjoining the above, on the north side of Thirtieth street. These houses are all rented to good tenants, at such prices as will afford an excellent investment. Inquire of JAMES CONNER & SON, 25 Ann street, corner of Nassau.

FOR SALE—A FOUR YEARS LEASE AND PART OF the Furniture of a Hotel, within three blocks of the Park, containing sixty rooms, with all the modern improvements. The house, at present, has about forty permanent boarders, and a run of English custom at the bar. A cash customer can address U. S. Hotel, at the Herald office.

FOR SALE—THE PLASTER MILL, WITH FIXTURES and Engine, situated on the corner of Columbia and Sedgwick streets, Brooklyn. The building is new, four stories in height, fifty feet by thirty-six, and suitable for any manufacturing purposes. Title perfect, and terms easy. Apply on the premises, or at the office of A. R. MACDONOUGH, 71 Nassau street, N. Y.

FOR SALE—FOUR NEW THREE STORY BRICK buildings, with basement and sub-cellars, furnished in the best manner, with high stoops and balcony, in Dean, near Smith street, Brooklyn, seven blocks above the City Hall. A line of stages pass the houses from Fulton Ferry every five minutes. Price $1,600 each. Inquire of M. J. Gilheeley, 78 Nassau street, New York.

FOR SALE, CHEAP—A FARM OF 44 ACRES OF choice land, with buildings, fruit, wood, water, and so forth, in a thriving neighborhood, within two hours ride of this city, near the railroad and a steamboat landing. Also, a Farm of 114 acres as above. Apply at 456 Pearl street. Also a house and lot, 25 by 116 deep, with a tenement house on 60 by 25; pays at present $700, but will rent for $1,000 per year—price $7,500.

FOR SALE CHEAP.—THE FIRST CLASS PUBLIC House, No. 354 Broadway. It will be sold cheap as the proprietor has other business to attend to, if applied for immediately. This is a good opportunity for any person wishing to go into business, as it is situated in the best thoroughfare in the city. Apply as above, or 108 Reade street.

FOR SALE—FOUR NEW FLUE BOILERS, WITH two flues, twenty-five horse power each, with two safety valves, four steam stops, four brass globe valves, three cast iron steam pipes, four cast iron feed pipes. Enquire of Pearce & Murphy, Fulton Foundry, Office, 27 Carlisle, corner of Cherry street. To lease as above, twenty Lots of Ground on Cherry street, between Corlears and East river streets.

FOR SALE—TO SILVERSMITHS OR JEWELLERS—The complete and entire tools and implements necessary for carrying on the business of manufacturing fancy silverware, &c., all nearly new and in perfect order. Will be sold a bargain, as the proprietor is retiring from the business. Address, post paid, PIKE & LAWSON, 65 Broad street.

FOR SALE.—A VERY DESIRABLE THREE STORY public house, established for several years, and now doing a first rate business. The location is excellent, being centrally situated, west from Broadway and below Canal street. The rent of the house is uncommonly low, and immediate possession will be given. RODERICK LAWRENCE, 75 Nassau street.

HOTEL PROPERTY.—FOR SALE, THE STOCK AND fixtures, together with a three years lease of that well known and valuable stand, situated at the Iron Works, Brookfield, Connecticut. The stock consists of furniture, horses, carriages, goods in the store attached, &c. For further particulars inquire of the subscriber, on the premises. NATHAN TURRELL.

HOTEL FOR SALE—THE STOCK, FIXTURES, GOOD will, and a three years lease of a Public House, situated in a good location for both city and country business, and is now doing a good business. Good reason will be given for selling. Address W. S. C., this office, with real name.

HOUSES IN TWENTY-FIRST STREET FOR SALE OR to let.—To let, the two three-story Houses, Nos. 102 and 104 West Twenty-first street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues, with three rooms on a floor, with sub-cellar, water-closets, baths, and Croton to the third story; also with the gas, and replete with every modern convenience. Possession of one can be given immediately. To responsible tenants they will be let on reasonable terms. Apply to S. S. HART, 258 Fourth street, Washington Square, or No. 4 Hanover street.

LIVERY STABLE FOR SALE—AN OLD STAND, first-rate location. Any active business man with a small capital, will find this a chance seldom to be met with. For further particulars, apply to Mr. Geo. Gidney, Fifth street, or at Wood's Livery Stable, corner of Second avenue and Fifth street. The above stable is situated in Williamsburg.

MOUNT VERNON.—ONE TO FIVE ACRE PLOTS FOR sale.—The property adjoins Mount Vernon, from which the streets are continued; is very desirably located, and very beautiful. A part of it covered with forest trees—some entirely clear, and very fertile. Apply at 45 William street, fourth story. Lots 50x105, on the First and Second avenues, near the depot, for sale as above.

THE STOCK AND FIXTURES OF A HOTEL FOR sale, situated in the village of West Farms, eleven miles from the city of New York. It is fitted up in the best style, and is a good stand for business. The reason for selling is, the proprietor is going to open a hotel at Rhinebeck, Dutchess county, New York. Terms moderate.

TWO FIRST CLASS BROWN STONE HOUSES FOR Sale.—Two of the new first class houses on Eighteenth street, near the Fifth avenue, 25 feet front by 65 feet deep, four stories, basement and under cellar, and finished in the best manner; but a small payment will be required. Inquire of H. C. ADAMS, 43 Wall street, Jauncey Court.

TO BUTCHERS AND OTHERS.—FOR SALE, ONE OF the best stands and stall in Washington Country Market, in the centre of three sungaws, and now doing a good business. Apply to HOWES & BALKCOM, 83 Nassau st.

WANTED—BY THE PROPRIETOR OF A FANCY store, established for a number of years in the best location in Broadway, and being about retiring from business, a person possessing a certain capital, who would take his succession. For particulars, apply at 457 Broadway, in the store.

LIQUORS.

BRANDIES LANDING—EX OVANDO AND LODEBAR, at Pier No. 10 and 9 East River—Cognac, Rochelle and Bordeaux Brandies pale and dark, in assorted packages, for sale from the wharf or United States Bonded Warehouse. Also 1,000 bundles French split Willow. L. H. SIMPSON & SONS, Importers, 19 Beaver st.

COGNAC, STAR PROPRIETORS, BRANDY—NOW landing, ex Lodebar, at Pier 9 East River, in ¼, ½ and ⅛ casks; this is the best and highest flavored brandy imported, and suitable for grocers and liquor dealers. For sale from the vessel or Custom House Store, 1 and 2 Water street. L. H. SIMPSON & SONS, 19 Beaver street. Sole agents in the U. S. for the above brand.

M. B. PETERS & CO., IMPORTERS OF WINES, Brandies and Segars, 369 Broadway, are celebrated for selling the purest Wines and Brandies. Their stock consists of the finest vintages of Spain, France, Portugal and Germany. They invite all who wish to buy genuine articles for a fair price to give them a call. Champagne, Hock, Claret, Ale, Porter, and Brown Stout of every description.

INSURANCE.

$40,000.—LIFE INSURANCE AGENCY AND Loan Office, 85 Nassau street, near the Post Office. This office is always prepared to make immediate advances on stocks, land warrants, watches, jewels, merchandise, and most kinds of personal property, when pawtenen can be given. M. LUTHER SHELDON, Agent.

SHIPPING.

FOR U. S. MAIL STEAMSHIP HERMANN, EDWARD Higgins (U. S. N.) commander will sail for Bremen, touching at Southampton, to land the mails and passengers for England and France, on Saturday, February 28th, from Pier No. 3 North river. Price of Passage:—In First Cabin Main Saloon, $150. In First Cabin, Lower Saloon, $100. In Second Cabin, $60. All letters must pass through the Post Office. Specie delivered in Havre and London. For Passage or Freight, apply to MOLLER, LAND & RIZNA, Agents, 23 South st.

TO CALIFORNIA PASSENGERS.—THE SPLENDID, new, double engine steamship MONUMENTAL CITY, Captain Creesy, having extensive and superior accommodations, will leave Panama for San Francisco on the 15th March next. Passengers going hence by the steamships United States, El Dorado, Georgia, Brother Jonathan, and other steamers, in all this month, for Panama, can secure their passage at the office of Messrs. Zachrisson, Nelson & Co. only, her regular agents at Panama. The Monumental City is favorably known as an independent regular steamer, and made her last trip from San Francisco to Panama in seventeen running days. For further information apply to ERNEST ZACHRISSON, 87 Wall street.

CALIFORNIA—THE ONLY THROUGH TICKETS.—The splendid steamship MONUMENTAL CITY will sail from Panama about the 15th of March, for San Francisco. The Monumental City made her last trip from San Francisco to Panama in 17 days. Passengers by the Brother Jonathan, to sail 4th instant, can secure the site for the Monumental City by application to the undersigned only, as all the tickets for her have been engaged at Panama by the undersigned. No tickets for the Monumental City will be recognized by Mr. Fridge at Panama, unless those signed by us. A. G. PRIDE & CO., 3 Broad street.

A FEW CALIFORNIA TICKETS FOR SALE—APPLY to J. NELSON, 59 Wall street, basement.

CALIFORNIA.—WANTED, A THROUGH TICKET BY the steamer Georgia, to sail on the 24th inst., for which a premium will be paid. Apply at the office of the Irving House, New York.

FOR SALE—TWO FIRST CLASS CABIN THROUGH tickets for a lady and gentleman, by the mail steamer of the 9th of March, for California. Inquire at 151 Water street.

FOR SALE.—A SECOND CABIN THROUGH TICKET, from New York to San Francisco, per Pacific Mail Steamship Company's line, to sail on the 24th of February. Inquire of H. GILSON, 118 Sixth street.

WANTED—TWO FIRST CABIN THROUGH TICKETS for the Daniel Webster, to sail the 20th of February. Apply to H. E. CARRICK, 1 Wall street. A liberal bonus will be paid.

INTERESTING FROM CALIFORNIA.

Twenty-five Days and Eighteen Hours from San Francisco.

THE SHORTEST TIME ON RECORD.

Five Days Later Intelligence,

AND

ONE MILLION DOLLARS IN GOLD DUST.

ARRIVAL

OF THE

STEAMSHIPS EL DORADO AND UNITED STATES.

SUMMARY OF CALIFORNIA NEWS.

New City Government at San Francisco.

Settlers and Miners Convention.

DELAY IN BUILDING THE CUSTOM HOUSE.

MINING INTELLIGENCE.

MARKETS.

&c., &c., &c.

The steamship El Dorado, Captain Hartstein, arrived at this port at five o'clock yesterday afternoon, with five days' later news from California. *The passengers were only twenty-five days and eighteen hours in coming through from San Francisco.*

The steamship United States, Capt. Berry, from Chagres, via Kingston, (Ja.,) arrived at her dock about 11 o'clock, last night. She left Chagres Feb. 6th, at 4 P. M. The time of the U. S. from Kingston to this Port, was 6 days 16 hours.

There have been four short passages—inside of twenty-seven days—since the 1st ult., namely:—

Jan. 1..By Panama route .....26 days 23 hours.
Jan. 11..By Nicaragua route.....26 " 18 "
Feb. 16..By Panama route .....25 " 18 "

These are the quickest runs on record between San Francisco and New York. When both routes are completely organized, the time will be reduced, under favorable circumstances, to twenty two or three days.

The following is the report of the El Dorado:—

Through from San Francisco to New York in twenty-five days, eighteen hours. Running time through, twenty three and a-half days, including crossing the Isthmus. Arrived at Panama, steamships California and Golden Gate, the latter from San Francisco to Panama in twelve days eighteen hours, including sixteen hours' detention at Acapulco. Sailed from San Francisco 21st January, 11 P.M.

The following named gentlemen started from Panama immediately on their arrival in the Golden Gate, and arrived on board the El Dorado, off Chagres, in exactly fourteen days from San Francisco, including all stoppages:—

Lotin McLane, jun., of Captain Victor Constant, of Baltimore. Boston.
H. S. Austin, Baltimore. Captain George Pomland, Boston.
Charles L. Case, New York.
S. C. Sandford, Nantucket. J. Howland, New Bedford.

Arrived at Quarantine February 16, 5 P. M. This is the quickest time yet made between the two ports. The El Dorado experienced very heavy weather coming on the coast, as also in crossing the Caribbean sea.

The following is the report of the United States:—

Left at Chagres, steamship Pioneer, for New York, and brig Lucy, Brewer, for New Orleans; steamship Georgia, from New York, via Havana, arrived just before the U. S. left. 11th inst., at 10 A. M., off east end of Cuba, saw a steamer bound southwest, supposed to be the Crescent City, from New York for Chagres. 13th inst., at 4 P. M., lat 28 15 north, lon 74 18 west, exchanged signals with a ship of Union Line New Orleans packets, bound to New Orleans. 15th inst., at 4 P. M., 30 miles north of Cape Hatteras, saw two steamers bound south.

The United States left Kingston Tuesday, 10th inst., at 10½ A. M.

The El Dorado has two hundred and forty-five passengers, and one million dollars in gold dust. We annex the

SPECIE LIST OF THE EL DORADO.

Adams & Co.....	$220,561	A. Van Valkenburgh.....	$4,200
American Ex Bank	272,000	Peter Naylor.....	4,002
Burgoyne & Plume	100,000	Schloss, Bros. & Co	3,736
Drew, Robinson & Co.....	60,000	Bingham & Reynolds.....	3,310
Chambers & Heiser	26,960	Buckley & Druel..	3,000
Brown, Bro's & Co	18,459	Amos R. Eno.....	3,000
Drexel & Co.....	14,400	Hibbets & Brown..	3,000
Bucklin & Crane.	14,000	Dall, Austin & Co.	3,562
Spofford, Tileston & Co.....	12,702	F. Victor & Achille.....	2,048
Weeks, Kelly & Co	11,900	C. W. & A. Thomas	2,300
F. A. Delano.....	10,625	Jones & Wise.....	2,000
B. C. Horn.....	10,006	C. G. & H. Coffin..	1,976
Case & Freeman..	10,200	T. W. Bayard & Co	1,925
Corning & Co.....	9,600	Louis Negbaur....	1,979
John M. Forbes...	9,000	Robert Bage.....	1,600
H. H. Freeman & Co.....	8,510	A. W. Canfield.....	1,600
Reed, Wade & Co.	7,500	Wm. C. Taylor...	1,500
Beale, Melick & De Witt.....	7,420	Wm. T. Burgess..	1,200
John Cunningham	6,400	C. H. Cummings..	1,193
H. Joseph & Co...	6,258	Wm. H. Talmadge & Co.....	1,021
Dexter, Fay & Sons	6,000	Thompson & Hunter.....	1,000
Collins, Cushman & Co.....	5,600	F. Probst.....	753
De Rham & Moore	5,100	Williams & Potter.	250
Hewitt, Lees & Co.	7,645	To order	23,300
E. D. Kimball.....	5,000		992,718
Twombley & Lamson	5,000	Among passeng's.	100,000
N. Rogers & Co...	4,312		
N. Reggio.....	5,000	Total.....	$1,092,718

The following are the

NAMES OF THE PASSENGERS BY THE EL DORADO.

Louis McLane, Jr., Chas L Case, and tiger; Capt Sitgreaves, U S A; Mr Kerr, T C Sandford, Mrs Morrison, child and nurse; Henry S Austin, J Howland, Sam'l Taylor, and servant; Geo Seymour, U S M Agent; J R Lewitt (Adams & Co); Major Grosbec, C W Cabocne, McCann, J Lemon, W H Howland, B S Hickman, C D Kennedy, John Dillon, W H Hunter, J Cummings, John Jason, J A Gilbert, Col P Amy, Capt Victor Constant, Captain Foulkerd, Capt Haskell, Capt B C Manchester, M Candee, Geo L Hewitt, lady, and servant; Miss Lucy Neal, P Hudson, G Bass, A S Caldwell, J S Caldwell, A B Stone, Thos A Mills, R Sidwell, G S Marshall, Jordan Thomas, J Richards and lady, J Garnell, Lady Quincy, Mr Amory, J Stephen, P Miller, Clousel, P Dillon, G J Mattesil, S M Burrell, Mr Hallows, A Cheesebro, H J Gallander, M Short, W Stephanson, W H Holmer, J C Leggett, Capt Annetts, Mr Botts, Dr Goodell, Mr Wiesenkemer, G B Spaulding, L Stein, W F Osburne, J Weeil, S Abrahams, H McCormick, W Canfield, H G Ward, H Row, Chas Fox, M Lost, J H Keeler, W Alexander, J M McGruder, J McCormick, J Mitchell, W Brooks, G W Gridley, Sanderson, M Sanderson, A M Addington, W Abrahams, P Peck, P Peck, Jr, C Minster, C Steward, B Gumbrit, W Henry, J Gumbert, E Warder, T Melhorse, W M Bell, J A Bell, J Manly, F Brandon, Dr Houghman, J Houghman, Mr Schlessinger, H Cook, C Gillis, W Sawyer, J Leadbeater, J Wilson, F R Cleary, J H Leary, H P Livers, M P Bateman, H Paul, H Robbins, J Freeman, S Mitchell, W C Bond, J Bond, J M Bar, J Holbrook, J Brown, W Collins, C Collins, John Haines, A Lefcroix, G W Russ, Joseph Murphy, John Shirley, Jas Wilson, C H Steele, W Demine, J C Peirce, E Sherman, J Dillon, S S Lee, L Griffin and friend, U Rojam, Frogeage—2, Barnick, C Reedon, R W Gun, J C Tolleman, G Wright, S Dunning, J F Bowman, J H Hanson, R H Ogle, P Whitebanger, F Hibbert, G H Hodgburn, A K Sigler, S F Pettis, F Smith, B Firman, J H Myers, R Boughan, S W Rice, J Robinson, S Beckwith, A Fowler, J Linner, C Rose, B Rose, J Peger, T Sager, E Chapman, H Browne, Brinley, C Eddy, W S Bacon, W Williams, W Miller, Wm Russell, F Stangler, S Cox, J Cox, J Custed, F Martin, J Rice, G W Gibson, C Talbot, W Pierce, J Wolf, J Rock, B S Marce, J Witt, D Oakley, J Finch, Fitzpatrick, E Phillips, C Seaman, F Micky, J C Henry, J Davis, J B Mint, S Goodrich, F P Bersey, C Miller, H S Rushlin, W A Morelson, J Devine, J Richardson, W Benner, F Mesgris, St Leon, Burpee, Wilson, R Smith, J Jennings, J Gulbert, A Perch.

Returns to New York—Mr Warnham.

The following is a list of the

PASSENGERS PER STEAMER UNITED STATES.

E F Beers, F Argenti, P A Brisemade, Capt R H Wyse, R L Orme, Ben Allen, Ellis Allen, C N Bristle and lady, Col J D Mumford, Capt Geo Peck, E Hall, J W Rogers and 2 boys, T G Sweet and 2 boys, W Eaton and son, B W Edmonds, B Dunn, Capt H Hyde, N M Sanborn, Henry G Gulick, G W Briggs, B Rice, D W Perley, H Lewis, S Starr, A Seals, A Morris, F Craig, Mr Mott, Mr Fairchilds, Mr Downing, Mr Potter, D W Bowman, Joseph Cram, S D Moore, H Herrets, D Mitchell, L S Perkins, Jno G Sage, B S Purdy, Wm M Hogan, John Ashley, Chas Rice, E Davis, Mr Joseph, Mr Joseph, Mr Joseph, Mr Crosier, Mr Crosier, R W Van Schoi, Mr Moss, Mr Adams, Mr Boas, Mr Burns, Mr Simon, Mr Simonsen, P C Lewis, J S Myers, A W Browning, W Barber, C L Barber, A Long, J C Baran, S Hampin, C R Totten, W H Brown, B H Hamlin, Hugh Donnison, J B Boulman, J W Ryan, W G Ryan, N Bogue, R B Hawkins, G Whitney, F Joseph, J Bellinger, Jas C Hartlick, J B Wiley, H Johnson, W Thibetts, Isaac Tallman, H J Lee, W B Atterbury, John James, Mr Kay, J Rogers, B S Jones, W S Scott, P H Crockford, M Crockford, P Cady, J Levy, J Cavanac, Mark Watson, F Dowman, H M Jenks, H Lloyd, Geo Horton, Jas Gibson, C Beers, Geo Naspin, S F Mappin, Mr Brown, Mr Eckburn, J H Young, Chas Marshall, Jno G Glasta, A Wilder, J Sandbin, S A Booth, J Miller, W N Thompson, Wm Pitton, C F Crampell, N Sampson, F H Mills, Jas A Smith, J Brown, F W Gray, A Nichols, J Fitzpatrick, Thos Jones, John W Cady, Lieut Hall, C H Parker, L Rodgers, W F Demming, S A Carter, H Sheldon, T N Williams, W S A Parker, A C Bertine, H Sweeny, H Carroll, S McClure, Wm Wells, J M Hoyte.

Among the passengers by the Golden Gate, from San Francisco, was Felix Argenti, of San Francisco, who intends to make short visits in New York and Washington.

We are under many obligations to Messrs. L. C. Pane and G. F. Barney, the gentlemanly Pursers of the El Dorado and United States, and to Messrs. Adams & Co., the express forwarders, for late papers and news; also to Mr. John A. Gilbert, of the firm of Burford & Co.

The whigs are forming associations, and making other political organizations throughout the State.

The people of Sacramento are in high glee since the Legislature has removed to that city. The *Sacramento Union* says:—"The streets are filled with pedestrians during the day; the livery stables are well patronized; the stores are overrun with customers; the saloons and restaurants are driving a spirited business, and the town generally wears a more lively aspect than ever before."

At San Francisco, on the night of the 20th January, while Capt. David Haughton was walking in the vicinity of the Oriental Hotel, between eleven and twelve o'clock, he was suddenly borne to the earth by the weight of two men, who threw themselves upon him, and, before he could extricate himself from their hands, they, in the most polite and gentlemanly manner imaginable, relieved him of a splendid gold chronometer watch valued at $150. After assisting him to rise, they kindly asked him if he was hurt, and then leisurely walked off, wishing him a "very good night." Capt. Haughton states that they were well dressed, and of gentlemanly appearance. He had considerable money about him at the time, but they did not attempt to take that.

Most of the passengers by the Golden Gate, from San Francisco to Panama, have come from Chagres in the United States. A few of the G. G.'s passengers by pushing on night and day, reached Chagres in time to get on board the El Dorado. The remainder, not being able to obtain conveyance across the Isthmus immediately, arrived at Chagres soon after the El Dorado sailed, and embarked on board the United States.

The Golden Gate made her passage to Panama in exactly twelve days running time, and exclusive of the detention at Acapulco. She arrived at Panama on the afternoon of the 3d of February.

The Golden Gate met the steamer Republic about one hundred miles above Acapulco, bound to San Francisco; and also the steamer Pacific, of Vanderbilt's line, for the same port, going out of the harbor of Acapulco. The propeller Com. Stockton was at Acapulco, in charge of the authorities of the place, waiting instructions, expected by the United States Consul, from the American Minister at Mexico, in respect to the future disposition to be made of her.

At Panama there were, beside the Golden Gate, the steamers California and the New Orleans. The California was taken up entirely for the conveyance of government troops that went forward by the Falcon, from New York. The New Orleans had secured nearly her full complement before the arrival of the passengers by the United States, El Dorado, Pioneer, and Georgia.

The passengers by steamers Golden Gate and United States, who left San Francisco at 10½ P. M., on 21st of January, have made a through passage to New York in twenty-six days. This includes fourteen hours detention at Chagres, and twenty-six hours at Kingston.

The following items, comprising a summary of late events in California, are taken from several of the San Francisco papers.

The weather had been extremely mild and beautiful. There had been but little rain in any part of the State from which we have advices, and the miners were again suffering from the want of water. There was but little prospect of a further fall of rain.

The President's message and other documents were read by the Californians with much interest. The message meets the general approval of men of all parties.

Robberies were becoming quite frequent in San Francisco.

It is ascertained that some rogues have been at work filing off gold from the edges of the slugs, or $50 gold pieces. Some were weighed and proved to be from $1 to $2 short of the original weight.

The markets in the golden city are full of game. There are two markets in San Francisco, and both are said to be well stocked and well patronized.

A letter published in the *Alta California*, in referring to the companies working the Mariposa mines, says:—"Three others I have heard of have divided—one 10, one 11, and one 15 per cent per month on their capitals."

L. B. Mizner, Esq., of Benicia, has been appointed private secretary to Gov. Bigler.

It is reported that a new morning paper is about to take the place of the *California Courier*, which was discontinued on the 8th of January.

The lighting of the streets in San Francisco is rapidly progressing.

The Grand Jury of San Francisco have indicted Alfred A. Green for the murder of Ad. Bartholf. His trial was soon to take place.

The general health of San Francisco remained good, though the juveniles were suffering some from measles.

The trials growing out of the voyage of the ship Challenge were still progressing at San Francisco. On the 17th, Frederick Birkenshire and Alexander Cogill, seamen, were put upon trial on an indictment for assaulting Douglass, the mate, and endeavoring to incite a mutiny on board the ship Challenge. The trial resulted in the acquittal of the accused.

Early on the morning of the 19th, while intoxicated, Michael Cameron, supposed to be a native of Dublin, Ireland, fell into the bay, (San Francisco) from off the storeship Florence, lying near Clark's Point, and was drowned.

The California Legislature were still in session at Sacramento, where they met on the 16th January. The State archives had been removed by order of Governor McDougal, during his administration, to San Jose; and the people of that town, when an attempt was made to remove them, obtained an injunction, and detained the archives for several days. They have since been removed, however, and the question, where is the State capital, will soon be settled by a decision of the Supreme Court.

Judge Geo. W. Barton, late of Philadelphia, who disappeared on last Christmas morning, while laboring under temporary derangement, had not been found at last accounts. It is feared he has committed suicide.

The Commissioners for funding the city debt had nearly concluded their labors. They report the whole amount of bonds issued, $1,446,289 54, of which there had been redeemed $49,000. They had received from the City Treasurer $200,000, of which they had paid out, in satisfaction of first and second coupons, $122,700; in redemption of principal, $20,240. Cash on hand, $57,060. Coupons to the amount of $14,000 yet remain out; when these are cancelled, $48,000 will remain in their treasury.

On the morning of the 20th January, three prisoners escaped from the chain gang, while at work on the streets. They were James Burns, alias Jemmy-from-town, sentenced to ten years' imprisonment; Peterson, sentenced to ten years' imprisonment for burglary; and Lewis Ottinger, sentenced to one year's imprisonment for stealing a diamond ring from Atoy. The prisoners at work in the gang, of which there were about twenty, were employed in digging, and each one had on his leg a heavy iron chain. The men who escaped managed to get their chains off, one by having sawed the band, another by unlocking, and the third by slipping his leg through it. The men had probably been gone some minutes before they were missed, and the last that was heard of them they were walking down Sansome street.

Col. McKee, Indian Commissioner, had completed an expedition through the northwestern part of the State, and concluded four treaties with Indian tribes—one with those of Clear lake, a second with those on Russia river, a third with those at the forks of the Klamath river, and the last with those of Scott's and Shasta Valleys and the Upper Klamath.

A dreadful tragedy was enacted at Perry's Camp, on the Calaveras river, a week since. A difficulty originated at a fandango, at which Americans and Mexicans were gathered. Knives were drawn, and pistols fired, and the fray resulted in the killing of Alexander McDowell, and the wounding of James Plynnell. The next day, the Americans being terribly exasperated, they captured two of the Mexicans known to have been concerned in the affair, and, after a trial, hung them at six o'clock in the evening.

The New City Government at San Francisco.

The new democratic municipal government at San Francisco, consists of the following officers:—Dr. S. R. Harris, Mayor; Geo. W. Baker, Recorder; B. W. Thompson, Marshal; Jas. W. Stillman, Comptroller; Smith Clarke, Treasurer; D. S. Linnell, Tax Collector; C. M. McDeiny, City Attorney; Thos. Payne, Street Commissioner; Jas. O'Callahan, David Hoag and Arthur Mathews, County Assessors; A. Gorham, County Justice; John J. Coombs, Constable; Wm. G. Wood, J. H. Blood, John Cotter, Caleb Hyatt, James Grant, N. S. Petit and Wm. Moore, Aldermen; Henry Meiggs, Joseph Galloway, Wm. H. Crowell, Nathaniel Holland, D. W. Lockwood, James Graves, Jno. Pierce and J. W. Keesling, Assistant Aldermen. Alderman E. L. Morgan, of the First ward, who was a member of both the old and new board, has resigned.

The police force has been re-organized. It now consists of thirty-two men, each receiving $150 per month, and a captain and assistant captain, who each receive $200 per month; so that the expenses of this department will scarcely exceed $5,000 per month. George W. Casserly is captain, and Hampton North assistant. Special policemen are employed by several of our heavy property holders, and are maintained at their expense, but clothed with authority by the mayor and marshal of the city.

The following are some of the provisions of an ordinance lately passed by the San Francisco Board of Aldermen, for the establishment of a health department and the imposition of a tax on passengers arriving at that port.

Sec. 1. That every passenger arriving in the port of San Francisco by sea shall pay a health department tax of one dollar each.

Sec. 2. The party so paying shall be entitled to a certificate with his name thereon, which certificate shall admit him into the hospital as a city patient, at any time within six months from its date.

Sec. 3. There shall be a City Physician, whose duty it shall be to act as treasurer of the City Hospital, and to issue certificates as per section 2 of this ordinance. He shall be appointed by the Common Council, and hold his office during the pleasure of the appointing power.

Sec. 6. The Mayor shall here power to commute with the owners or agents of vessels as to what manner said tax may be collected.

The United States Buildings at San Francisco.

Mr. Hall, one of the commissioners appointed to superintend the construction of a custom house and other U. States buildings at San Francisco, is about to repair to Washington to lay before the authorities there a full report of the difficulties in the way of carrying out the intentions of the Department. The *Picayune* of the 20th January says:—"The obstacles are of such a character as to render it impossible for the Commissioners so much as to commence the erection of the proposed buildings, without a gross violation of existing laws of the United States—of their explicit and positive instructions, which were made out in accordance with those laws—and of the trust which the Secretary of the Treasury had confided to them. Before a public building can be commenced, a site has to be procured. Now, to the purchase of a site by the United States for either of the proposed buildings, existing provisions of law have interposed insuperable obstacles.

The 7th section of the act of Congress of May 1st, 1820, is in the following words:—"And be it further enacted, That no land shall be purchased on account of the United States, except under a law authorising such purchase." The insuperable difficulties, however, to the purchase of sites for the proposed buildings, would have been of no consequence, could there have been found suitable sites on lands belonging to the United States, of which possession could have been procured, and the title of the United States to which was undisputed and undoubted. But, so far from this being the case, the State, as is well known, through its legislative department, has set up a claim to, and exercised acts of ownership over, all the lots within the limits of the city, situated below high water mark—not even excepting the "Government Reserves;" while the city, through its Common Council, has set up a claim to, and exercised acts of ownership over, all the lots within its limits, lying above high water mark—including the "Government Reserves"—leaving between them not a single lot to the United States, as being the property of the United States, upon which to erect a building. Add to this, that the property known as "Government Reserves," upon a portion of which it has been proposed by the Commissioners to erect the Marine Hospital, has actually been sold at sheriff's sale, as the property of the city, to satisfy certain judgments obtained against it. * * * As to the Commissioners, the simple question has all along been with them, whether they would violate the law, and the instructions from the Treasury Department, founded on the law, or whether they would render due obedience to both? They have had no difficulty whatever in choosing the latter alternative. Not a dollar of the public money will be expended upon any site, the title of the United States to which is not clear and unquestionable. Whether or not the United States have such a title to any land within the limits of this city, will shortly be determined. If it shall be found that they have not, Congress, which is now in session, will doubtless authorise the purchase of suitable sites, and make the necessary appropriations therefor.

Settlers' and Miners' Convention.

A settlers' and miners' convention assembled in Sacramento on the 14th January, and has continued in session from day to day. The members of the convention have passed resolutions, in which they claim that the public domain should be donated to actual settlers in parcels of 160 acres; that, in the settlement of private land claims, "it is the duty of government to give no more vitality to any concession or grant than it already possess" under the Mexican law, and that no latitude should be given in the confirmation of such grants; that the board of land commissioners should not receive the former customs of California as evidence in the settlement of titles; that the swamp and tule lands should, in no instance, be granted in large quantities; that, in regard to city and town lots, actual occupants should have the right to purchase at nominal rates. In reference to the mines, one resolution sets forth as general principles, that priority of claim should be uniformly respected; that, in quartz mining, claims shall not exceed one hundred and fifty feet in the direction of the ledge—double claims being allowed to discoverers; that in damming and fluming, no prior company shall back water upon the claim of another for more than one season, and not at all, if the subsequent company will conduct the water into the flume or race of the first; that the extent of claims being governed by their richness and accessibility, no system of laws can be made uniformly applicable in all districts.

Mining Intelligence.

The San Francisco *Evening Picayune*, of the 21st Jan., says:—Quartz mining still attracts the attention of the mining population, although they are beginning to find the difference between prospecting a rich quartz lead, and obtaining the necessary machinery to work the same. We believe only one company in this State has, as yet, paid any dividend, and this honor is claimed by the Gold Hill Quartz Mining Company, of Grass Valley, who, on the 10th inst., declared a dividend of ten per cent on their capital. This company have been in operation about four months, and although they have been thus successful, yet their works are rude, and they consider quartz mining to be yet in its infancy—in a measure an experiment, and one, too, which has proved very costly to many, as witness the almost entire failure of several prominent companies in the southern mines. The present quartz operators are experimenting for their successors' benefit. No doubt remains now in the minds of those acquainted with the subject, that the gold bearing quartz will average from two to three cents value of gold to the pound of natural quartz, and when the proper machinery and mode of working it are hit upon, it will prove a great and flourishing interest in California.

The *Stockton Journal* says that able-bodied men can obtain employment anywhere in the southern mines, a one hundred dollars per month, and board.

The *El Dorado News* informs its readers that the richest lead yet is said to be one of quartz, discovered three quarters of a mile from Cold Springs, near Weber creek—$1 000 worth of specimens have already been taken from it by visiters, which were extracted from a spot not over three feet square. Of course, the claim is taken up and the most sanguine expectations are entertained of a quick fortune by the lucky holders.

The miners kept at work all the week and overrun the town on Sunday. They are prosperous exceedingly. At Nevada great demand for labor exists. Quartz miners find ready employment at from $4 to $6 per day, board included.

Mrs Bowers is about establishing a school in Nevada. The Journal says there are children enough in the place to support it.

A literary association has been formed at Grass Valley.

Deaths in California.

At San Francisco, Jan. 21, Burlin Brown, aged 42 years and 6 months. Mr. B. was a native of Tarrytown, N. Y., and well known as a popular hotel keeper in New York city, Mobile, New Orleans and late of this city.

At Sancelito, Dec. 31st, on board the U. S. sloop-of-war Warren, John Carroll, Assistant Engineer U. S. Navy, 27 years. The deceased came to his untimely end from a wound received in the morning by the accidental discharge of a fowling-piece in the hands of a friend, with whom he was on a hunting excursion.

In Benicia, on the 13th January, in the 8th month of his age, Franklin Henry, second son of Lucy W. and Samuel G. Gray.

Financial.

State Temporary three per cent Loan, 5 to 6 per cent discount from par and interest; State War Loan twelve per cent Bonds, 54 a 55; State seven per cent Bonds, 66 a 67, coupon off; State Warrants, (fundable,) 60 a 63; State Warrants, (unfundable,) 50 a 55; State War Warrants, 45 a 48; City Bonds, 46 a 47; City Coupons, 15 per cent discount, (nearly all redeemed); City Scrip, 90 a 95, according to dates; County Scrip, 25 a 37, according to dates; Comptroller's Warrants, 5 to 10 per cent discount; Sacramento City Bonds, (coupon off) 50 a 54, according to when payable; Central Wharf (shares) 70 a 75; Pacific Wharf, (shares,) 85 a 90; Broadway Wharf, (shares) 70 a 75; Plank Road, (shares,) 50 a 55. Exchange may be quoted at four per cent for sight, one and three day bills; three per cent for thirty day bills, and indeed, one per cent off for each additional thirty days of time added. Exchange on London is 40 a 45. Exchange on Paris, francs 4 75 a 4 85. Money cannot fairly be quoted as abundant; yet, with security, borrowers have no difficulty in finding lenders, provided they can offer bona and mortgage on improved property. The doubt as to title makes unimproved property a poor security to offer for money, except water lots, about the titles of which there seems little doubt. Our capitalists yet continue shy of land speculations, because the want of action on the part of the Commissioners keeps every one waiting.