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 California, December 27, 1884.

Time	Barometer	Thermometer	Dew Point	Direct. of Wind	Velocity	Weather
4:15 A.M.	29.74	50	46	NW	8	Clear
12:15 P.M.	29.64	60	37	S	4	Clear
3:15 P.M.	29.76	49	40	NE	6	Clear

Maximum Thermometer, 61.8
Minimum Thermometer, 45.1.

Having sold the routes of the HERALD to F. B. Culver & Sons, they only are authorized to collect subscriptions on this paper dating on and after October 1st. All arrears of subscription prior to that date can be paid at the office or to Mr. Robert Farrell.

Weather Probabilities.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Pacific Coast: generally fair weather.

Personal Mention.

A. D. Smith, of San Francisco, is registered at the St. Elmo.

Hon. T. D. Mott, of this city, left for the north yesterday.

Mr. Herman Bintz, of Banning, is stoping at the St. Charles.

F. J. Botsford, of San Jose, is stopping at the St. Elmo Hotel.

Gen. H. B. Sargent, of Santa Monica, is registered at the St. Charles.

Judge James A. Clarke, of Pomona, is in the city registered at the Pico House.

Mrs. Priscilla Miller, of New Haven, Conn., is in this city in search of her brother, W. H. Hunter.

Miss Flora Culver, daughter of John P. Culver, is lying ill at her father's residence, on Second street.

C. F. Reaves, the genial foreman of A. T. Currier's ranch, spent Christmas in this city among his legion of friends.

Jesse I. Eddy, of New York, a brother of Mrs. Longstreet, who has been visiting this city, left for the north by the P. M. train yesterday.

Robert Martin, who owns several important mines in the Quijotoa mountains, will leave thiacity in January to look after his interests.

Captain J. F. Walker, who has been enjoying a month's vacation, will resume his duties as United States store-keeper of bonded warehouse No. 4, on January 1st.

John P. Corpstein, a champion baseballist of the Pacific Coast, left Los Angeles yesterday, after a few days' visit, for San Bernardino, where he intends to commence farming again.

F. W. Smith, General Superintendent of the A. & P. Railway Company, will arrive in a special car via Mojave to-day. His visit to Los Angeles is supposed to be in the interest of this company, who are preparing to open a road through the Cajon Pass.

John Anderson who is an old resident of Shasta, Tehama and Colusa counties, and who is now engaged in merchandising at Magdalena, in the State of Sonora, old Mexico, passed through this city yesterday on his way to San Francisco.

A Sea of Mud.

The principal streets of this city presented a sea of mud yesterday of a superior article. It was not of the coarse, uncouth country mud, but a superior article of well worked mud about the consistency of batter. It varied in depth from two inches deep on the crossings to four and six inches on a dead level. The aroma that arose from this sea of filth was like that of a contracted hog pen in a moist place. The cause of this frightful condition of our streets is attributed to the heavy rainfall, but the true business is the infernal carelessness and neglect of those whose duty it is to have the streets cleaned at least twice a year. There is not a place on the Pacific Coast, or between this Coast and that of the Atlantic, where the same shiftless carelessness for the public thoroughfares prevails as in this city. Why it is so is a mystery. The new City Council have a chance to distinguish themselves in contrast with the masterly inactivity of the old Board, or by a reformation as they see fit. Which?

Articles of Incorporation.

Yesterday the articles of incorporation of the Long Beach Land and Water Company were filed. The objects of the company are to buy, hold and sell real estate in the Cerritos and Alamitos Ranchos, in Los Angeles county, and to own and conduct water on said lands, and to erect hotels, bath houses, etc., on said lands; also to operate lines of transportation. The principal place of business is Los Angeles. The term of existence is fifty years. The number of directors is nine, as follows: R. M. Widney, George H. Bonebrake, George R. Crow, C. B. Woodhead, A. E. Pomeroy, A. M. Hough, R. H. Mott, N. W. Mills, P. M. Green. The capital stock is $100,000, all of which has been actually subscribed.

More New Houses.

A large two story house has just been completed on the upper end of Virgin street. Another handsome residence is just completed on West Fourth street. Two new dwellings are going up in East Los Angeles, while an expensive residence on Boyle Heights has just been completed, while another magnificent residence, with all the modern improvements, is nearly ready for occupancy. Further on, to the east side of Boyle Heights, four small dwellings are erected, two of them being completed and the others nearly finished. Improvements on the east side are numerous and important.

An Insane.

Yesterday afternoon Sheriff Currier and Deputy Haber went to a house on Sixth street, between Spring and Fort, to take into custody a man named Fremont Schroeder, reported to be insane. The man made some resistance but was finally persuaded to come with the officers quietly. He was examined by Drs. Hannon and Wiggins and found insane. Judge Smith committed him to the insane asylum at Stockton. Schroeder is a painter by trade and has many friends in this city. These freaks of insanity break out occasionally and he becomes violent. This is the fourth time that he has been committed to the insane asylum.

New Crosswalks Adopted.

The City Council, at the session on Friday, did a good thing in ordering five new crosswalks where they are greatly needed, as any one who sees their location very well knows. They are as follows: One across Downey avenue at the electric light, one across Alameda at Requena street, the worst place in the city; one on Third street, crossing Hill; one on Commercial street, between Main and Los Angeles streets, another muddy place, and another on First street, across Hewitt street.

The Palm Garden.

This favorite place of resort was well patronized again last night by some of the best ladies and gentlemen of the city. The absence of anything of ungentlemanly or immoral conduct and the high order of entertainment at this conservatory of music has won for the management a host of friends with connoisseurs of music and good people, notwithstanding the efforts of rival attractions who are jealous of the success of the Palm Garden.

Steamer News.

The steamer Anson arrives at San Pedro from the north to-day, passengers arriving by the morning train. Passengers bound for San Diego will take the 10 o'clock train for San Pedro. The steamer Eureka arrives at San Pedro to-morrow, passengers to arrive here on Tuesday morning. Both steamers leave for the north on the same day.

A Duck Shoot.

Yesterday evening the following members of the Recreation Gun Club left for the Ballona to spend Sunday in pursuit of the wary duck: Councilman F. E. Day, Hon. D. A. Moriarty, Messrs. C. I. Northcutts, Jake Kuhrts, Frank Brown, Joe Tapscott, R. E. White, I. A. Lothian and Frank Ingalls.

New Offices.

The broad hall of the Baker Block is being partitioned off for real estate offices, to accommodate the gentlemen who have occupied the front of the corner room of the block, into which Wells, Fargo & Co. are now moving.

The Last Call.

Monday is the last day for the payment of county taxes before the penalty is added. The County Tax Collector's office yesterday was thronged with those anxious to keep off the delinquent list.

Recorded.

The following instruments were filed in the office of the County Recorder yesterday: Fifteen deeds, eight mortgages, one release, three miscellaneous papers, one U. S. patent and two maps.

Caved Sewers.

The sewer on Second street near Olive has caved, making an immense hole in the middle of the street. The sewer at the corner of Los Angeles and Commercial streets has also given way.

Abraham Lincoln.

EDITOR HERALD:—Please inform me who is the author of the famous saying, "of the people, for the people, and by the people," and oblige, A SUBSCRIBER.
Los Angeles, Dec. 24th.

In Chambers.

Judge Smith, of the Superior Court, will try no more cases during his term of office. He will be in chambers each afternoon at 2 o'clock to hear motions and make orders.

Sent Back.

Yesterday the remains of J. W. Hall, who recently died here, were sent by express to his former home at Coatsville, Pennsylvania interment.

Shipping News.

The British ship Chipman, seventy days out from Sydney, New South Wales, loaded with coal, is reported at San Pedro.

No Call.

There will be no call on the Produce Exchange until Friday, January 2d. The members will take a holiday.

OUR NEW BUILDINGS.

What is Being Done to Ornament the City.

The building boom of last summer was somewhat disturbed by the excitement of the political campaign. The usual winter stack is occurring at the present time, but the average is far ahead of that of last year. The large immigration and the corresponding sales of real estate within the city limits is a sure indication of a big building boom next spring. Besides the numerous new residences and business blocks, a great many old ones are being remodeled and renovated, till they are as good as new.

MAYOR THOM

is having his residence, at 20 South Main street, remodeled at an expense of some $4,000. The interior of the whole house is being changed. An addition will be made of a bay and a dormer window and a second story on the wing. The decorations will be in modern style Lincrusta Walton, stained glass, and wall papers of the latest patterns. There will be a new staircase with square landings, also a new bath room and plumbing throughout.

DANIEL M'PARLAND,

is building a nice two-story cottage on Figueroa street, between Adams and Jefferson streets, at a cost of $3,000. A fine stairway winds up out of the entrance to the hallway. In the latter there is a fire place of pressed brick, and an archway leading into the parlor. The latter room has a triple bay window. It also has a window of one large plated glass which extends from the floor to the ceiling. There are six large rooms up-stairs, and five rooms down-stairs. The finishings are in natural wood.

THE NOTT BLOCK,

on the corner of Alameda and Commercial streets, will be one of the handsomest ornaments of the business portion of the city. The walls of the first story are already up, and work is being actively pushed. The building is 40x100 feet and two stories in height, with a mansard roof and a basement. The block will be of brick, with patent stone trimmings. It will have a circular bay window on the street corner, surmounted by an octagon tower. The first floor will have three stores and a billiard parlor. The second floor will have fifteen rooms and the third floor will have five rooms. The roof is to be covered with patent stone shingles. The basement is to be used for a wine cellar.

THE HOLLENBECK BLOCK.

Of all the business blocks recently erected in Los Angeles, none deserve more attention than the Hollenbeck Block, on the corner of Second and South Spring streets. Its costs about $65,000. The building is 120x160 feet, and two stories in high. From the lowest point in the basement to the tip of the flagstaff is about 100 feet. On the street corner is an octagon dome. Four pediments relieve the monotony of the outlines. The building is of brick, with stone trimmings, and iron cornices, and concrete floors. On the first floor are three stores 25x60 feet, and one store 50x125 feet, a livery stable, a dining room, and an open court in the rear. Upstairs there are 56 chambers, handsomely furnished, and are all occupied by lodgers. A fine sunny balcony is on the south side. The architect turned the building over to Mr. J. E. Hollenbeck last Saturday.

DR. W. W. ROSS

is building a two-story cottage on Hope street, between Eighth and Ninth streets. There are four rooms on each floor. Two bay windows extend over both stories. The cost will be about $4000.

J. G. DRTURE

has nearly completed a brick livery stable, on the corner of First and Fort streets. The block is 65x100 feet, and has two stories. One hundred head of horses can be accommodated. The cost will be about $12,000.

His Last Trip.

To-day Mr. C. E. Huber, Deputy Sheriff, will leave for Stockton and San Quentin with Freemont Schroeder, an insane, for the former place, and Charles Graham, sentenced for burglary, for San Quentin. This will be Mr. Huber's last trip in an official capacity, as he retires from office on the 5th of January. He has been serving as Deputy Sheriff of this county for six years past, four years under Democratic and two years under Republican Sheriffs. During this period Mr. Huber has taken to the insane asylums and to San Quentin something over four hundred persons, and traveling 174,000 miles. There has never been a complaint made against him for cruelty to any prisoner and he has always been able to subdue the most violent convicts or insanes without using force. Only one prisoner in Mr. Huber's charge ever escaped, and that was a man named J. V. Smith from Santa Ana, who was sentenced to imprisonment for life for the murder of his nine year old son. On the way up the country, on the Southern Pacific Mr. Huber left his prisoner, for a few moments, in charge of two officers. Jones asked to go for a drink of water and as he was heavily ironed, the officers consented. When he reached the forward door of the car he opened it and plunged out. He fell between the cars and the wheels passed over his leg. The train backed to the place and Jones was found in a deplorable condition. Mr. Huber took him to Tulare, where a doctor amputated his leg. Jones, however, only lived about forty eight hours. W. R. Rowland, who was at that time Sheriff of this county, paid all of Jones' funeral expenses.

Mr. Huber goes out of office with the well wishes of all who know him. He has made a faithful and efficient officer and has been particularly happy in his method of handling insane people. The HERALD wishes him a safe return from his last trip.

Land Office Items.

The recent investigations by the special inspectors of the Land Office in this district of Southern California have saved the Government 10,000 acres of land, which other wise would have been fraudulently patented.

Although there is quite an immigration to the Big Tujunga Cañon no demand has been made for an official survey of the public lands outside of the patent, and till this is made only 160 acres in each is valid. The settlers are required to first make a cash deposit before the United States surveyors are sent out to do their work. When this is accomplished the remaining steps to secure the ownership of the land are easily taken.

A large number of soldier claims are being taken up.

During the past month of November there were thirty-two homesteads filed in the office, covering 4,705 acres; the pre-emption filings numbered fifty. During the same period sixteen final homestead certificates were issued, covering 2,428.60 acres. Under the timber culture act 2,868.60 were filed upon, under twenty-one entries. Over 4,000 acres were taken up as State indemnity school selections.

The Sewers.

There are sewers and sewers. Sewers are made to carry off sewage. Gutters are made to carry off floods. Streets are graded from crown to gutter to run off the floods from the streets to the gutters. The sewers are not designed to carry off the floods of water. Now may all a little volunteer work of this kind when they are not needed to their full capacity in carrying sewage, but they are not bound by law nor their contracts to do so. It is pure, simple patriotic work on their part when they take on an extra burden in the way of water caused by a spasmodic precipitation of condensed clouds. Sometimes, when the sewers are choked with too much sewage, a little rain is good to flush them out. Only this and nothing more.

Y. M. C. A.

Following is a report of work done by the Young Men's Christian Association for the past week: Attendance at reading room per day, 63; total 441. Attendance at the Sunday meeting, 275; young men assisted to work, 18; sick visited, 9; burial of a stranger, 1; sick young man now being cared for. Strangers will do well to note the free reading room of the Association, which is warm and inviting, and open to all. The Sunday afternoon meeting from 4 to 5 P. M. is one of the best in the city, and the music, which is worth hearing, includes an organ, flute and cornet. The hall is in Nadeau Block.

Passengers Due From the East To-Day.

The following is the list of passengers from the East, via the Southern route, to arrive in Los Angeles at 12:20 P. M. to-day, specially telegraphed to the HERALD from Casa Grande, Arizona:

Benj. Selling, Miss Gussie Selling, Portland, Ore; Julius H Schlesinger, Tombstone; Mrs R M Wilkins, Tucson; A M Thalmhauser, S Koshland, Miss Carrie Koshland, E Scott, D Priest, San Francisco; A B Stoll, Manchester, Eng; C B Scudder, Tucson; S Nathan, Mojave.

Laminated Iron Pipe.

The Laminated Iron Pipe Company finished its first run of pipe this last week. This is a new manufacturing enterprise which has sprung into existence here through the energy of John P. Culver, of Tucson, and is the only factory of the kind in the United States. The pipe consists of two shells telescoped after having been dipped in hot asphaltum. The joints are soldered together. The pipe made this week stood a pressure of five hundred pounds. The factory is located on Alameda street.

City Hall Foundation.

Yesterday afternoon the special committee appointed by the City Council, consisting of Messrs. Hamilton, Holbrook, Brown, Rubio and Mellarry, visited the new City Hall and inspected the foundations of the walls. It was their united judgement that the sandstone is of the best quality, and exactly fulfills the conditions of the contract. If the contract had called for granite, the latter stone could have been easily furnished.

The Signal Service.

The signal officer at the Los Angeles station states that the rainfall of Christmas day was sent as usual to the Western Union Telegraph office for delivery to the press as on other days, but it appears that the rainfall was not delivered. It is to be hoped that the press will hereafter have the reports without delay or error. The record is now incomplete.

Christmas at Spadra.

There was quite a pleasant little gathering of friends at the residence of J. P. Martinez, near Spadra, on Christmas evening. Mr. J. A. Berry and wife, the Misses Sanucher and Marc. Perres of this city were present. The evening was delightfully spent and Mr. Martinez sustained his reputation for generous hospitality.

A Christmas Souvenir.

Colonel C. H. Howland, of the Electric Light Company, was pleasantly remembered by his employés on Christmas morning. Marching en masse to the company's office, with Professor James Warren as spokesman, they presented him with an elegant pair of gold cuff buttons.

TO HANG.

The Decision in the Silvas Murder Case.

Yesterday S. M. White, Esq., District Attorney, received the decision of the Supreme Court in the case of Silvas, who was sentenced to death by Judge Smith for the murder of James McIntyre. The Supreme Court, in an opinion rendered by Chief Justice Morrison and concurred in by Justices Ross, Myrick and Thornton, affirm the decision of the lower Court. The remittitur has not yet arrived but is expected to-morrow. After the receipt of the remittitur the condemned has thirty days of grace, and the Superior Judge in his mercy can add a few days to this respite. It is probable that Silvas will be wafted into the great beyond in about forty days. Cards have not been issued for the execution as yet, in fact no committee of arrangements has been appointed. Below is the full text of the decision:

In the Supreme Court of the State of California.

IN BANC.

People vs. Rodolfo Silvas. } 20,692

The District Attorney filed an information in the Superior Court of Los Angeles county charging the defendant with the crime of murder, alleged to have been committed in the city of Los Angeles on the morning of July 21, 1884. The facts in the case are clearly established by the evidence, and are briefly as follows:

James McIntyre, the party killed, and a friend named Hickey were passing along New High street, in Los Angeles, when they saw the defendant sitting in a chair on the sidewalk nearly opposite a saloon kept by one Olivier. The sidewalk at that place was about seven feet wide, and the house was sitting between two and three feet from the side of the house, occupying nearly the width of the walk. As the deceased and Hickey passed the defendant between him and the house, one of them rubbed against him—struck him with his foot on the leg, and knocked his hat off, as the defendant says, whereupon the defendant got up from the chair upon which he was sitting and addressed a very opprobrious epithet to the two men, particularly to Hickey, and drawing a large knife, the blade of which was about six inches in length, made a hostile demonstration with it, Hickey being the particular object of his anger. Thereupon the deceased struck at the defendant. The evidence does not show clearly whether the blow reached the defendant or not. At all events, it was a blow with the flat simply, and did not do the defendant any injury. Thereupon the defendant attacked the deceased with his knife, and pursued him at least eighty or one hundred feet, striking at him and cutting him with the knife until the deceased fell upon the ground, and died in a few minutes. The savage nature of the attack is shown by the character of the wounds inflicted. The physician who made the post mortem testified as follows: "The external examination showed five wounds, two on the fingers of the right hand, one on the back of one finger and the other on the under side of the next finger; these two lay in a direct line with each other, and could have been made at one time with a double edged knife; they were small wounds. Another wound was in the left groin, one inch and a half in length, and out of this the bowels were protruding about eight or ten inches. There was another wound in the left side, about an inch and a half or two inches from the left nipple, and an inch long. The fifth wound was on the same side, just back of the shoulder joint. . . . Both the wounds in the groin and the opening in the side were necessarily fatal, and ordinarily life would last about ten or fifteen minutes after the infliction of such wounds."

No weapon of any kind was found on the body of the deceased and it is not pretended that any was seen by any of the witnesses for the defendant. The case is one of a felonious attack by the defendant upon Hickey, an attempt by the deceased, how ever rash and ineffectuous, to resist such attack and then a most ferocious and bloodthirsty assault on deceased. The defendant pursued his unarmed and unresisting victim for eighty and perhaps one hundred feet, cutting at him with his knife and inflicting on him wounds from which he died in a few minutes. The learned counsel for the defendant labors to show that the crime does not rise higher than the degree of manslaughter; but the jury found the defendant guilty of murder in the first degree, and we do not see anything harsh or unreasonable in the verdict.

The charge of the Court to the jury is remarkably full, clear and correct. With the law as laid down by the Court the defendant had no cause of complaint; and the verdict of the jury is fully justified by that law and the evidence given in the case.

We concur: MORRISON, C. J.
ROSS, J.
MYRICK, J.
THORNTON, J.

Appeal from the Superior Court of Los Angeles County—Z. T. Cason and Canfield & Damron for appellant; Attorney General and Stephen M. White for respondent.

OUR POMONA LETTER.

Happenings in the Rising City of the Plain.

The Uniform Rank, K. of P., ball on Thursday evening was a happy success. An interesting feature of the occasion was five tableaux, emblematic of the order, arranged under the direction of E. A. DeCamp, assisted by Mrs. DeCamp and Miss Belle Chickering. Promptly at 9 o'clock the ball opened with the grand march, consisting of eighty couples, including the elite of Pomona and vicinity. The weather was, during the day and evening, exceedingly bad, but it had no effect whatever in dampening the ardor of the gallant Knights, and they feel highly elated over the affair. The managers, Messrs. DeCamp, Wisehoff and Loucks, deserve special credit in connection with the successful termination of the Order's first annual "hop."

King & Smith have taken charge of the Purdy House.

Beckel & O'Brien will open a grocery establishment in the Bank Block soon.

T. A. Cord's Palace Restaurant no longer serves the hungry, Mr. Cord retiring from the business.

Gates & Howland are preparing for a big sale of nursery goods.

The *Rustler* newspaper will change proprietorship January 1, 1885.

A great many strangers have been in this locality lately, and considerable land is being sold.

The Pomona Valley Bank will move into its new headquarters January 1st.

Pomona will in all probability have a new journal next month. It will be owned by a stock company, who will make it first class in every respect.

Our merchants report a fair holiday trade. It is said that the parties interested in the new hotel project mean business, and will push forward their very commendable enterprise. Pomona needs a first-class hotel above everything.

Pomona, December 27th. REX.

Population Forty Thousand.

The marvelous growth of the city is well illustrated by the increase in the names of the new directory now being prepared by Messrs. Atwood and Ernst. The list of names now reaches nearly 9000 in number, which indicates a population of 40,000 persons at the present time in this city. This fact will be a surprise to the people of Los Angeles who imagine that the population of the city is about 30,000, as indicated by the Great Register. The number of registered voters was 5687, which indicated a population of 28,285; but it should be remembered that a large number of persons were in the city when the Great Register was made who could not be registered on account of not having been residents of the State the requisite time. The canvassers for the directory have evidently done their work thoroughly and secured a very complete list of the names of the men, and also of such women as are engaged in business in the city. The directory list is very suggestive and indicates a growth of the city most surprising to contemplate. From present appearances it seems that the population of the city before the end of 1885 will reach 50,000.

Los Angeles at New Orleans.

At a meeting at the parlors of the Los Angeles National Bank of the Financial Committee appointed for the purpose of raising funds to have Southern California advertised and represented at New Orleans, it was the unanimous sentiment that it was of great interest to this end of the State that the Commissioners use their utmost endeavors to procure the appropriation of a day to Southern California. It was deemed necessary to raise $1,000 for the Los Angeles Commissioners. Ben Hayes and Theo. Behner, of Anaheim; B. F. Porter and Senator McClay, of San Fernando; J. DeBarth Shorb, L. H. Titus and S. K. Sewell, of San Gabriel; J. E. McConnor and F. F. Palmer, of Pomona; Jas. McFadden and W. H. Spurgeon, of Santa Ana, were added to the Committee. It was decided to commence canvassing soon after the 1st of January. The committee adjourned subject to a call of the Chairman.

A Rose Paradise.

The HERALD acknowledges the receipt of a box of beautiful roses and rosebuds from Mrs. M. Rosenbaum of Pasadena. This lady has 240 different kinds of roses growing in the open air, at her beautiful home on the bold bluff overlooking the Arroyo Seco Cañon, and fronting the beautiful Verdugo mountains on the west, and the grand San Gabriel valley on the north, east and south. This most remarkable collection is well called in the State. Mrs. Rosenbaum was formerly a resident of New Orleans and brings from the south-land her love for floriculture. This lady fills orders for rosebuds from all parts of the United States and Canada at any month in the year. Such is Southern California in the production of wealth and beauty at all times of the year.

Improvements in the Court House.

The rooms of the Superior Judges in the court house are being re-papered and handsomely decorated by J. Harry Conlan. Judge Brunson's chambers will have a touch of æstheticism to suit his refined taste. The east court room is also being overhauled, and a railing will be built enclosing the Judge's and Clerk's desks, the jury box and the witness stand.

Messrs. Morris and Rogers.

Frank Morris and W. L. Rogers, who were arrested on New High street on Friday evening, for disorderly conduct, and who resisted the officers making the arrest, were tried for their offenses yesterday before Justice Morgan. Morris was fined $50 and Rogers was fined $25. Morris' friends paid his fine, but lodgers will loiter in jail for seventy-five days.

The Egg Trade.

The trade in eggs in this city is assuming very large proportions. The business is usually conducted between the producers and the merchants, so that this trade is little known to the public. The sales at the produce Exchange yesterday consisted of 20 cases at 23 cts. per dozen.

Progress of the Sale of the Childs' Tract Lots.

At the agency of these popular lots they will soon be entering on the last one hundred, and it may be confidently said that the books will close in a few weeks and that the division of the lots by the lot-holders will take place in May. The homestead plan adopted is the one that has been the most successful in the Eastern and in the Western States. There is not a lot on the tract that is not worth the $600 on two years' credit, and that without interest. The drawing of the names of the lot-holders for precedence of choice of location is the only fair method for which a homestead can be divided. Sale of lots by premium debars the poor man from competition with his rich neighbor, while the plan on which the Childs' tract is divided gives to each lot-holder the same opportunity alike to choose his own location. All persons who are desirous of obtaining these lots at less than half the price others are asking around them are invited to call at the agency and read for themselves the agreement. Carriages are ready at all times at 273 North Main street to convey them over the portion of this beautiful tract, and they let them exercise their own judgment as to purchasing. A contract for six masts with electric lights has been made at a cost of $5,000, and the moment the weather permits the work on all the streets will be vigorously prosecuted. None of the improvements are chargeable to the lot-holders. *The city water mains have been placed already on Twelfth street at Mr. Childs' cost.* In fact, nothing will be left undone to show that this is no moneyed speculation, but that the tract will be as promised—transformed into the most beautiful residence quarter of Los Angeles. Inland from the shore, as shown by the families of the present residents, and good drainage is secured for every street. The streets are all sixty feet wide and the alleys twenty feet. The blocks are short blocks of three hundred and twenty feet, with alleys between.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

[The tenor of Communications appearing in this column is not necessarily endorsed by the editor of the HERALD. The writer who desires to be heard in this column always accompany his screed with his full name, not necessarily for publication but as a guarantee of good faith.]

Our Streets—Citizen Bunch on the Situation.

EDITOR HERALD: The owners of property in the central portion of this city say they are willing to pay any reasonable price to get rid of the mud and chuck-holes every winter, but they think that forty cents per square foot to pave the streets with square blocks is a little more than they want to stand at present, and they also believe that the cement gravel from the hills is a humbug and is but little better, if any, than the natural material of the road-beds, and will invariably cut up into mud and require more water to keep it moist in summer.

Now, I wish to make this statement to the property-owners of this city: That I can make a good, substantial road-bed, that will last for at least twenty years, and will cost the city but little to keep in repair, and will require less water to keep it moist in summer, for the sum of ten cents per square foot, the work to be done in the following manner: By first excavating and removing ten inches of the present road-bed; then put down a layer of cobble-stones, the stones to be from two to seven inches in diameter. After this layer of coarse stones is put down in a uniform manner, then add three inches of coarse river gravel, after which put on just enough cement gravel to hold the river gravel in place until the road-bed gets set. The entire depth of the road-bed, when completed, to be ten inches. This, in my opinion, is the cheapest substantial natural material that this city can use in making the streets. On a street that is eighty feet wide, it would cost the property for one-half the street, including a four-foot gutter, $3 per linear foot. Respectfully, C. A. BUNCH.

THE COURTS.

Superior Court—Howard, J.

SATURDAY, Dec. 27th.

Lewis, executrix, vs. Adams—Continued till January 3rd.

Honey vs. Warren et al.—Motion for new trial set for argument Dec. 29th.

SET FOR MONDAY.

Hollingshead vs. Baker—Trial.

SMITH, J.

Estate of I. D. Miller, deceased—Will admitted to probate.

Otto Strabel et al. vs. P. Davis et al.—Judgment for defendants.

Alfred vs. Alfred—Decree of divorce granted as prayed for.

SET FOR MONDAY.

Estate of Julia J. Jones—Will.
Estate of Oliver—Petition for letters.
Estate of J. A. Taylor—Petition for letters.
Estate of John C. Koistad—Final account.

Minor Courts.

JUSTICE LING.

W. H. Gage—Embezzlement; discharged.
Laura A. Reed—Burglary; discharged.
L. Tajina—Assault with a deadly weapon; discharged.

JUSTICE MORGAN.

Alfred Morris—Disturbing the peace; $50.
William Rogers—Battery; $25.
Juan Del Poso—Assault to murder; continued till January 10th.
George Miller—Disturbing the peace; acquitted.

HOTEL ARRIVALS YESTERDAY.

ST. CHARLES.

L Cotaz, S Bdno, H Pettibone, Ind, C Comstock, Oakland, S R Flanders, Langs, C B Bates, Pomona, H Blats, Banning, J M Montgomery & w, W Carpenter, Miss Columbus, F D Nemiah, Cuba, O W Merriman, S Gabi, H B Sargent, S Mon'a, J Bond & w, Compton Miss Henderson, " J D Hall & w.

GRAND CENTRAL.

H Hoestand, Sacram'to, Dr Marshall, Pomona, J E Bacon, San Juan, C E Beck, S Bdno, M O Haupin, N M, J D Fuller, " Miss Freeman, Spadra, P Alvias, " G W Gill, Santa Ana, S P Taylor, Fuente, P Alvard, Wilmington, T D Kieth, Lyons, A M Roberts, Downey, L P Keller, Pomona, J M Sprinkle, El Monte.

ST. ELMO.

F J Botsford, S F, J W Byrne, Tustin, H D Powell, " E M Fool & w, Jefferson, A D Smith, " D Lewis & w, " C H Sessions & wife, S Fox & w, Phila, Cleveland, Miss J Fox, " W S Gaylord, Chicago, A B Todd, " E B Bishop, S Monica.

Effects of the Rain.

Parties in from Spadra, Azusa, Duarte and Pomona, report the rains of great benefit to the farming country. At each of the above named settlements the ground is in excellent condition for plowing and farmers generally are improving the occasion by straining every effort to put in all the land available. The grasses are springing up nicely, while the effects of the late rain appears to have given vitality and new life to vegetation of every description. Large tracts of land in the vicinity of Azusa and Pomona are being plowed and put in condition for vineyards and deciduous fruits, by new comers who lately made purchases of homes. On the government lands east of Pomona and south of the railroad there are large tracts being put into barley and wheat for hay, as it is believed to be an auspicious season.

The Emerald Club.

The literary and social club organized by Irish gentlemen, met last night in Judge Morgan's Court-room. On motion the name was changed from Celtic American to that of The Emerald Club, which now becomes the standard name. A large number of new names were added to the charter, which increases the roll to a membership of 50. The club will hold its next regular meeting in the new club rooms in the BERAN building on Tuesday evening, January 6, 1885. The rooms will be tastefully furnished at that time.

Arrested.

William Johnson, the fellow who was found Friday night with a coil of unaccounted-for garden hose in his possession, was last night arrested on warrant for the theft of said hose. Mrs. Weisen, of First street, laid claim to the property and alleged that it was stolen.

Postponed.

The Christmas celebration which was to have been given Thursday evening by the Y. M. C. A. at Railroad Chapel is postponed till to-morrow evening, at 6:30 o'clock. The services will be under the charge of Rev. W. H. Ramsey.

Fishing Party.

Captain J. F. Janes, accompanied by several pleasure-seekers, left last evening for a moonlight fishing party at Santa Monica. The native smelt was the object of attack, and the party were assured of an abundance at low tide.

The Police Commission.

The new Police Commission, consisting of the following officers elect, Mayor Spence, Chief of Police McCarthy and President Miles, will meet on Monday, when applications for positions on the police force will be considered. Applications are numerous.

Discharged.

Yesterday, eighteen hands in the machine shops of the Southern Pacific road in this city were discharged. There seems to be a disposition on the part of the railway company to reduce its force in all departments.

Officer Botello.

Officer Botello, who was kicked by Rogers, a man whom he had under arrest Friday night, is not so badly hurt as his friends thought. Mr. Botello was on yesterday and will resume duty in a short time.

A Grand Ball.

On New Year's eve there will be a grand ball given at the hotel in Spadra, by the young men of that vicinity. A pleasant time is anticipated.

The cash value of a right hand is fixed by a New York Court at $7500. In the wild West the value of a hand depends largely on the number, kind and arrangement of the spots and amount of money in the pot.

BORN.

TAYLOR—In this city, December 19th, 1884, to the wife of W. W. Taylor, Esq., a daughter.

Residence for Sale at Auction.

The fine residence No. 223 Chestnut street, East Los Angeles, to be sold at auction on Wednesday next at 2 o'clock, by John C. Bell, is near Downey avenue. It will be sold to the highest bidder without reserve. Reader another column. This is a credit sale at 8½ per cent. per annum.

Palm Garden.

Concert to-night by the Berlin Lady Orchestra.

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25 All-Wool Scotch Cheviot Newmarkets at $7.50.
25 All-Wool Imported Berlin Dolmans, full length, heavily trimmed with all-wool astrakhan, at $10.
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