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SPECIAL NOTICE.

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WAR DEPARTMENT, SIGNAL SERVICE, U. S. ARMY.

Division of Telegrams and Reports for the benefit of Commerce and Agriculture. Report of observations taken at Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 16, 1878.

Table with columns: Time, Barometer, Thermometer, Humidity, Direction of Wind, Velocity, Weather. Includes data for 4:50 A.M., 10:30 P.M., and 11:50 P.M.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

No hard times at the IXL. Judge Willis, of San Bernardino, is in our city on a visit.

See advertisement of situation wanted, in our New To-Day.

Three divorces were granted in the District Court yesterday.

United States Surveyor-General Wagner was registered at the Pico House on Sunday.

General and Mrs. Banning were passengers by Sunday's overland train from San Francisco.

One of the men who was burned in the recent fire at Wilmington is reported to be dying, gangrene having set in.

The IXL sells thread 25 cents per dozen.

A half dozen of fine linen handkerchiefs, worth \$1.50 and \$2.50 in gold coin, for \$1, at the Mechanics' Store, 49 Main street.

An important meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southern District Agricultural Society will be held at the St. Charles next Monday at 11 A. M.

Arrived at Wilmington, December 16, bark Sierra Nevada, Neilson, master, from Departure Bay, with 100 tons of coal for the Southern Pacific Railroad Company.

Did you see the IXL 75c kid gloves?

Judge W. C. Hanna, of Chicago, who, for several years past, has spent his winters in Southern California, arrived on Sunday and is registered at the St. Charles.

Major E. M. Ross, who represented the county in the suit of Knox vs. Los Angeles county, in the Twenty-third District Court at San Francisco, returned on Sunday.

"Now you see it and now you don't." One moment we have the extreme of winter weather hereabouts and the next instant we have a sort of semi-tropical Nova Zembla lay-out.

Mr. R. R. Haines, Superintendent of this district, who has been attending a convention of Western Union Telegraph Superintendents at San Francisco, got home by Sunday's overland train.

What is the reason that the IXL does all the business in town?

A half dozen fine fancy gentlemen's socks, worth \$1.50 and \$2.50 in gold coin, for \$1, at the Mechanics' Store, 49 Main street.

Thomas Donnelly, who was brought down from Mojave on Saturday by Deputy Sheriff Calles, was examined before Mayor Toberman on a charge of embezzlement yesterday and, in default of bail, committed to await the action of the Grand Jury.

At a stated meeting of Pentapolis Lodge, No. 292, F. & A. M., held at their lodge room last evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: T. J. Caystite, W. M.; (re-elected); G. Q. Stewart, S. W.; R. R. Haines, Treasurer; Edward Lenke, Secretary.

A half dozen fine white ladies' hose, worth \$1.50 and \$2.50 in gold coin, for \$1, at the Mechanics' Store, 49 Main street.

Did you see the \$1.50 Japanese laces at the IXL?

The Bert Dramatic Company after their visit to San Bernardino, will return to this city and give another short season here during the holidays, in which they will produce the great comedy play of "Our Boarding House," and "Rose Michel," in both of which Miss Henrietta Osborne has appeared with great effect at San Francisco and elsewhere.

The alarm of fire yesterday afternoon was caused by the burning of a small frame house on the lot of the Stearns mill. The fire department responded promptly, but were too late to be of any service. The house was occupied by Joseph Hewitt, an employe at the railroad shops, who saved part of his effects. The house was a total loss.

One of the strongest wind-storms which has visited this section for many a day, commenced on Wednesday and ended last night. Old residents say it was the only real genuine "Santa Ana" which has visited this section since 1872. During this season we have been rather fortunate in escaping from these winds, having had up to this time but one or two very slight wind-storms. A great many of the business houses were closed—in fact, business of all kinds was for a time entirely suspended.—Santa Ana Herald, Dec. 14.

Only two dozen men's \$6 suits are left at the IXL.

We learn that we slightly mis-stated the grounds upon which Judge Thornton, of the 23d District Court, decided the case of Geo. C. Knox vs. the County of Los Angeles. It is true that Judge Thornton ruled the case against Knox on the merits, but it was on slightly different grounds from those stated by us. The Judge delivered his opinion from the bench as follows: The Legislature alone, under the Constitution, has the power to fix the salaries of officers created by it, and cannot delegate such power in an indefinite manner to the Board of Supervisors of a county, or to any other body. Consequently the act of the Legislature empowering the Board of Supervisors to fix Capt. Knox's salary, during his term as Irrigation Commissioner, at a sum not to exceed \$10,000, was null and void. To make the act operative the Legislature itself should have stipulated some determinate salary for Capt. Knox, so Judge Thornton holds. We confess that \$10,000 seems to us a goodly remuneration for any modest young gentleman for services as Irrigation Commissioner, and the more practical sort of people will breathe a sigh of relief, as the times go, when they hear of the payment of their pro rata of a rather formidable sum, when all the circumstances are considered. Make it \$2,500 and we are in favor of straining the letter of the law to remunerate our public-spirited fellow citizen. But \$10,000—ye Gods and little fishes, with minnows in the perspective, spare us!

Silver District.

Mr. W. Hammond arrived on Thursday from this promising district, bringing flattering accounts of the developments thus far made. While prospecting he found the old Snively mine, which has long been looked for and seemed to be lost.

Mr. Hammond, however, made some other discoveries, that bid fair to realize all the wonderful predictions made for this region years ago.

One especially, to be called the Hammond ledge, crops out largely for about three miles, most of it has been taken up, is in a limestone formation. The ledge is capped with hard rock from two to ten feet thick, like a high wall, under which lies abundant ore, that crops out on each side of the ledge, and the ledge must be about sixty feet wide on top. It is five miles from the river, with a good natural road up a wash, directly to the mine.

The ore carries much gold, but is full of silver sulphates. Mr. H. took five ounces of selected ore and reduced it, with a crucible made by hand by an old miner from Mexico out of ashes and clay, in a common blacksmith's forge; the resulting button has been shown; it weighs seven pennyweights, and has a yellowish linge. Samples have been sent to San Francisco for assay, some for gold and others for silver.—Yuma Sentinel.

The Musical Festival.

The opening session of the Musical Festival, under the auspices of the Los Angeles Philharmonic Society, at Good Templars' Hall, last night, was a most gratifying success. A number of musicians from other sections were present and took part in the exercises. To-day a large delegation is expected from Riverside, one of whom is Prof. J. F. Dietz, formerly of the Germania Band, of Boston, and late a member of Theodore Thomas' orchestra, the most celebrated musical organization that has ever appeared in the United States. At the meeting last night several choruses were rendered, the most effective of which was the Inflammatus, Miss Mamie Perry taking the solo part.

The festival meets at 2 o'clock this afternoon and again at 7:30 in the evening. The members of the Society and those holding season tickets will be admitted without extra charge, but an admission fee will be charged to all others during the remainder of the Festival.

Joe Bayer has got down from a trip to the adjacent mountains. He carried up with him his Spencer rifle and his trout fishing apparatus, with a full supply of variegated flies of the most approved pattern, such as were calculated to take the eye of the fluky and speckled inhabitants of the granite-bedded Cucamonga creek. He had no sooner dragged out of the stream a fourteen pound trout than a fourteen hundred pound bear put in his appearance, snuffing the air in a disdainful and aggressive manner, as if bologna sausage, liverwurst, and other delicacies of the civilized palate, were within his reach. While the bear was pondering their devious and evil aroma, Joe Bayer raised his deadly Spencer rifle and shot the mammoth ringer dead. His hide is being stuffed as an ornament to Congress Hall.

The tessellated pavement of the entrance and vestibule of the Baker Block is now being laid. It is composed of tiles imported direct from London; and, when the work is finished, the effect will be elegant in the extreme. The patterns are unique and complicated. When the last details are added to the Baker Block, the completion of which has been somewhat extended over the original estimate as to time, it will be the most thorough business block in California. There is no edifice, in private hands, in San Francisco which will compare with it. It will be, in fact, a close approach, in extent and completeness, to the Equitable Life Insurance Company's building on Broadway, New York.

How is it that the IXL sells Burt's French kid button shoes at \$2.75?

The regular monthly meeting of the Horticultural Society was held at the Society's office Saturday afternoon. It was resolved to hold a fair next Spring for the exhibition of semi-tropical and other fruits. The time is not yet fixed, but it will probably be held during the month of March, at a time when oranges and lemons are in their prime. The Board of Directors will now fix the time and publish a premium list together with the rules extending exhibits. Fruit-growers throughout the State will be invited to compete, and an invitation will also be extended to Florida and Louisiana.

Mr. Meuss, of the Central Drug Store, has been engaged for several days past in arranging one of the finest assortments of perfumery and other toilet articles in preparation for the Christmas holidays, which we have ever seen, but if our people's Dads do not soon do us justice to ally the intolerable heat which at present pervades the city and penetrates everywhere, his labor, and that of others who are getting ready for the holidays, may be gone for nothing. Harry Messieurs of the Council, and are on the water again.

Any one desiring to lay in a stock of clothing, either for lady or gentleman, will find no place in the city where their wants can be better supplied than at the Mechanics' Store, No. 49 Main street.

The house in daily receipt of the latest styles and their prices defied competition. Give them a call.

Mr. Mendel Meyer is now connected with L. Jacoby's clothing store, Downey block.

The finest line of ladies' clothes from \$6 to \$40, ladies' ready-made wrappers, a nice present for the holidays; at the Bazaar, corner of Main and Requena streets, opposite the U. S. Hotel.

Old hats re-made at No. 8 Aliso street. n7if

The Downey Hunters Respond.

DOWNEY, Dec. 15, 1878.

To the Gunners' Club of Los Angeles.—GENTLEMEN: Your reply, as you term it, to our challenge of the 13th instant, which appeared in yesterday's EXPRESS, is at hand and contents duly considered. Our conclusions are that you decline to accept a fair proposition for one day's sport. In regard to your counter challenge we have only to say that we are not of that class of men who indulge in such frivolity as shooting at glass balls, nor do we possess any ambition to distinguish ourselves as Bogarduses. We are credibly informed, however, that a number of pleasant gentlemen of Los Angeles, who attach less self-importance to themselves, have accepted our challenge for one day's duck-shooting, each team to comprise six in number, all to hunt together on the same ground, and the losing party to bear the expenses of the day and furnish a good supper on our return to Downey. JOHN McCLARY, C. M. BENBROOK, And others.

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Second hand clothing bought and sold at No. 8 Aliso street. n7if

Fine New York cigars at McKenzie's, only one bit each.

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RITCHIE—At Florence, Los Angeles county, Dec. 16, 1878, Harry Ritchie, son of James Ritchie, aged three years, one month and twenty-two days.

NEW TO-DAY.

Situation Wanted. As cook or to do general housework, by a middle-aged woman. Address M. A. Herald office.

DIRECTORS' MEETING.

The Board of Directors of the SOUTHERN DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY are requested to meet at the ST. CHARLES HOTEL, on MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1878, at 11 o'clock A. M.

A full attendance is desired, as business of importance will come before the Board. S. W. CRAIGIE, d17-1w Acting President.

Certificate of Co-Partnership.

This certifies that James Washington Torr, Charles Lafayette Torr and John Horner, all residents of the city of Los Angeles, county of Los Angeles, State of California, have formed a co-partnership under the name, style and firm of "The Los Angeles Woolen Company." That said partnership commenced on the 22d day of December, 1878.

That the principal piece of business is in the city of Los Angeles aforesaid. In witness whereof, said partners have hereunto signed their names in full, this 21st day of December, 1878.

JAMES WASHINGTON TORR. CHARLES LAFAYETTE TORR. JOHN HORNER.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

County of Los Angeles, ss. On this fourth day of December, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, before me, A. J. King, a Notary Public in and for said county of Los Angeles, personally appeared J. W. Torr, C. L. Torr and John Horner, known to me to be the same persons whose names are subscribed to the annexed instrument, and thereupon J. W. Torr, C. L. Torr and John Horner acknowledged to me that they had executed the same.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of my office, at my office in the city and county of Los Angeles, the day and year first above written.

[Seal.] A. J. KING, Notary Public.

TEUTONIA SALOON.

GUST. PERET has bought to-day the Teutonia saloon, opposite Cardona block, where he will keep only the best LAGER BEER and CIGARS, with HOT LUNCH from 11 A. M. to 1 P. M.

All friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to give me a call. d15-1w

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