

"NOBBY" CLARKE'S GREAT SCHEME. HE WANTS AN INCOME AND INTEREST IN THOUSANDS OF ACRES OF LAND. GREAT RUSH OF APPLICANTS.

Alfred Clarke, proprietor of an institution known as "Clarke's College of Law," is doing a land office business, though he has no official connection with Uncle Sam, nor the lesser commonwealth known by the distinguishing title, the State of California. Mr. Clarke, best known to his friends under the name of "Nobby," is a lawyer of some note in San Francisco and has an office at 218 Larkin street.

For the past six weeks United States Land Commissioner John P. Dunn has been besieged by applicants desiring to take up homesteads in South San Francisco and San Mateo County. Within that time probably a hundred people have filed papers for the regulation 160 acres.

Mr. Dunn's investigation has brought to the surface an agreement which Mr. Clarke had with every applicant for a homestead in South San Francisco and San Mateo, reading as follows:

Whereas, I have employed Alfred Clarke Esq. as my attorney to prosecute my claim to certain lands in San Mateo County (or San Francisco County), in township... He is to defray the expenses of litigation and carry my claim to the highest tribunal...

Not satisfied with this "three-quarter clause" it is stated that Clarke has a separate agreement, which called for 10 cents an acre per month until the suit was finally decided in favor of the applicant.

Out of the most outrageous thing I ever heard of," said Commissioner Dunn yesterday, "for there is no possible hope of these people securing a homestead on the lands applied for. This was Government land, which had been reserved for the military and navy, and is now being sold to the public by the United States Government."

Like castles in the air. Louis Corriveau's estate still remains in doubt and mystery.

of the bank named, who was designated as Corriveau's executor in the will of 1888, but who declined to act as executor at his residence, 1616 Clay street, yesterday afternoon. Mr. White said:

There is no doubt that Corriveau died possessed of considerable property unless he gave it away outright before his death. I knew him over twenty years ago, and I can't say that he was a very successful man. Nearly a score of years ago he bought some property on Geary street. He borrowed a part of the purchase money from us, and always paid the interest promptly. About three years ago he sold this property and paid the bank. He also deposited \$20,000, which represented a portion of the rise in the value of the property sold. After that Corriveau drew out his money in various amounts from time to time. One time, about a year ago, he drew \$10,000 on one check. I haven't the remotest idea of what he did with it. His account at the bank was finally closed on the 23rd or 24th of last July. I saw and spoke to him very seldom after that.

Public Administrator Freese and his assistant, E. F. Cluin, are hard at work trying to find the missing fortune.

THE EPWORTH LEAGUE CONCERT. About Sixty Dollars Realized for San Francisco's Poor. The Methodist church, on Powell street, below Clay, was filled with a large audience Friday evening, the occasion being a grand concert, under the auspices of the help department of the Epworth League.

CLIFTON'S COACHING PLAN. FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO SAN MATEO BEHIND THOROUGH-BREDS. ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE BURLINGAME CLUB WAITING FOR THE START.

There will be started within the next few days a swell coach service between this city and San Mateo. The conditions to be established are just as complete as those that have governed so long the coaching lines from the avenue de l'Opera in Paris and the Belmont coaches from New York to Newport.

Talbot Clifton's imported English coach is now in the Burlingame Club coach-house, and on the center panels are being painted the words "San Francisco and San Mateo," and the coach itself promises, in appearance at least, all the fun and swagger enjoyment that ought to mark the establishment of a twenty-mile coach service.

As a whip Mr. Clifton's reputation is known, and it is more than likely that when his coach leaves the Palace Hotel for San Mateo there will be appreciative bystanders without limit.

The plan is purely social, and the service will be, in technical points, the most correct ever seen in this locality. Naturally the Burlingame Club is the objective point of Mr. Clifton's enterprise. Members of the club will use the coach, but so far as the public is concerned, it will be a regular line, and not a private party.

GASTLEMAN FOR THE ACMES. He Will Not Ride in the Olympic Relay Team. The rumor published exclusively in yesterday's CALL that Casey Gastleman, the Los Angeles flyer, would ride in the relay team of the Acme Club Wheelmen of Oakland was positively confirmed yesterday. Although the Olympic Club whistlers announced he would ride for them, he has decided to rest his lot with the riders across the bay.



PRESIDENTIAL ELIGIBILITY.—J. C. R., City. The question whether a boy born abroad of parents born in the United States would be eligible to the office of President of the United States is one that has never been brought to the test of a Federal court decision. The constitution says that "no person except a natural-born citizen or a citizen of the United States at the time of the adoption of this constitution shall be eligible to the office of President."

POLL TAX.—W. W. W., City. It is claimed by poll-tax collectors that when they give notice to an employer that he has twenty-five men working for him and that they will hold him responsible for the payment of the poll tax they owe, that is sufficient notice for him to pay the tax under the provisions of the law.

TO JOIN THE NAVY.—H. P. B., Seid Valley, Siskiyou County, and W. S. and W. C., Stockton, California. At this time there is no naval recruiting station, but a young man who wishes to enter the United States navy can send his application to the commander of the United States Sloop of War, the USS Albatross, at San Francisco, California.

THE TERM CHESTNUT.—W. T., City. The term "chestnut" as applied to jokes that were originated in Noah's ark and stories that have been often repeated, originated in Philadelphia. It was used in connection with the Chestnut-street Theater in that city. If a story that was old enough to walk alone was repeated, or some old-fashioned anecdote was given, or an ancient proverb was used, the person who told it would remark that it was "old enough to have been given birth at the Chestnut Theater."

THE SEVEN WONDERS, OLD AND NEW.—L. J., Vallejo, Solano County, Cal. The seven wonders of the world are: The Pyramids, the Colossus of Rhodes, Diana's Temple at Ephesus, the Pharos of Alexandria, the Hanging Gardens of Babylon, the Statue of the Olympian Jove and the Mausoleum, at Artemis, at Halicarnassus. The seven wonders are: Niagara Falls, the Mammoth Cave, the Canyons and Gardens of the Gods in Colorado, the Calaveras and Mariposa Big Trees of California, the Great Smoky Mountains and the Yosemite Valley of California.

LETTERS OF FRIENDSHIP.—L. D., City. A young lady should be very careful in writing a letter of friendship to a gentleman for the first time; she should be sure that he really is a friend before writing to him, and she should also consider if it is absolutely necessary that such a letter should be written. How it should be written depends upon the character of the friendship existing. As a general thing the gentleman's name followed by "Dear Friend" or "Dear Sir" would be proper, and it would be correct to close it with "Respectfully yours," but if it is a really dear friend it would be better to write "Yours in friendship."

A BEAR TRAP.—C. F. J., Carbon, Carbon County, Wyo. In some States of the Union it is unlawful to set traps or spring guns in places to catch thieves who may unlawfully enter a house. If the owner of a barn should set a bear trap in the barn for the purpose of catching a burglar who entered it and stole hay, and should an innocent person, not knowing that

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Notice Extraordinary! On March 28, we bought at Public Auction in the Board of Trade Rooms, the entire stock of the bankrupt firm of Philip Kennedy & Co. We paid \$29,000 for \$52,000 worth of goods, and as soon as we can get them ready we will begin the greatest sale of Dry Goods ever held in California. Watch the papers for particulars. HALE BROS. (Incorporated), 937, 939, 941 Market Street.

answer the questions asked, for the reason that the statistics are not made up in the form suggested by the questioner. The report for January, 1895, shows, on hand, standard silver dollars, 2,000,000; fractional silver coin, \$14,483,636.17; outstanding silver certificates, \$326,924,504; late certificates in the treasury, \$5,000,000; silver bullion of 1890 (coin), \$124,450,023.25; fractional silver coin, \$14,483,636.17.

THE FRENCH POPULATION.—A friend of the Queen Victoria has been the figures of the census of 1890 writes that the number of natives of France residents of San Francisco at the time the census was taken was 4663.

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