

MAP OF OUR BACK COUNTRY.

Map showing the geographical and commercial position of Los Angeles; the system of Trans-Continental Railroads on the Pacific Coast; the impassable ranges of mountains parallel to the coast north and south of San Geronimo Pass—the only natural pass in the mountains from Lower California to Oregon; showing also the largest and richest mining region in the world tributary to Los Angeles; showing the proposed railroads to the rich mines of Cerro Gordo to Salt Lake; also the thirty-fifth and thirty-second parallel routes and their junction at Albuquerque, as proposed by Col. Scott. The names of the following important places in the country are omitted from the map for want of space: Anaheim, population, 1,500; San Gabriel, 200; El Monte, 100; Spadra, 50; Galatin, 100; Santa Ana, 50; Westminster, 50; Compton, 50; San Fernando, 50; Florence, 50; Tustin City, 50. These are each the nucleus of a rich farming section.



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A Serious April Fool Joke.

The Follies of Practical Jokes—One Man is Killed and Another Wounded.

A terrible affair occurred at Salinas City on the 6th inst. The parties concerned were named Downey and Dennison. The tragedy grew out of a harmless joke perpetrated on Downey April 1st. Some of the young folks at Diamond's Hotel on All-Fool's day sent Mrs. Dennison to Downey's room with a letter containing the words "April Fool." Dennison saw her coming from Downey's room, when he was taken with a fit of jealousy and reproached her with bitter words; she retorted in the same kind, a separation was agreed upon, and proceedings commenced for a divorce. Much ill feeling between the parties concerned has been the result. Dennison, it is said, told his mother-in-law, Mrs. Warren, that one of them must die before the day was over. Going down to Cropley's saloon, he saw Downey and called him out to speak with him. They passed through a narrow hall to the rear of the building. In the backyard Dennison said to Downey, "You are the G-d-d-s—n of a b—h that has caused my trouble." Downey then struck him with his fist and knocked him down. Dennison then drew his pistol and Downey sprung for him, and the pistol was discharged, the ball striking Downey in the left side, coming in contact with one of his ribs and glanced around it and came out near the spine. Downey then seized and wrested the pistol from him when Dennison turned and ran through the saloon and up the street, followed by Downey. When in front of Winn's Chop House he stumbled and fell, when Downey fired, his shot taking effect in the right temple, coming out near the top of his head on the left side. Downey was arrested and placed in charge of the Sheriff, and was taken to a drug store, thence to his room at the hotel. He still continued to smoke a cigar which he had in his mouth all the while. He said, while being taken to the drug store, "If I am mortally wounded, I want you all to know that he shot at me first." Dennison was taken into the chop house until a surgeon came, who upon examining the wound said, "I can do nothing for him; only let him die in peace." He presented a ghastly sight, the blood and brain trickling from the bullet hole.

The body was taken to the Coroner's office and his wife sent for. Her grief was intense. Her cries and tears were pitiable as she stood weeping over the body. He lived but a short time, and did not seem conscious or speak after the fatal shot was fired. His brother, who lives in Santa Cruz, has been sent for and will be here to-night. An examination will be held as soon as Downey is able to be brought into court, if his injuries do not prove fatal.

European Wages.

Sixty cents a day is considered good wages for working men in any of the European countries except Great Britain, where wages are somewhat higher. In the Tyrol silk region and in Italy they often do not get more than ten cents a day. In the country in Germany, ten cents is the common pay. Women there often get but five cents. In Sweden, men often work from four in the morning till ten in the evening, and get no pay more. During the late war many poor women in Berlin were hired to knit stockings for the soldiers for five cents. The profits of the poor who keep petty shops, sell trinkets in the street or act as sutlers, do not average more than three or four per cent. Barbers in Berlin, since the raising of their prices, get five cents for hair cutting and two and a half for shaving. Servants at hotels get from three to eight dollars a month. Servant girls in private families often get but ten dollars a year. Sometimes these classes cannot get work at any price.

Notaries' Fees Advanced to the Old Rates.

The Real Estate Circular says: The Codes reduced notaries' fees from one dollar to fifty cents, but the present Legislature amended section 798 of the Political Code and advanced the notarial fees as follows: For drawing and copying every protest for the non-payment of a promissory note, or for the non-payment or non-acceptance of a bill of exchange, draft or check, \$2; for drawing and serving every notice of non-payment of a note, or of the non-payment or non-acceptance of a bill of exchange, order, draft or check, \$1; for recording every protest, \$1; for drawing an affidavit, deposition or other paper for which provision is not herein made—for each folio, 30 cents; for taking an acknowledgment or proof of a deed, or other instrument, to include the seal and the writing of the certificate—for the first two signatures, \$1 each; for each additional signature, 50 cents; for administering an oath or affirmation, 50 cents; for every certificate, to include writing the same and the seal, \$1.

Rhubarb.

The Germantown Telegraph says a good word for rhubarb: "There is a large class who are fond of this. It is among the earliest green things; and, though no one classes it amongst the choicest of horticultural gifts, in the abstract, yet on account of its early growth it will always be esteemed. Its earliness being one of its valuable points, a place should be selected for it where it will get all the advantages of early Spring suns. Some people help it by putting barrels over the roots. This keeps out the cold; and, as the rhubarb is stimulated to grow by a little heat, the natural warmth of the ground brings it up if the frost is kept out of the ground. Then the barrels help to blanch it a little, and it is not quite so sour as when left to grow naturally in its own way. Rhubarb is poor stuff when stringy, and it is the aim of good growers to have it as limp as possible. Therefore the soil is to be made as rich as possible—as good as manure can make it. When grown in this way, even the outside is tender, and it may be cut up for use without even peeling, as is so often done. Some varieties are, however, more tender than others. There are, however, four popular kinds which, when well grown, are all of about equal value. These are the Victoria, Linnaeus, Magnum Bonum, and Prince Albert. The Linnaeus is the best known, not because it is any better than the others named, but simply because some men who happened to have a large stock of it, some years ago, hit on the brilliant idea of pushing it off as the "wine plant," and thus a demand was especially created for this one, thereby putting out, by this brilliant trick of the trade, other men who had large stocks of other varieties. Only the "Linnaeus" was thus made the true Simon Pure.

Rhubarb is very rapidly increased by cutting an old "crown" to pieces. If these are split downward on a line with the growth of the root, every piece of the root will grow, though it be split into a score of pieces; but pieces of root will not grow unless there is a portion of the crown with it. The crown is the upper portion or leaf-bud, just under the ground. If very large stocks be desired, the plants should not be set too close. A root to every four feet square is enough—that is to say, the plants should grow two feet from one another every way. As the rhubarb is a gross feeder, if they be put closer than this they will likely starve one another.

Lady Gamblers.

Monte Carlo, in the little principality of Monaco, is now the only licensed gambling locality in Europe. A correspondent of the Globe thus speaks of the "Casino": "The beautiful spot overlooking the Mediterranean, where the elegant 'Casino' is situated, is one of the most picturesque that can be conceived of, and to the extraordinary beauty accorded by nature, man has added his best taste and a lavish expenditure of time and money to render it attractive to the eye, and to the luxurious demands of the most fastidious. The game was in progress all day long, and about the tables were gathered women, young and old, gray-haired men and youth of twenty. Large sums of gold were lost and won with the rapidity of thought. The women seemed certainly to be the coolest players, while nervous excitement assailed the hands of stout-looking men to shake like an aspen leaf. I saw more than one who entered the hall eager and expectant, retire with a frightful expression of countenance after losing hundreds of dollars. The experienced gamblers were occurring here daily are frequently of vivid interest. A certain prince nearly broke the bank, last Tuesday, winning 800,000 francs—\$100,000 in gold—but he lost every cent of it and a heavy sum in addition, before the close of another day. There are ladies who make their home hard by at Mentone, eminently refined and respectable in all else, but who are such monomaniacs as to pass half of their time at the fatal tables of Monte Carlo.

The Terrors of Darkness.

Children of active imaginations have hours of torture at night, by calling up visions and shapes of terror suggested by their reading. It is useless to scold at them and cruel to laugh at them, for it is a part of their nature which they cannot change. Sara Coleridge, the daughter of the philosopher and poet, passed through untold misery from this cause. The ghost in "Hamlet" seemed to haunt her chamber. Milton's picture of "Death at Hell-gate" rose before her in the darkness. The horse with eyes of flame in Southey's ballad of the "Old Woman of Berkeley" was worse than either. She said fully, "Oh, the agonies I have endured between nine and twelve at night, before mamma joined me in bed in presence of that hideous assemblage of horrors!" Her uncle Southey laughed heartily at her tale of suffering. Her mother scolded her for getting out of bed and going into the parlor when she could bear the fear no longer. But her father understood the case and directed that a lamp should be left burning, and from that time all her sufferings ceased.

Traveling in Old Times.

At the beginning of the seventeenth century, so tedious was the communication between one place and another that a letter from Yorkshire to Oxford could scarcely be answered in less than a month. A hundred years later, about 1705, the journey from London to Portsmouth was a matter of some fourteen hours, and even that depended on the state of the roads. The project of setting up post or stage coaches was thought to be an extraordinary novelty, for until that time traveling had been chiefly performed on horseback or by the traveller wagon. In 1762, when there were only six stage coaches throughout the kingdom, a person named John Crosset, of the Charter House, London, took the alarm and wrote a pamphlet demanding the suppression of these conveyances, on the ground that they would inflict a serious injury on society. Some of his reasons are curious. "These coaches," says he, "make gentlemen come to London on every small occasion, which otherwise they would not do but upon urgent necessity; nay, the convenience of the passage makes their wives often come up, who rather than come such long journeys on horseback, would stay at home. Here, when they come to town, they must be in the mode, wear fine clothes, go to plays and treats, and by these means get such a habit of idleness and love of pleasure that they are uneasy ever after."—(Dr. Chambers' Scrap Book.

The Sad Part of Sumner's Life.

Can a man pass the age of sixty without a woman steps over his life of life, to bliss or to blast? The part which a woman played in the life of Charles Sumner was a sad one. It might not be dragged to view but for the woman's own act. Only two or three days ago his divorced wife made application to her attorney, for privilege to marry again. The divorce was of Sumner's seeking, and by the Massachusetts law she could not take a second husband until the first one lived, without special permission from the Courts. Sumner went to his death cheered by no womanly word, no wifely prayers. His pillow was smoothed by the highest in the land, and the men whom a country honors stood by and groaned in spirit as he passed away. And the woman who had been his wife whom he put away on account of incompatibility, was at that time wondering how long it would be ere the court would hear and decide the petition which should give her to the arms of a younger man. Can anybody die without making somebody glad?

National Debts.

In 1840 the debts of the great civilized nations of the world amounted to \$8,500,000,000. Now they amount to about 24,000,000,000, an increase which is attributed to the unprecedented development of the investing spirit and the aid given by governments to public works, and especially to the occurrence of great and extensive wars. Of the entire addition to the debt, nearly two-thirds have been incurred by six nations, viz: France, the United States, Russia, Austria, Italy and Spain; and of the remaining third the greater part has been incurred by six other states, viz: Turkey, Egypt, Portugal, Brazil, Peru and Mexico. England and Denmark pay but 34 per cent. interest on their debt; France and the United States from 5 to 6, or even higher; Greece is said to pay 33 per cent; and Honduras the enormous rate of 60 per cent. The stocks of the countries paying low and moderate interest have increased some \$800,000,000 over the price of issue, while the stocks of those paying high and excessive interest have depreciated over \$1,000,000,000.

An Innocent Man Hanged.

The Milford (Del.) News says that John Young, an old colored man who died near Frederica, Kent county, last Sunday morning, confessed just before his death, to one John Madison, colored attendant, that he (Young) was the man who killed the old peddler, for the murder of whom one Ed. Darnell was convicted and hung a few years ago at Dover. It will be remembered that the old peddler's body was found in the mill-pond, horribly mangled, and showing every indication of having met with foul play. Circumstances pointed to the boy Darnell, and a man named William Loper, who were arraigned. Loper succeeded in proving an alibi and was acquitted, while the boy was convicted and hung. If the story is true, and there seems to be no reason to doubt it, it affords another illustration of the fallibility of circumstantial evidence, and the possibility of hanging the innocent for the guilty.

On Sunday afternoon a "Women's Christian Temperance Alliance" was organized in San Jose. Over sixty members were immediately obtained. It is the design of the members to open a crusade against the liquor sellers at once. Praying will be discarded, but each member will substitute herself a Committee of One to visit the dealers and endeavor by persuasion and moral influences to divert them from their business. Postal cards have been issued by the Association giving the liquor dealers notice of its intentions.

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