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## THE COAST.

### Condition of the Hawaiian Government.

ACCIDENT AT PASO ROBLES.

Rain at Different Points—A Crazy Husband at San Luis Obispo.

[Special to the Herald by the Associated Press.]

SAN FRANCISCO, December 30.—Hon. W. M. Gibson, Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Hawaiian Government, being asked by the Associated Press about the present financial condition of the kingdom, has sent from Honolulu the following statement: The annual revenue which will be about one and a half million dollars this year will, owing to amendments of the tax customs laws and improved methods of assessment, be raised next year to over two millions. The present bonded indebtedness of the kingdom is $1,070,000. This will be increased $930,000, making it in all, $2,000,000. Under the loan just made the obligations of the Hawaiian government to Claus Spreckels on account of a special loan, and also his private loan to the King have been paid off. The sugar crop of the Islands for the present year is estimated at over one hundred thousand tons. The royal palace is now lighted by electricity, and Honolulu will shortly be lighted with electric arc lights. The King will send a minister plenipotentiary to King Malieton, of Samoa, on the next outgoing steamer.

DEATH ON THE RAIL.

A Railroad Foreman Killed Near Paso Robles.

PASO ROBLES, Cal., December 30.—Yesterday A. A. Grismore, foreman of the carpenters in the employ of the railroad, who had been to San Miguel on business, boarded the construction train for the purpose of coming to Paso Robles. When the train was a short distance south of San Miguel he attempted to pass from one flat car to another. He slipped and fell on the track. One of the wheels passed over his left leg and arm, crushing both. He was taken back to San Miguel, where medical assistance was given, but he gradually sank until death came to his relief, at about eight o'clock the same evening.

In Favor of the County.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 30.—The suit of Maxwell vs. San Luis Obispo county has been decided by the Supreme Court, which held that the payments made were voluntary and that the plaintiff has failed to state facts sufficient to constitute a cause of action, and therefore reverses the previous judgment, and directs the court below to sustain a demurrer to the complaint. The case was brought to recover certain sums of money alleged to have been paid by plaintiff to the Tax Collector of San Luis Obispo county, and by him paid into the county treasury, and which sums are stated to have been illegally and in a forcible manner collected.

A Crazed Husband.

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Cal., December 30.—At the funeral of Mrs Joaquin Feliz, who was accidentally shot and killed by her husband while attempting to separate two men who were quarreling on Christmas day, Joaquin Feliz was rendered almost crazy by the consciousness of the terrible results of his carelessness and endeavored frantically to throw himself into the grave of his dead wife, and was only prevented by strong men from taking his own life. The deceased was one of a family which in former years owned vast tracts of land in Southern California. No blame is attached to Joaquin Feliz.

A Defaulter.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 30.—Frank B. May, Cashier for J. C. Johnson & Company, harness makers of this city, is reported this evening to be a defaulter. The fact of the reported defalcation has been kept from the knowledge of the public, and it is not known when the defalcation was discovered or where May is at present. The amount of the shortage is stated to be $10,000. The members of the firm are reticent in regard to the matter and decline to speak of it.

Temporarily Insane.

SAN JOSE, December 30.—Willie Chaffers, the ten-months-old child who was thrown from the second story of the Russ House window by its mother yesterday, died at 4 o'clock this morning, and the coroner's inquest was held this afternoon. The jury rendered a verdict that Mr. Chaffers did the act while temporarily insane.

Weather Indications.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 30.—Indications for the twenty-four hours commencing at 4 A. M. December 31: California—fair weather except in the extreme Northern portions light showers, followed by fair weather. Oregon and Washington Territory—some cloudiness and occasional light showers.

A Reduction.

SAN LUIS OBISPO, December 30.—The Pacific Coast Steamship Company publish here to-day that after January 1st all freight south of San Simeon carried to or from San Francisco by steamer will be charged by the pound instead of by measurement, effecting a considerable reduction in rates.

Rain.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 30.—Rains have occurred, followed by fair weather in California. The amounts of rain are as follows: Olympia, .31; Astoria, .60; Portland, .80; Roseburg, .06; Red Bluff, .27; Sacramento, .02; San Diego, .06 of an inch.

Death of a Pioneer.

SANTA BARBARA, December 30.—G. N. Collins, a pioneer, shortly after returning home last evening complained of feeling unwell and soon after died of heart disease. Mr. Collins came to California in 1848, and to Santa Barbara in 1869.

Dried Fruits East.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 30.—The *Call's* Chicago special says California varieties of dried fruits rule firm, raisins being an exception.

THE G. A. R.

The State Encampment will be Held in Los Angeles.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 30.—A meeting of the council of administration of the G. A. R. department of California was held to-day. The session was executive, but it was learned that no definite action was taken in the matter of changing the place of holding the approaching State encampment from Los Angeles, owing to the power of the council to do so being called into question. A telegram was sent to the Judge Advocate General for further instructions, asking him to define the powers of the council in this regard. Nothing further will be done until an answer is received to this dispatch.

RAPID WORK.

Progress of the New Road through Santa Ana.

SANTA ANA, December 30.—At a meeting held this afternoon a subscription to the amount of sixty thousand dollars was raised for depot grounds and the right of way for the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad. A force of one hundred men are at work between Santa Ana and San Juan Capistrano, and two hundred between Burrell Point and this place. This road is being pushed with rapidity and is expected to be completed in ninety days.

A Horrible Death.

BAKERSFIELD, December 30.—On Monday, the 27th inst., Augustin Caceras, a Chileno by birth, about 60 years of age and an old resident of Kern county, was killed at the Tejon ranch in attempting to mount a horse. The animal became fractious and Caceras was thrown, and getting entangled in the rope by which he held the animal, was dragged four or five hundred yards over ground thickly covered with boulders. He died a few hours after the accident.

A Report Unconfirmed.

NOGALES, A. T., December 30.—The report is brought here that Mexican troops and Revolutionists have had a terrible fight in Sinaloa, Mexico, and many were killed on both sides. The report is unconfirmed.

Pardoned.

SACRAMENTO, December 30.—Wong Chee Shutt, who was sentenced in 1878 to life imprisonment, for a murder committed in Los Angeles, was pardoned on condition that he leave the State never to return.

Michael Davitt Married.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 30.—Michael Davitt, the well known Home Rule leader, was married this morning to Miss Mamie Yore, at Oakland. The couple leave early next month for Ireland.

Big Cattle Deal.

BENSON, A. T., December 30.—An immense cattle transaction has just occurred between Arizona and Texas cattle dealers, five thousand head of excellent Texas steers having been purchased.

Revolution in Locomotives.

[New York Sun.]

"There is a revolution impending in the construction of locomotives," said a railroad engineer yesterday; "and the improvement, I understand, is due to the success of the triple-expansion engines on ocean steamers. Not that compound engines are to be used for locomotives, but if a number of cylinders aggregating the same power will save coal on an ocean steamer why not on a locomotive? The fact that the present system is not the best has been well known for a long time. The transmission of power through the connecting rods to the two drivers is an uneconomical way at best, and when, in going around curves, the wheels are not able to turn in unison, one or the other must slip so long as they are rigidly connected. Now it is proposed to use four cylinders instead of two, one pair for each set of drivers. The aggregate power of the four is equal to that of the two now used, but it was found in a series of experiments made at Woolwich Arsenal in England, by the British War office, that the power used to move the locomotive itself was from 30 to 40 per cent. less with four cylinders than with the two. Experiments were made with an old two-cylinder locomotive altered to use four cylinders. Of course the results were not equal to those that could be obtained with a machine made to order. The coming locomotive will have a pair of cylinders for each drive-wheel axle."

Orange Shipments.

"The San Bernardino *Index* claims the first carload of oranges left for the East last week via the C. S. R. R. Of course we don't care a pin about the matter, but just to have the public set right in regard to the matter, will say to the *Index* that the first carload of Riverside oranges of this season's crop were shipped last Friday and left Colton on the S. P. track and in one of their cars. The first load of Arlington oranges went through Colton and San Bernardino on the C. S. R. R., and there is where the *Index* switched off on the wrong track. It's all right, neighbor; no harm done; and now the reading public will rest easy in possession of the facts."

It is amusing to hear such claims from these little towns. Los Angeles ships oranges all the year, and in October and November sent forward oranges that ripened in the fall of 1886. The orange shipments of Los Angeles are perpetual.

Distinguished Visitors.

Dr. H. Latham, Secretary and Manager of the Central California Immigration Association, with headquarters at Sacramento, paid the HERALD a pleasant visit yesterday. Dr. Latham came here to take observations of the *modus operandi* of the Southern California Immigration Association, and note the phenomenal developments that have been made in Southern California within the last two years. The Doctor was more than surprised at the stability of what is called the Los Angeles boom. The Doctor left for home yesterday afternoon, determined to return later on and then take in the progress of events in San Bernardino, San Diego and distant portions of this county, with a view to profit by it in the peopling of the great Sacramento valley and the northern citrus belt.

New Year Calls.

Ladies intending to receive New Year calls will please send to the HERALD office to-day their address and the hours in which they will receive calls to-morrow. A large list will be announced—much larger than usual.

## EASTERN.

### Burning of a Steamer Near Mobile.

NEARLY A DOZEN LIVES LOST.

A Fatal Shooting Near Denver. Condition of the Wabash Lines.

*Special to the Herald by the Associated Press.*

MOBILE, Ala., December 30.—News was received here late last night of the burning of the steamer Bradish Johnson, used as a boarding house at Jackson, on the Bigbee river, eleven miles above Mobile, on Wednesday night. There is no telegraph line to that point. The Johnson was lying with her nose in the bank and a gang plank out. A. C. Yesli, one of the bosses, gave the following description of the fire:

"I had just gone to bed, when I heard the cry of fire. I rushed out into the cabin. There had been a party of men out there playing cards, and they saw the smoke rising. When I came into the cabin the fire seemed to be in a stateroom aft of the pantry, on the port side. The negroes were mostly lodged on the lower deck. They all came running forward about the same time we got there. The vessel burned very fast, and was a solid mass of flames in a moment. When I had reached the bank I turned around and saw the pilot house and texas fall in with the negroes. They fled up the bank in a mob and rushed to the woods, where they huddled like sheep, and could not be persuaded to come down to the boat. They knew that some of their number were lost in the burning boat, and they were exceedingly superstitious about it. They did not want to go near the place, so the boat became a mass of flames and burned for about an hour, when she sank, nothing but the jackstaff remaining out of water. As soon as I got ashore there was a report that there were men in the water the other side of the steamer. Skiffs were manned and sent to their rescue. They picked up Mr. Daley. There is no telling just how many lost their lives in the fire and in the river. Some say ten, but all that I know of are two negroes, Lewis Adams and Benjamin Bushy, who were drowned, and two white men missing. I think two other white men were burned with the boat, and there must have been others, for I don't think they had a chance to be awakened and escape.

THE WABASH LINES.

The Court Asked to Turn Over the Property.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., December 30.—The attorneys for the purchasing committee for the Wabash lines presented their petition to the United States Court today, praying the court to turn over the property. Judge Brewer ordered that all books of account of the roads under the new receiver be turned over to Judge Cooley, but that the present receivers retain in their possession all general books but give Judge Cooley all facilities for examining them. He also ordered that they retain all money now on hand, surrender all rolling stock covered by mortgages and report to this court any dispute which may occur out of such delivery, and that there shall be no dismissal of any parties now in the employ of the road. The purchasing committee was ordered to pay into court $1,000,000, the remainder of the purchase money due on the original bargain, and Judge Treat said that all property bought by them would then be turned over to them.

A Shooting.

DENVER, December 30.—A *News'* Pueblo special says a terrible bloody affray took place this evening among Italians gathered in a notorious Italian dive kept by A. Manbuco, adjoining the Union avenue bridge. A party of them were around a table gambling, when one named Gaetono Delisa, fancying himself cheated, jumped up, drew a revolver and began shooting. He fired five shots, the result of which is one dead man and two others dangerously hurt. Pascala Serica was shot in the left thigh, the main artery severed and he bled to death. His brother Felicia was shot in the neck and will probably die. Peter Shultz was shot in the mouth and the bullet lodged in the back of his neck. After the shooting Delisa ran away and has not been captured.

Stolen Money Recovered.

KANSAS CITY, December 30.—Superintendent Damsel, of the Adams Express Company of St. Louis, arrived here this morning with Mrs. J. Haight, on the strength of the confession made by Haight. He brought information which Robert Pinkerton acted upon by going to Leavenworth. There he recovered $9500 more, which was found buried in sealed cans. Pinkerton returned here to-night. It is reported that Mrs. Haight was taken from Leavenworth to Atchison to-night.

Killed His Father.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., December 30.—A Springville special to the *Republican-Chronicle*, relates the murder of Isaac Bickel, a farmer, 12 miles north of Buffalo Creek, by his son Ira, eighteen years of age. The farmer protested against the boy's attending a dance; the boy became angered and brained him with a club. He made no resistance to arrest.

Brewers on a Strike.

PHILADELPHIA, December 30.—A strike among the employés of the various breweries throughout the city, including brewers, drivers, coopers, engineers, firemen and other hands, numbering in all over 2000 men, was inaugurated to-day against a reduction of 20 per cent in their wages.

Death of General Loring.

NEW YORK, December 30.—Gen. W. W. Loring, Pasha, formerly of the United States army, and of the Confederate army, and later commander of Loring's corps in the Egyptian army, died of pneumonia at the St. Denis hotel to-night.

A Case Settled.

NEW YORK, December 30.—The case of the Oregon Transcontinental Company against Kuhn, Loeb & Co., in which the former recovered a verdict of $112,000, was settled to-day by the payment of $100,000.

A SUCCESSFUL AFFAIR.

St. Vincent's Entertainment a Gratifying Success.

Last evening witnessed the closing of the series of *soirees* at the St. Vincent's college. The attendance was much larger than on the two previous evenings, the crowd being so large as to completely fill the spacious hall in which the musical exercises were held. Some of our most prominent people were present and they liberally patronized the flower booth and cigar stand. The tables were, as usual, filled with the choicest eatables, and the pretty waitresses were careful to see that every one was sumptuously treated. The musical programme was delayed somewhat on account of the prolonged sociability in the dining-room. The first number on the musical programme was a zither duet by Masters. F. Stamm and J. Kapus. This sweet music was much appreciated. J. J. Schallert sang "The Raft" very creditably. The genial Mr. J. H. Brenner favored with a violin solo. Miss A. Francis George sang "My Messenger." Next came a piano solo by Mr. Bruno Gortatowski. J. C. Daly gave a splendid recitation, and was listened to with great interest. The programme concluded with a vocal quartette, in which Miss George, Mrs. J. J. Schallert and Messrs. Stamm and J. J. Schallert participated.

NOTES.

Mr. G. J. Griffith accompanied Miss Mesmer.

Mrs. Bayer was present with Miss Heinsch.

Everyone was gratified at the large attendance.

The receipts of the three nights will probably reach $1100.

At the end of the programme a number of fine cakes were raffled off.

Mr. and Miss Desmond were busy securing patrons for the flower booth.

Marry Wilson was quite at home among a bevy of young ladies in the dining room.

A. McNally was accompanied by his wife and remained throughout the musical entertainment.

Miss Wilson has been one of the zealous workers and her efforts has greatly enhanced the financial result.

Mr. I. W. Hellman, Senator Del Valle, A. H. Denker, Mayor Workman, Mr. Brodrick and Mr. Raskin dined together.

Miss Laura Chauvin sat with Miss Veazie. Both ladies were stylishly dressed and appeared much interested in Mr. Daly's recitation.

A. H. Denker was with his wife and liberally patronized the flower booth and cigar stand. He came very near buying all the button hole bouquets.

Heavy Tax Payers.

The heaviest taxpayers of Los Angeles county are I. W. Hellman (Farmers & Merchants' Bank), who pays approximately according to information received from the County Tax Collector the comfortable yearly sum of $15,000. A. Robinson, trustee, comes next with $13,000 and E. J. Baldwin is third with a cool $12,900. Then follows the Irvine estate, paying $7000. Newmark & Co. and J. Bixby & Co. $5500 each and A. B. de Baker $6000. The assessment roll in 1885 was $708,000, and this year $530,000. The delinquent list last year was $55,000 and this year as far as can be judged will be $45,000. From the fact that so many pieces of property have been divided, subdivided and resubdivided, the list of names and of descriptions of real estate will be much larger now than it was the preceding year.

Ugly John Doe.

A man, who was booked as Ugly John Doe, tried to smash up everything in the Elite saloon, corner of Main and First streets, yesterday at half-past 6. He was thrown out of doors and raised such a rumpus that he had to be arrested. It took two officers to bring him to the city jail, as he kicked and scratched with all his might.

City Staff of the Sheriff.

Sheriff J. C. Kays has appointed the following staff for the office in Los Angeles: Major H. M. Mitchell, Under Sheriff; R. M. Barham, Terrence Cooney, J. C. Cline, C. L. Cruz, Deputies; Jailor, James Thompson.

The county deputies have not all been appointed but will be announced in a few days.

Azusa Oranges.

Sheriff Gard yesterday brought in from Azusa a sample of splendid Navel oranges that were marvels of beauty. Some of the oranges weighed over a pound each. They were from Eckler's orchard, that is but four year's old, and show that the Azusa is one of the finest regions for oranges in the State.

A Petrified Fish Story.

While digging a well upon the Madeline plains, in Lassen county, recently, a farmer named Moulton, at a depth of fourteen feet, struck a soft sand rock, which was taken out in layers of four to ten inches in thickness. Between these layers he found a number of skeletons of fishes, sea shells, leaves and sticks, many of the leaves and sticks being in a petrified condition. The prints of the forms of the fishes were distinctly marked between the layers of rock and all the bones were in a good state of preservation. One fish measured two feet in length, and from the connection of the backbone he was led to believe that it had been a codfish or a haddock, but in all probability it was a species now extinct. These bones were taken out and it was his intention to preserve them, but on being exposed to to the air all except the backbones were crumbled into dust. He found many of these fishes which ranged from four inches to two feet in length. They were firmly imbedded in the sand rock with the imprint, but upon being brought to the surface and exposed to the air it soon slacked to such an extent as to completely obliterate all traces.—*Colton Semi-Tropic.*

The President Better.

WASHINGTON, December 30.—The President's health is improving daily. He sat in his private room this morning and busied himself with some matters of legislation and executive papers. In the afternoon a Cabinet meeting was held, during which the President occupied an easy chair. His secretary has no doubt of the President ability to hold the usual New Year's reception, and says he desires to attend General Logan's funeral to-morrow if the weather is propitious.

## THE DEAD GENERAL.

### Preparations for the Funeral of Logan.

ORDER OF THE PROCESSION.

The Remains Lie in State in the Capitol—Relief for Mrs. Logan.

[Special to the Herald by the Associated Press.]

WASHINGTON, December 30.—A sheet of fresh fallen snow covered the ground this morning and the skies were overcast and somber. At the Logan mansion all preparations for the removal of the dead statesman had been perfected during the night. The remains still lay in the chamber where the General died, but had been placed in the casket.

At 1 o'clock to-day the immediate family of General Logan were summoned and for a brief time remained alone with their dead. The lids were fastened in place, the ample folds of the garrison flag were arranged about the casket and tied in place with ribbons of white, while flowers and palm branches were placed on its top. All being in readiness for the more formal but private leavetaking, the doors were opened and the widow, supported by her son and other relatives, and the nearer friends of the deceased, entered. Mrs. Logan knelt sobbing at the head of the casket, and when the others had entered and the door had been closed, the voice of the pastor was raised in prayer. There was a moment of suspense, broken only by the sobs of the stricken ones and soon the orderly raised the almost fainting form of the widow and led her away. The Sergeant-at-Arms superintended the removal of the casket, and it was slowly and carefully removed from the chamber of death to the hearse, which was preceded by the pastor's carriage alone, and surrounded by platoons of the Grand Army and followed by a long procession of carriages, moved slowly down the hill to the Capitol.

The funeral cortege escorting the remains of Senator Logan arrived at the capitol at 1:30, amid the silence of the thousands of persons who had assembled in the rotunda. The casket was placed upon the bier prepared for its reception in accordance with the arrangements. There was no service of any kind and people present were requested to withdraw until 2 o'clock, when the lid of the casket would be opened and the public be permitted to view the remains.

The President has directed that while the remains of the late Senator Logan are lying in state at the capitol the flags on the public buildings will be displayed at half mast and that they so remain until after the ceremony. An order was issued at the Interior Department to-day allowing all members of the Grand Army employed in the department who wish to attend the funeral of General Logan to be absent all day to-morrow.

ORDER OF PROCESSION.

Orders for the formation and conduct of the procession of General Logan, were made to-day. The first division will assemble on the plaza east of the the Capitol, at 12 o'clock noon, and be formed in line facing west with its right resting opposite the Senate wing.

The second division, consisting entirely of carriages, will be ranged in the plaza east of the Capitol.

The third division will assemble on First street, N. W., left resting on Indiana avenue, at 12:30 o'clock P. M., and be formed in line facing east with its right resting on R street.

Immediately on the conclusion of the ceremonies the first and second divisions will move successively from the plaza around the north front of the Capitol to Pennsylvania avenue. The third division will move into the column when its right is uncovered by the second division. The first divisions will be formed into columns by companies or platoons, after turning into Pennsylvania avenue, and the column will move westwardly on Pennsylvania avenue to Fifteenth street, Fifteenth street to Vermont avenue, Vermont avenue to Rhode Island avenue, Rhode Island avenue to Seventh street, and Seventh street to Rock Creek Cemetery.

The Logan Fund.

WASHINGTON, December 30.—Subscriptions to the Logan fund received to-day amount to a total of $2425.

CHICAGO, December 30.—Wm. Penn Nixon, treasurer of the Logan fund, sent to Mrs. Logan to-night $6500 as the result of the first day's collections in this city for the $100,000 tribute. A number of other subscriptions are promised. The Chicago subscribers prefer to make their remittances direct to Mrs. Logan. Their names have not yet been made public. Ex-Congressman C. B. Farwell received $7000 to-day to apply on the $30,000 fund to pay off the debts of General Logan.

A Trial.

BOSTON, December 30.—In the Andover-Heraly trial this morning, Rev. Mr. Blaisdell, one of the four accusers, withdrew his name from the complaints, saying that he was satisfied with Professor Smythe's reply. Judge Asa French opened the argument for the prosecution and was followed by Rev. J. W. Wellman. The trial will be continued to-morrow.

A Confession.

ST. LOUIS, December 30.—It is stated that Oscar Cook to-day made a confession that Fotheringham, the Adams express messenger, who is now in jail charged with complicity in the robbery at Pacific, Mo., knew all about the plan to rob his car, and was a willing victim to the attack of the robbers. He was promised $10,000 of the amount stolen as his share of the boodle.

The Thetis.

WASHINGTON, December 30.—Lieut. Wm. H. E. Mory has been ordered to the command of the Thetis, one of the Greeley relief vessels, which has been refitted at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, and will be attached to the Pacific squadron. The Thetis is to be stationed in Alaska waters to act in conjunction with the Pinta, which is not regarded as entirely safe for an open sea cruiser.

A Marriage.

CLEVELAND, December 30.—At Norwalk, O., this evening Miss Mary Sherman, daughter of N. C. Sherman, of that place, was married to Barchard A. Hayes, son of the ex-President.

THE DIVA'S CONCERT.

Good Progress Making for the Appearance of Patti.

Mr. Marcus R. Mayer feels much encouraged in the prospects for the appearance of Mme. Patti. With the receipts given upon payment of the fee, in the number of the seat, thus the first comers get the best seats. These receipts are changed later for regular coupon tickets.

Mr. Mayer finds by actual computation that he can get 1538 seats in Mott Hall, and that the receipts at his schedule of prices will reach $10,458, if all the seats are sold. As they will probably be all taken, and as others will pay for standing room in the hall, the receipts will run above that figure.

San Diego sends greeting and wishes to have thirty fine seats reserved for her citizens. This is the *avant courier* of the orders from the city of "bay and climate." She will be heard from again and then again. The C. S. R'y, with customary enterprise and public spirit put the price of round-trip tickets from San Diego to Los Angeles and return at the low fare of $5. That is the way to patronize high art and be popular.

Mr. Mayer goes north to-day, but he says he will not only play the "Queen of Song" in Mott hall, but that next May he will give us Bernhardt for one night in the drama at the same place.

He will return to meet Patti here.

Agricultural Thrift.

NORWALK, December 30, 1886.

EDITOR HERALD.—One of the best evidences of the prosperity of any farming community and the productivity of the soil of the section is found in the quantity and character of its marketable exports above the products used for home consumption. Judged by this standard the region tributary to Norwalk, as a railroad shipping point, is entitled to a high rank among the most flourishing communities of Southern California. It should not be forgotten that the close proximity of other stations on the railroad, limits somewhat the area of the region paying railway tribute at this station, Downey being only four miles above, Costa six and Anaheim nine miles below. Besides, there is not one-tenth part of the soil under cultivation. As it is, however, there has been shipped by rail from this station during the year 1886 up to yesterday a trifle short of 4,500,000 pounds, products of the soil. These consist chiefly of corn, barley, hay, potatoes, live hogs, lard, wine, cheese, butter, eggs, etc., and fruit of all kinds, and do not include the considerable exports shipped by express, nor the large quantities, owing to the short and easy drive, hauled in wagons to Los Angeles. This is pre-eminently a fine stock country, and during the past few years much attention has been paid to the introduction of the best breeds of horses and cattle. The sales made of these, as well as of beeves, do not appear among the outgoing railroad freights, although the rearing of fine horses is one of the most profitable and rapidly increasing industries of this section. A certain encouragement has been given to dairy farming by the prosperous cheese factory of Messrs. Johnson & Lumbard of Norwalk, although it is an industry not yet sufficiently appreciated by the farmers in general. Thus far during the year 1886 this firm has consumed 940,869 pounds of milk, manufacturing 104,809½ pounds of cheese, from which has been realized the snug little sum of $11,869.62. The cheese is excellent in quality and commands a ready market at the highest prices. There seems to be an increasing disposition to add to the acreage of vineyards. During the past year a large number of vines have been planted, and preparations for many more are making. That this will in time become perhaps the leading industry of this region may be inferred from the extraordinary yields of the vines already in bearing. Mr. Huber's vineyard of forty-five acres, fifteen of which are young vines making their first partial crop this year, situated closely by Norwalk, has yielded in his winery 26,000 gallons of wine. The crop of the Baker vineyard of thirty acres has been pressed into 19,000 gallons. The Johnson and other vineyards have yielded equally well. None of these vines have ever received a drop of water by irrigation. Those having the largest experience and most extended observation are earnestly of the opinion that the whole of this section cannot be anywhere surpassed in grape culture, and it will be an unaccountable surprise if some of the thousands of acres now in the market, in both small and large tracts, at astonishingly low prices, are not snapped up before the new year rolls by.

Among some of the marvelous growths are a few young orchards of English walnut trees. The soil and climate appear to be especially adapted to their rapid and healthy development. A sprig the size of one's finger which grows into a branching tree in two years, without artificial application of water, to the height of over 20 feet, having a trunk 16 inches in circumference, would be a curiosity anywhere else than in the neighborhood of Norwalk. The deciduous fruit trees are almost equally rapid in growth and fruitful in bearing. Something of the rapid progress going on in the portion of the county traversed by this branch of the S. P. R. R. may be witnessed in the large and increasing freight traffic of the road. This morning the long line of freight cars leaving your city numbered 34; and the weekly cash freight receipts at this office average about $1,500. V. S.

A Tripartite Quarrel.

The Sacramento, Fresno and Riverside papers are having a little spat about raisins that is somewhat animated. Following are some of their sentiments:

The Sacramento *Bee* is very much dissatisfied because Fresno raisins took the first premium at the Citrus Fair, and does not want Fresno to be allowed to show her raisins in the exhibit to be made at Chicago. The *Bee* virtually says by this that it would rather have second-class California raisins exhibited at Chicago than to have Fresno profit by the exhibit of her first-class product. A paper of the *Bee's* standing ought be ashamed of such jealous, narrow minded conduct.—*Fresno Republican.*

The *Bee* took the same position relative to Riverside oranges at the Sacramento fair last year. It was mad, and declared that when the fair was removed to San Francisco, the Riverside fruit should be ruled out and it was. The *Bee* practically says: The Sacramento basin can exhibit the finest fruits in the world—when all other localities are ruled out of competition.—*Riverside Press.*

## FOREIGN.

### Still Discussing the Bulgarian Question.

CHURCHILL ON HIS DIGNITY.

Michal Davitt Married—Loss of Life in the Snow in Germany.

[Special to the Herald by the Associated Press.]

VIENNA, December 30.—It is rumored here that Russia and Turkey have agreed to send a joint ultimatum to Bulgaria ordering the government to comply with their demands under pain of the occupation of Roumelia. Nothing definite has been received from the Prince of Mingrelia. O'Donnell telegrams however report that intimate friends of the Prince have received more hopeful news, presumably from the Prince himself.

ENGLISH POLITICS.

Sir Michael Hicks-Beach will not Resign.

LONDON, December 30.—The Marquis of Salisbury, after an interview with Lord Hartington to-morrow, will hold an informal council for the purpose of re-arranging the Cabinet. There is not a whisper about Sir Michael Hicks-Beach having resigned the office of chief Secretary of Ireland, and it is certain that at the meeting of the Cabinet on Tuesday the other ministers concurred in his expressed decision to continue his present work. Lord Charles Beresford one of the junior lords of the Admiralty, is mentioned as successor to William Henry Smith in the war office. Otherwise the ministry will remain. The refusal of Lord Hartington to enter the Cabinet gratifies the Tories, who strongly objected to an infusion of Liberal blood in the ministry. The Cabinet ministers will go to Osborne to-morrow to attend the Council, at which the question of the further prerogatives of Parliament will be discussed. Parnell resumed work to-day, being engaged for several hours in the London office of the Nationalist party.

London News.

NEW YORK, December 30.—A London cablegram says: A storm has entirely severed telegraphic communication with the south of England and the continent.

With so many ugly rumors afloat, much anxiety is felt as to the course of events which are believed to be taking shape pretty rapidly.

A cablegram to the *Star* says: The Cabinets of the great powers, for the sake of peace, and in order to bring the Bulgarian difficulty to a close, are arranging to accept the candidature of Prince Nicholas Davidovitch, of Mingrelia, for the throne of Bulgaria. The British and German governments have given their adhesion to this.

LONDON, December 30.—The Paris correspondent of the *Times* affirms that he has information from an undoubted source that Russia and Germany signed a direct alliance a fortnight ago. The Czar, adds the correspondent, was decided in taking this course by the attitude manifested towards Russia by Count Kalnoky, of Austria, the Hungarian Minister of Foreign Affairs, and by the expectations that Floquet would be made Prime Minister of France.

The *Star's* London correspondent says: Sir Michael Hicks-Beach has accepted the position of Chancellor of the Exchequer in place of Lord Randolph Churchill. The Cabinet has decided to meet Parliament and carry on the business of the country if the Unionists give pledges of support. If not, there will be an appeal to the country.

Churchill's Demands.

LONDON, December 30.—The *Post* continues to urge that the government effect a reconciliation with Lord Randolph Churchill. It is reported that the latter insists as a condition of his return to the ministry that the places of Lord Iddesleigh and Sir Richard Cross in the Cabinet be given to Mr. Ritchie and Sir Henry Holland.

Lost in the Snow.

BERLIN, December 30.—The removal of snow which fell in the late storm has revealed an appalling loss of life. Many travelers were overtaken by the storm. Fifty bodies have been found in Saxony, thirty in Thuringia and forty in Southern Germany. It is estimated that the total loss of life will be nearly 200.

Churchill's Successor.

LONDON, December 30.—The Right Hon. William Henry Smith, Secretary of War, is to take Lord Randolph Churchill's place as leader of the Conservatives in the House of Commons.

Collecting Rents at Midnight.

DUBLIN, December 30.—John O'Connor, M. P., and Messrs. Mandeville and Casey resumed the collection of rents of the Kingston estate, in Cork, at midnight to-night.

California vs. Florida Freights on Oranges.

A pamphlet issued by the Florida Fruit Exchange gives the freight on oranges to prominent cities of the northwest. Railroads on the Atlantic coast only put 250 boxes in the car, whereas the transcontinental roads put 300 to 326 to a car. The rates per box from Florida in carload lots are as follows:

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| To Chicago, Ill. | 61 Cts. |
| Cincinnati, Ohio | 46 " |
| St. Louis, Mo | 55 " |
| Peoria, Ill. | 61 " |
| Kansas City | 70 " |
| Cleveland, Ohio | 60 " |
| Indianapolis | 67 " |
| St. Paul, Minn | 70 " |
| Minneapolis, Minn | 70 " |
| Louisville, Ky | 45 " |

From Southern California the rate of freight per box on oranges in carload lots, figuring 300 boxes to the car, are as follows: To St. Paul, Minneapolis, Kansas City and St. Louis, 66 cents per box; to Chicago and Peoria, 75 cents, and to the other points named 83 cents. California secures the cheapest rate to St. Paul, Minneapolis and Kansas City, and Florida has but a little advantage over California to the other cities named. California is being treated better by the railroads, considering the length of haul than Florida is.

Florida, so far as passenger fares are concerned, is far ahead of California, but notwithstanding this fact, California is getting the bulk of the travel at the present time.