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The Local Status.

Delayed rains are leading our citizens to speculate minutely on the future. While it may be admitted, ordinarily, that if the New Year is reached without at least one copious rain the chances for a dry year are at least eight to one—a calculation founded upon a careful review of the weather statistics of the past thirty years—there are yet several days before New Year's, in which it is liable to rain off-hand and copiously. But, whether it rains before the New Year or no, the HERALD weather seer is satisfied that the coming season will have a sufficient rainfall. To drop all assumptions of mystery, we will give the grounds for the faith that is in us. If any one will supply himself with one of those tables in which the rainfall for the last quarter of a century is indicated by raised vertical lines, he will find that no year of very heavy rainfall—such as the last—has at any time been followed by a drouth. A year of merely sufficient rainfall is frequently followed by a dry year, but a season of superabundant rains never. All signs are said to fall in a dry country; and even our weather prophecy, founded upon the strictest principles of analogy, may fail, but we do not believe that our judgment will be discredited in the outcome. The skies may stay serene and clear, and decline to distill a tear for weeks; but, until towards the end of February, we shall adhere to our opinion that at least an ordinary rainfall will be vouchsafed our people this year.

We are as sensible as anybody can be that our opinion on the weather, one way or another, is not worth a baubee; and we shall therefore consider the matter on the supposition that the coming season is to be one of drouth. Disguise it as we may, the fact is unquestionable that more money is in circulation in Los Angeles county in a dry than in a wet year. We will go further, and advance the startling proposition that if a standing drouth were guaranteed in California Los Angeles would soon be the richest county in hard cash, as it is in latent agricultural and pomological resources, in the State. The reason is a simple one, and can be summarized in a brief sentence, viz, we have the most varied irrigating facilities and the largest extent of moist land of any county in California—by moist lands we wish to be understood as meaning land which is reliably moist in years when the small streams, instead of being full, are dry, and in which the rivers, instead of overflowing their banks, scarcely rise to the ankle of the forder. The consequence is that, while our mesa farmers, in such years, fail to make crops, those of the farming class who are fortunate enough to own bottom lands, or lands with an irrigating privilege, make splendid crops and get very large prices—four or five times those realized by the farmers of the Northwest or the Mississippi valley—for their products.

Take the past year in Los Angeles county. It should be borne in mind that that was the first year in which our local rain gauges were kept in check by a branch of the United States Signal Service department. We consider that the fact of the existence of a United States Sergeant in our midst gauging the rain at a considerable altitude from the ground is equivalent to a reduction of fully ten inches in the reports of our local pluviometers. The natural local enthusiasm, and the difference between a rain gauge set on the ground and at a considerable altitude, amounts to such a discrepancy, without impugning the truthfulness of the owners of the gauges. If our premises are correct, we must have had, last year, the largest rainfall of which any record has been made in Los Angeles county.

The peculiar spontaneity of the soil of this county must be kept in mind in noting the result of these copious rains. Under our genial sun the cereals make stalk at a terrific rate. Grain grows so rank and tall that, as a matter of course, judgment and rust follow. As a consequence, our wheat fields yielded but a fourth of a crop, and our barley failed to fill out properly, last year. The excessive moisture even to our vineyardists. We thus find ourselves confronted, in Los Angeles county, with the singular paradox that we do well in a rainy season which is not too wet, and that a dry season here, which extends throughout the State at large, leaves the mass of our farmers with an unusually plethoric bank account.

Waiving the agricultural and productive outlook, of which we have given a hint in the foregoing, there is another phase of the situation in Los Angeles county which, we think, is auspicious for the future. Every resident in this section during the past six years must

remember the positive fever of speculation with which this community has been ridden. There are people amongst us to-day who have, within the past eight years, given from a dollar to ten dollars an acre for lands within the city limits who are making the very welkin ring because they cannot sell these acres, subdivided into small city lots, at anywhere from \$300 to \$500 a piece. There are other people who have given, in flush times, extravagant prices for these lots, so subdivided, who think that the crash of matter and the wreck of worlds have arrived because they cannot get out even. Turning a deaf ear to the lamentations of both, and making a judicial summary of the situation, we are inclined to think, maugre the fact that some property owners will still be frozen out, that real estate, in both city and county, has reached bed-rock, and that prices for both are current now which hold out a strong inducement to the careful and judicious investor from abroad. As soon as money matters in the East and on the Pacific Coast ease up a little, we shall receive an infusion of fresh blood and capital, which may not restore the old, hectic era of speculation, but which will start this city and county out on a era of solid, substantial prosperity.

LAST NIGHT'S NEWS.

[Special to the Herald by the Western Union Telegraph Company.

Pacific Coast News.

Passengers Per Ancon. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26th.—The Ancon, which sailed at 9 A. M. to-day, brings the following passengers for Los Angeles: B. F. Bates and wife, A. Harnisch, Dr. F. Gesteberg, E. L. Raocmet, Mrs. M. Chapel and two children, Miss Y. E. Bradburn, C. Willard, N. Button and wife, L. B. Julian, V. J. Julian, J. S. Garcia, Mrs. Bacon, H. McComas, R. Crum.

Money Market. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26th.—Brokers took half dollars this morning at 2 20 per cent. discount. Half dimes are scarce and wanted at par.

Chief Moses Captured. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26th.—A dispatch from Yakima, December 22d, via Portland, Ore., reports that ten of his principal men have been taken. Moses and three are now here in confinement. Scattering bands are hastening on to the reservation, they say for protection. Not a gun has been fired.

Heard Succeeded—Ch. H. Mann. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26th.—J. A. Moor, for whose arrest on a charge of perjury a warrant has been issued, is understood to have shaken the dust of San Francisco from his feet to return no more. Since the investigation of the school scandal began he has received many threatening letters, some of which went so far as to assure him that his life was in danger. These communications went to him in the belief that he would never again appear before the committee.

One hundred and seventy-seven drunks were arrested on Christmas Day. Low Price of Gas Stock—Bank Change. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—Recently 150 shares of San Francisco Gaslight stock sold at 80 cents, the lowest figure in years.

At the end of the present year W. H. Tillinghast, who has for a long period been connected with the Bank of British Columbia, as Manager of the Branch in this city, will retire, and the sole management will thereafter be assumed by Frederick Townsend, who for some time past has been associated as joint manager.

Influx of Tramps. PETALUMA, Cal., Dec. 26th.—This section is experiencing a lively influx of tramps from the mountains and petty thefts are almost of daily occurrence. Within a few days past several farm houses in this end of the county have been entered and robbed and on Tuesday night Constable Rupp's house, at Santa Rosa, was laid under contribution for clothing, bedding, etc.

Lynch Law in Alaska. VICTORIA, Dec. 26th.—A murder was committed at Fort Wrangel, Alaska, on the 13th inst. A man named John Boyd shot and instantly killed Thomas O'Brien without provocation. The citizens took the law into their own hands and tried the murderer before a jury selected by himself. He was found guilty and hanged on the 16th in the presence of eight hundred Indians and an armed squad consisting of forty citizens.

Details of the Capture of Moses. PORTLAND, Dec. 26th.—J. A. Splawn, Deputy Sheriff of Yakima county, sends the following account of the capture of Chief Moses, from White Bluffs, under date of the 20th: We have just got back from Crab Creek. Left here at dark on the 18th inst. Crossing the creek about midnight, we discovered a camp-fire up the mountains and, thinking it was the camp of the Perkins murderers, we started to capture. We marched until within three hundred yards of the camp when we made a charge and surrounded the fire, asking them who they were. They snuggled out "Moses." He had with him nine of his right bowers. It was about 2 o'clock when we came upon them and they had not gone to bed. No doubt they were out there on some secret plot. We disarmed and placed our prisoners under guard for the night and in the morning took them with us. They said if we would let them go they would let the Perkins murderers. After a consultation it was agreed to let six of the Indians go, with the promise that they would

A CARD.

To all who are suffering from the errors and indiscretions of youth, nervous weakness, early decay, loss of manhood, etc., I will send a remedy which will cure you. FREE OF CHARGE. This great remedy was discovered by a missionary in South America. Send a self-addressed envelope to the REV. JOSEPH T. INMAN, Station D, Bible House, New York City.

Latest Eastern News.

Silver Lower than at London.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26th.—The Secretary of the treasury to-day secured all the silver he desired at prices below London quotations.

Mrs. Mack Sentenced for Life.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26th.—The trial of Mrs. Malinda Mack, indicted at Janesville, Wisconsin, together with her hired man, Frank Dickerson, for the murder of her husband last July, closed to-day, the jury bringing in a verdict of guilty. She was sentenced to State's prison for life, the limit of the law in Wisconsin. Dickerson, who turned State's evidence, will be tried later. His testimony was to the effect that she did the killing with a stick of firewood and that he assisted in conveying the body to the stable, where they packed the horse over it several times to create the appearance of having been kicked to death. An illicit intimacy existed between Dickerson and Mrs. Mack, according to the latter's testimony, for several months.

Razors of every make at Sutherland's gun store, 75 Main street.

A grand ball will be given at Turn-Verein Hall, on New Year's eve, under the auspices of the Turn-Verein Germanists. Make no other engagement for that evening.

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

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

For your holiday presents go to the Bazaar. You will get better value for your money than at any other house in this city. Main street, opposite the U. S. Hotel.

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

Bargains in holiday goods at the Crystal Palace.

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Don't Frown, if You Can Help It, But don't smile more than you are obliged to, if you have a mouthful of discolored teeth. If such is the case procure and use at least once every day, the delightful SOZODONT, which will remove the unbecoming spots and specks that disfigure your teeth, render them pearly white, make the gums hard and rosy and insure perfect health. SOZODONT, moreover, contains no corrosive acids or gritty particles, which is the only safe as well as thoroughly effective. Sold by all druggists.

NEW TO-DAY.

MASONIC NOTICE.

LOS ANGELES LODGE, No. 42, F. & A. M. The installation of Officers of the above named Lodge will take place on FRIDAY EVENING, December 27th, 1878. All Master Masons in good standing are cordially invited. O. H. SMITH, Secretary.

FOR SALE.

A NEW TEN-QUONCE TENT, WITH A GUYS AND POLES. Also, a full set of PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, for large and small work, for gallery work and for viewing purposes. Will trade for property in Los Angeles or in San Diego cities. Call at 173 Main street, up stairs. T. OGDEN.

RACES! RACES!

SWEEPSTAKE free for all, half mile and repeat, \$30 entrance. Entrance to Gate, Grand Stand and Quarterstretch free. Entries close with C. A. Durfee on Tuesday, Dec. 31, 1878. C. A. DURFEE, Lessee.

BOARDING.

Boarding in a private family, in one of the most beautiful locations in the county, situated on the slope of the San Gabriel mountains, particularly adapted for long troubles. For particulars apply at Herald office.

REMOVAL.

Mr. PAOLI PONZIO gives notice to his friends and patrons that he has removed his studio to the residence of Mr. A. Coronel, on Alameda street. All orders to be sent to Heintzman & Ellis, drug store, who receive prompt attention.

INTERNATIONAL CHOP HOUSE

We have opened a restaurant under the above name in the new SANGUINETT BLOCK, Main street. We shall have all the delicacies of the season on hand. Open day and night. JOHN SUDRICH & CO.

STOCK REPORT.

SAN FRANCISCO STOCK AND EXCHANGE BOARD.

MORNING SESSION.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.

Gold..... 150 1/2 @ 151 1/2

Silver..... 100 1/2 @ 101 1/2

Copper..... 15 1/2 @ 16 1/2

Iron..... 10 1/2 @ 11 1/2

Lead..... 10 1/2 @ 11 1/2

Zinc..... 10 1/2 @ 11 1/2

Flour..... 10 1/2 @ 11 1/2

Wheat..... 10 1/2 @ 11 1/2

Barley..... 10 1/2 @ 11 1/2

Oats..... 10 1/2 @ 11 1/2

Corn..... 10 1/2 @ 11 1/2

Wool..... 10 1/2 @ 11 1/2

Sheep..... 10 1/2 @ 11 1/2

Cattle..... 10 1/2 @ 11 1/2

Hogs..... 10 1/2 @ 11 1/2

Pigs..... 10 1/2 @ 11 1/2

Butter..... 10 1/2 @ 11 1/2

Eggs..... 10 1/2 @ 11 1/2

Beans..... 10 1/2 @ 11 1/2

Peas..... 10 1/2 @ 11 1/2

Lentils..... 10 1/2 @ 11 1/2

Onions..... 10 1/2 @ 11 1/2

Potatoes..... 10 1/2 @ 11 1/2

Apples..... 10 1/2 @ 11 1/2

Oranges..... 10 1/2 @ 11 1/2

Lemons..... 10 1/2 @ 11 1/2

Strawberries..... 10 1/2 @ 11 1/2

Raspberries..... 10 1/2 @ 11 1/2

Blackberries..... 10 1/2 @ 11 1/2

Cherries..... 10 1/2 @ 11 1/2

Peaches..... 10 1/2 @ 11 1/2

Plums..... 10 1/2 @ 11 1/2

Apricots..... 10 1/2 @ 11 1/2

Almonds..... 10 1/2 @ 11 1/2

Pistachios..... 10 1/2 @ 11 1/2

Walnuts..... 10 1/2 @ 11 1/2

Chestnuts..... 10 1/2 @ 11 1/2

Acorns..... 10 1/2 @ 11 1/2

Maple..... 10 1/2 @ 11 1/2

Hickory..... 10 1/2 @ 11 1/2

Walrus..... 10 1/2 @ 11 1/2

Seal..... 10 1/2 @ 11 1/2

THE AMERICAN BAKERY.

The American Bakery, corner Main and First streets, is the place to get ornate cakes from \$1.00 to \$5.00. Those wishing to make Christmas presents or decorate their tables should not neglect this chance. Leave orders on Saturday for Boston brown bread and baked beans on Sunday morning. 182w

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

BAKER'S BLOCK, MAIN STREET FOR A SHORT SEASON.

Commencing this Evening, DECEMBER 23TH.

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