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See Oakland to-day.

These are florid times.

There seems to be a frolic everywhere.

What the rains started the sunshine will ripen.

Santa Rosa is crowned Queen of the North.

All things are gay for those who love gayety.

The weather isn't torrid, but it is a trifle tropical.

A lack of pride is incompatible with progress.

For every festival in California there is a strike in the East.

The Pacific Yacht Club will spread its white wings to-day.

The Delaware Legislature shut up with the same deadlock it opened with.

The dog show may be accounted as another of the successes of the season.

England has no more fear of the Monroe doctrine than of doing anything wrong.

Other festal cities had rose queens, but Oakland will content herself with a bud.

The San Joaquin would thank us for a little wind, with the breath of the ocean in it.

Festivals come and festivals go, but the San Joaquin road will stay with us forever.

This warm weather is melting the sunshine into ingots and coining the fruit into gold.

The San Joaquin Valley has an opportunity to say what it thinks of San Francisco.

No man is ever accounted good in the community unless he is good for something.

The San Joaquin road deserves the China Basin in a clean shape without any cold soup in it.

It isn't worth while to kick at a silurian when you can hit him with an improvement club.

This is the kind of weather that puts the sugar in the strawberry and the flavor in the cherry.

It would be a wise thing to keep the Board of Health free from the necessity of fumigation.

After the glow and the fervor of the interior festivals, society will be glad to take in the Santa Cruz swim.

If the big money syndicate buys up all the gold it will be easy to let them keep it and do business with silver.

It is one of the paradoxes in life that the wheels in a man's head never run so rapidly as when he is off his trolley.

The Civic Federation proposes to do something to help the Half-million Club by checking the streetcar death rate.

The average citizen cannot without an effort be brought to think that the Morgue is a proper place for frolics and orgies.

The first thing for the next Congress to do by way of beginning business is to put the Wilson tariff on the misfit counter.

When the Democrats were in power they did nothing for bimetallism, but now they are out of office they mouth it wonderfully.

The Hawaiian National Band has been expelled from the islands because it refused to take the Doleful oath of allegiance.

The two substantial evidences of advancement in local improvement are the present increased sales of lots and the absence of increased prices.

One of the surest proofs of the coming of better times for California is to be found in the growing improvement of the wine and the mining industry.

Northward, westward and southward San Francisco grows and finds everywhere new sites for homes overlooking vistas where every prospect pleases.

No Californian who does not provide his own table generously with California fruit has a right to complain because somebody in the East does not indulge in our orchard products.

The advancing prosperity of Amador County is manifest by the fact the Amador *Record* has expanded to an eight-page quarto and records a bright and hopeful outlook for Sutter Creek and all the mining interests.

The London *Economist*, after deducting the amount of trade Great Britain lost by the depression, estimates that the British people profited by the reduced prices of imported goods in 1894 by something more than $100,000,000.

Those who may see a red light burning on or near the summit of Mount Diablo this evening need fear no worse eruption than the Cross Country Club, which goes thither to-day and likes something red at night to steer its course by.

Unless the Southern Pacific is ready to prove that the fruit tariffs which it must charge in order to do business have an eye to the meeting of obligations which need never have been incurred, the people of California cannot be convinced that competition in transportation is unnecessary.

It is not only the helpless dead in the Morgue who need decent treatment, but also the healthy living people of the city who are not ready to make personal contributions to the Morgue statistics by being thrown in contact with prevalent diseases which a competent Board of Health might avert.

FOOLISH FEARS.

The statements made by the directors of the San Joaquin road in reference to the lease of China Basin, published in the CALL yesterday, are certainly sufficient to convince any man of the sincerity of the promoters of the enterprise, unless it should be some man in whom suspicion has become so predominant a characteristic that the eye cannot see, the ear cannot hear nor the mind learn of anything that does not suggest the possibility of fraud or danger.

That there are people so naturally inclined to forebodings of evil they will conjure up improbabilities to base their forebodings on, if nothing else serves, is well known. Has it not been narrated that an elderly maiden was once found sitting upon a doorstep bitterly weeping, who, in answer to an inquiry concerning the cause of her grief, wailed out in a voice of woe: "I was just thinking that if I should marry and should have a beautiful child and if some one should dig a well in the vacant lot over there, and if the child should go into the lot to play and fall into the well, he would be drowned and I should lose my child."

Absurd as the old story is, it is not without its parallels in common life. Is not the dread which some of the Harbor Commissioners have in the present case a parallel? The Commissioners say: If this, if that, if the other should happen in such and such a sequence the Valley road might pass into the hands of men who if certain additional possibilities should happen would be in a position where the Southern Pacific under a conceivable contingency would be able to get control of the lease and drown the baby competition in the monopoly well.

Jesting aside, however, the vast importance of the projected line raises every question that concerns it to the degree of a great issue. The Harbor Commissioners should look at the question of the lease in the light of its effect upon the State and upon all the industries thereof. Why should there be any weak forebodings of evil at the very time when every prospect is bright and every heart is full of hope and encouragement? The State and the people have such urgent need of the competing road, with terminal facilities in San Francisco, that it would not be a bad bargain to get the road even at the price of giving the China Basin outright as a free gift to the company that builds it.

No such gift, however, is asked for, expected or even suggested. The company asks only for a lease of the basin at a rental of $1000 a year under terms that will assure the road the possession of that terminal for fifty years. In consideration of this the company is pledged to improve the property and to enter at once upon the construction of the proposed road. No sane man who has any knowledge of the conditions under which the road has been organized and its stock pooled can have any reasonable doubt that the State will be a great gainer by the transaction. Forebodings of evil are, of course, always possible, but in this case they are close to the verge of folly. Men who take counsel of their fears rather than of their hopes never achieve anything, and in this case there are great things to be achieved. It is time for us to have confidence in ourselves and in our fellowmen, and the Harbor Commissioners owe it as a duty to the State to go forward and not stand aghast at some remote possibility of an improbable danger.

OAKLAND'S GREAT DAY.

We are assured that the entertainment to be given at the Oakland Trotting Park to-day for the benefit of the Fabiola Hospital will be a spectacle of uncommon beauty and magnitude. In view of the character and purpose of the fete nothing could be more graceful than a very generous attendance of San Franciscans. The present indications are that the weather will be superb.

Although this splendid fete is to be given for the benefit of a local charity, and therefore has not for its purpose the broader scope of the splendid floral festivals which have been given by Los Angeles, Santa Barbara and Santa Rosa, it will serve the larger purpose while accomplishing the smaller. The Fabiola Hospital is a most worthy charity. It has done conspicuous good in its way, and deserves all the assistance to be given it. In thus providing for its necessities by the giving of a grand outdoor entertainment the people of Oakland are showing the very best of those good qualities which can be employed in advancing the material interests of their city. Out of the success which this undertaking will score we shall expect Oakland to draw inspiration and courage to assail those broader tasks, in the accomplishment of which her future greatness rests.

Meanwhile let us all make the most of the splendid opportunity for enjoyment which the present occasion presents. The fashionable of the Burlingame Club will parade in all their graceful panoply of clothes and drags; lithe-legged young men will run races on bicycles as though their lives depended on winning; the horse show will be a spectacle in itself, and fairest of all will be the parade of the flowers which all good Oaklanders know so well how to grow. The gentle breezes which sweep in through the Golden Gate will never refresh a braver or happier gathering than this, nor the sunshine fall upon warmer hearts; and the golden seeds of charity which will be sown will fall upon a grateful and fructifying soil.

UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC.

The announcement made at the meeting of the board of trustees of the University of the Pacific on Thursday, of the excellent condition of the allied colleges at San Jose and at Napa and of the university generally, will give no little satisfaction to all who are interested in higher education; for the university holds a unique place in our educational system and performs a special work whose value can hardly be overrated.

The financial condition of both colleges was reported to be good, considering the money stringency which has prevailed everywhere, and the close of the fiscal year will show but a small deficit in the funds. Of the $50,000 necessary to liquidate the debts of the university $42,000 has been raised and $10,000 additional has been contributed to an endowment fund to assist deserving students pursuing the classical course. Prospects are good, moreover, for further contributions in the near future, and the sanguine belief is expressed that before long fully $75,000 will be subscribed to the different funds of the institution. These reports are certainly full of encouragement, and while the sums named are not large when compared with the endowments of some other universities, they will suffice for the day and maintain the institution against the coming of greater things.

The University of the Pacific does not rank in wealth and extent with those of Berkeley and Stanford, but none the less it holds an important place in the educational system of the State and is bound to increase in usefulness as the State develops and population increases. As the oldest university on the Pacific Coast, it stands as the pioneer of learning, and attests that those who settled California in the early days did not all of them come here for gold only, but that many of them were conscious they were building a great commonwealth, and had determined to lay its foundations broadly upon the best and highest education.

The record achieved by the university has been a notable one in many ways, and the Methodist church may well be proud of having founded it, supported it and conducted it. It has a large body of alumni, and many among them have attained high eminence in the State. These men and women having now achieved something of power, influence and fortune, are in a position to join in the work of assisting and promoting the aims of their alma water. It ought to be their pride as well as their privilege to do so, and it cannot be questioned that not a few of them will so regard it. The university therefore may reasonably look to the future for the fulfillment of great things, and, as it occupies a field quite distinct from that cultivated by any other university in the State, its progress will be marked with sincere gratification by every Californian.

ADVANCING AMADOR.

The Amador *Record* was recently enlarged to an eight-page form, and in making the change the public-spirited editors used the occasion to exalt the community they live in rather than themselves. Concerning the enlargement of the paper nothing was said except the brief paragraph "The *Record* is now an eight-page quarto." Concerning the town of Sutter Creek, however, and the county generally much was said and abundant evidence given of the advantages the locality offers to settlers and investors.

From the statements made in the various articles of the paper it appears that Sutter Creek and Amador are making improvements of all kinds and expecting them from nearly all directions. We find scattered over the first page paragraphs like these: "It is all forward." "Nothing is going backward." "New people are moving in." "There are no vacant dwellings in town and new ones are going up." "Some big mining schemes are on the tapis in this county." "A new railroad is heading toward Amador City from the Ione branch and a number of new mining operations are being evolved." "The mining interests around Jackson are in the most flourishing condition. Several big mining operations are in full blast and others are being started up." "Plymouth has picked up amazingly in the past year and a number of new mining enterprises have been inaugurated." "Oleta is on the verge of a full-fledged mining boom." "There is a great deal of prospecting in the vicinity of Volcano with encouraging results." "The parties who are developing the quartz ledge on the Oneta ranch are pushing ahead with a vim."

From the examples given, judge the rest. The whole page glows with short, luminous articles on local industries and local interests. Every section of the county is mentioned. All the big mines are noted specially. We are told what is doing at the Wildman, the Mahoney, the South Eureka, the Maximillian and what is expected at other mines. Nor are other industries overlooked. In short, the county as a whole is pictured in these statements of facts concerning what its people are doing, and the picture is animated with the life of real things. Such a paper is worth something. It is universally interesting because it is locally true. We congratulate the Calkins brothers, editors, on their success with the enlargement of their paper: we congratulate them on living in a community, where, as they say, "Everybody takes a hand in advancing some improvement"; and, finally, we congratulate Sutter Creek and Amador on having such a *Record*, for it is one to be proud of.

COURAGE THAT WINS.

Four men of Napa — Under Sheriff Brownlee, Attorney Bell, P. N. True and John Williams—went hurriedly out last Thursday to intercept two hard and dangerous highwaymen who had robbed the Calistoga and Clear Lake stage, and who, they had learned, were passengers on the stage from Montecello to Napa. These four have so distinguished themselves for their courageous conduct that they stand forth in this State and at this time as men whom good citizens delight to honor. It is true that they intended to reach a safe spot where they might leave their own carriage on the roadside and ambush the ruffians; but it is true also that having failed in this, and having met the highwaymen on the road and discovered that the more dangerous of the two was sitting beside the stage-driver and held a shotgun in his hands, they opened the desperate battle for life or death, in the name of the law, and came out of a bloody fight wounded, but victorious.

There have been many fierce battles in California between highwaymen and officers of the law, but we cannot remember one to surpass this in brilliancy of daring. Vasquez was filled with buckshot while leaping from a window; Sontag was captured when the daylight following the fearful battle of the early night had made a descent upon his shattered body reasonably safe; and Evans was taken in bed, whither he had crawled to groan over his wounds. But these four stalwart men of Napa—only one of whom was bound as an officer to seek the desperadoes—took chances vastly greater than any which these celebrated cases disclose. They fought to the death in the open; took aim and fired as though their own bodies were not covered, disregarding the fact that at the next moment they might be lying stark in the road; and finally landed two of the most desperate of highwaymen in prison—one shot through the vitals and the other already regarding the world through a noose.

Under Sheriff Brownlee and John Williams have some honorable lead in various parts of their bodies, but no harm will come from that. The stage-driver, John Gardner, an honest man, has in his own person some bullets meant for the highwaymen. That was unfortunate, but necessary; and surely the good people of Napa will know how to salve his injuries as well as how to show appreciation for the heroic courage of its four brave men.

FORWARDING OUR FRUITS.

In the CALL of yesterday appeared a compact and highly instructive statement of the conditions which will affect the overland shipment of this year's fruit crop in California. It discloses a number of peculiar facts. One is that while the Southern Pacific Company has arranged to furnish 700 ventilator cars for this season's use and will try to secure a five-day time between Sacramento and Chicago, the Santa Fe road has gone far beyond that move by constructing a car which may be used either as a ventilator or a refrigerator, and whose other great advantage is that it saves so much to the shipper in the weight of boxes. It is evident that every pound saved on the weight of packages is one pound more of fruit, and hence a saving in the cost of transportation. This often may represent the shipper's margin of profit.

To be more particular, by the use of the Santa Fe car the shipper can send 3328 more pounds of fruit than in a Southern Pacific ventilator car. Besides that the Santa Fe boxes cost only $43 75 a car, against $90 for boxes in a Southern Pacific car. It is easy for the shipper to calculate how much he could save if the Southern Pacific would offer advantages equal to those given by the Santa Fe.

The Southern Pacific has taken the trouble to explain that the lumber interest of California, as represented in the kind of boxes which must be used in its cars, gives employment to a large number of persons and is an important concern. We are as fully aware of this fact as of two others, namely, that the Southern Pacific has an interest in some of the mills which produce fruit boxes, and that the local freight receipts by the Southern Pacific on boxes shipped from the place of manufacture to the packing centers must be a considerable item in the company's receipts. And while the Southern Pacific may be pursuing a praiseworthy course, by which it secures a double advantage in encouraging the lumber industry of the State, the fact remains that the production of fruit and wine and their profitable marketing outside the State are the main sources upon which the prosperity and development of the State must depend.

The contract between the Southern Pacific and the Santa Fe is based on the proposition that competition in overland transportation would be hurtful to the interests of those two companies. Hence it is that the Santa Fe is not permitted to send its improved cars into the region north of Goshen, or if it does they must be sent East over the Central Pacific. This is a very comfortable arrangement for these two companies, but meanwhile the differences between the local policies of the two companies may be taken to explain much of the prosperity of Southern California and the stagnation of the business north of Tehachapi. It is true that the superior enterprise of the people in the southern region has been an important factor in this result, but it is equally true and notorious that the efforts of the Santa Fe in developing the southern region have been immeasurably superior to those of the Southern Pacific in this part of the State.

The salient lesson to be learned from these complications is that a monopoly of transportation is an evil so long as it prevents the profitable shipment of California fruits to the Eastern market. The Southern Pacific has done a handsome thing for our fruit-growers in making arrangements which will reduce the necessity for employing refrigerator cars, but it has not done sufficient to show that it can be safely trusted with the enormous responsibility of deciding by its tariffs and other regulations the whole question of California's prosperity.

PERSONALS.

Dr. J. H. West of Klamathon is at the Grand.

A. B. Jackson, a banker of Salinas, is at the Grand.

O. T. Dyer, a banker of Riverside, is at the Palace.

Captain and Mrs. Rich of Bakersfield are at the Palace.

Senator Thomas Flint Jr. of San Juan is at the Grand.

W. B. Newlin, a fruit-shipper of Los Angeles, is a guest at the Palace.

Stanton L. Carter, an attorney of Fresno, registered at the Lick yesterday.

C. J. Sharon came in from Virginia City yesterday and registered at the Palace.

T.S. Phelps of the United States ship Olympia registered last evening at the Palace.

Senator J. H. Seawell came down from Ukiah yesterday, and registered at the California.

William J. Jeter came to town yesterday from Santa Cruz, and is registered at the California.

C. H. Phillips, a prominent capitalist of San Luis Obispo, registered at the Palace yesterday.

Varnum B. Cochran of Marquette, ex-Superintendent of Schools of Michigan, is a guest at the Grand.

James W. Bartlett, the District Attorney of Trinity County, has come down from Weaverville and is a guest at the Lick.

Prince Franz Josef of Battenberg and Colonel Townshend spent the day yesterday in sightseeing about the City and will leave on this evening's overland for the East.

Rev. A. C. Hirst, D.D., pastor Simpson Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church, has recovered from an attack of the grip and will preach to-morrow morning and evening.

Senator S. M. Cullom of Illinois, who has been visiting San Jose and Monterey, returned to the Palace last evening to attend the banquet given in his honor by the Union League Club.

J. Stanley Brown, an agent of the Treasury Department from Washington, arrived in this City yesterday on his way to Alaska, and is stopping at the Occidental. Mr. Brown married a daughter of ex-President Garfield.

SPIRIT OF THE PRESS.

The loudest-mouthed reformer is often the first man to sell out his constituents.—Humboldt Standard.

Claus Spreckels, A. B. Spreckels, Grove Ayer and Thomas Watson will go to Aptos to-day and will remain there until next Monday.

Now that there is no danger of their doing anything indiscreet, the President will send two or three warships to Nicaraguan waters.—Portland Oregonian.

Cheer up, fellow-citizens; cheer up. Less than two years more of Grover and Wall street, and then we may hope for somebody else and the people.—Fresno Republican.

A trust to control "excelsior," an article used in upholstery, is being formed in Michigan. It is hardly necessary to explain that excelsior means higher.—Santa Barbara Press.

It is a common saying that nothing can be relied upon in the press, when just the reverse should hold; and that it pays to be correct and absolutely authentic is shown in the various grades of influence passessed by different journals.—Pasadena News.

Yes, to be sure, gold is "sound money." Just listen for a moment to the awful din its advocates are making. But we want something more than sound. We want the prosperity which would come with the remonetization of silver.—Redlands Facts.

The present awakening in San Francisco, if maintained, will in a few years make the Half-million Club seem very modest. There is no reason why San Francisco should not have a million inhabitants before the first decade of the twentieth century is complete.—Stockton Independent.

So far as Pasadena is concerned we have an exceptionally beautiful locality, with a climate to suit, but it has taken no little effort to turn the sheep pasture of twenty years ago into the city of to-day. We have accomplished it by hard work, by being loyal to the town and to each other, and by telling the world about it.—Pasadena News.

Now is the time for everybody to join hands in a grand push for everything that will benefit the town and county. A word in season and out of season in favor of our town, its location, capabilities, will keep it before the people whom we want to come and make their homes here. Let those people now here stop whining. Let them praise instead of decrying the town. Put your shoulders to the wheel and all push together, with the one and single purpose of boosting the town into the front rank. It can be done. It must be done.—Winters Express.

Within the boundaries of Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties are all the elements of prosperity. Were they by some convulsion of nature torn from the coast and made an island of the inland sea they would still possess attributes that would make them independent. Iron and coal, gold and bitumen, strawberries, potatoes, olives, fruit, wheat, barley, rye, oats and every other product of the soil are elements of independence upon which it is safe to rely and build future hopes.—San Luis Obispo Breeze.

AROUND THE CORRIDORS.

Colonel T. Chalmers Scott, who is a candidate for adjutant-general, was a newspaper correspondent once, and although but a boy at the time worked up a big "scoop" for the New York Herald. The other evening at the Occidental he was telling about it and said: "Upon the opening of the China steamship line in 1867 I made the round trip to China and back on the first steamer, the old Colorado, on her first voyage there as special correspondent for the New York Herald. On our arrival at Hongkong at midnight the Pacific and Oceanic steamer, which had waited twenty-four hours for us, was ready to start. I borrowed the captain's gig and boarded her and mailed my letters, paying pursers' rates for postage. She left in half an hour for the West. There was no other steamer for a week and so the Herald beat the Tribune and other New York papers. Coming back our steamer was to leave Yokohama at such an hour that the latest quotations from Shanghai on rice and flour and other important articles by cable were four or five hours old. I arranged for a tug to come down the channel and meet us with the quotations later than any others had received. Before our arrival at San Francisco the local agent of the Herald had chartered the Western Union telegraph line for twenty-four hours for trade purposes. I came from the steamer without waiting for my baggage to the telegraph office and sent off all the quotations and other correspondence in cipher, and the Herald printed the news twenty-four hours ahead of all the other New York papers. The Herald having the line would let no news through for the other papers."

C. C. Terrill, who is heard frequently in the councils of the Civic Federation, returned from a visit to the Santa Rosa Rose Carnival yesterday and when told that the federation had been informed by Manager E. P. Vining of the Market-street Railway Company that the company was complying strictly with the fender ordinance, he smiled broadly and replied:

"That reminds me of the story they tell of a well-known attorney of Sacramento, who is wont to indulge too deeply in the intoxicating bowl. A short time ago his friends resolved to have him arrested on account of his drunkenness, so as to teach him a lesson.

"So, late one night when Attorney X was unusually exhilarated he was literally dragged away to the City Prison and credited on the prison register with disturbing the peace. X put up $5 bail and gave his name as Smith—he was sober enough to appreciate the advisability of that, at least.

"The next morning when the case was called an attorney arose close to the Judge's bench and moved, very solemnly, for the dismissal of the case. His Honor blinked knowingly and asked:

"'Which is the defendant?' as he looked toward the dock.

"Just then the attorney leaned over and whispered to his Honor:

"'Sh, Judge. I'm the defendant.'

"'Case dismissed,' said the court

"Do you think the counsel of the Market-street Railway Company and their imported manager can obtain a dismissal of the charges of disregard of the law by such a plan? Well, I think not."

Colonel John S. Young of the Russ House last evening was speaking of the great reduction in the number of guests at the hotels at the beginning of the harvest season. "A month ago the hotel was crowded. The falling off in the arrivals from the interior of the State now as the harvesting is about to begin is nearly 50 per cent, and for the next three or four months a large number will be kept at home."

Manager Thorn of the Grand Hotel takes a good deal of interest in the coming Venetian water carnival of Santa Cruz, and has notified the committee in charge that he will give them all the committee-rooms they may require in this City in the Grand Hotel. Mr. Thorn has been placed on the committee on promotion by Chairman Sullivan of Santa Cruz.

PEOPLE TALKED ABOUT.

Paul Bourget will be formally received into the French Academy on June 13.

Thomas Nelson Page has a beautiful home full of valuable things from all parts of the world.

There is a probability that President Faure will shortly visit England and be a guest of the Queen.

Myron J. Whitney of Syracuse, N. Y., is suing the State Board of Charities for keeping him shut up as a lunatic for 264 days, and claims $1,320,000, or $5000 a day.

Kaiser Wilhelm has forbidden the officers and men of the Berlin garrison to smoke in the principal streets of the city, in consequence of irregularities in the salute offered to His Majesty and the members of the royal family.

Senator Manderson of Nebraska has a fine collection of Indian relics at his home in Omaha, and one that time will render each year of increasing value, for our Indians and their ways will soon be things of a past generation.

Marie Louise's son by her chamberlain, Count Neippurg, whom she married after Napoleon's death, has just died near Vienna. He was Prince William of Montenuovo, an Italianized form of Neuberg (Neipperg), and was 74 years old. He survived his brother, the King of Rome, sixty-three years.

Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria, says Le Figaro, intends to change the order of succession established by the pragmatic sanction of 1723, by which Maria Theresa became Queen, and to have the crown transferred to his only grandson, the child of his youngest daughter Valerie and the Archduke Francis Salvator.

Professor Victor Horsley, who is a relentless vivisectionist, has won his great reputation a a brain specialist to some extent by the vigorous research he has made into the surgical methods in vogue among the prehistoric races. He is a tall, well-built man, clean shaven, except for his mustache, with dark-brown hair, gray eyes and a well-shaped head. His manner is abrupt and seemingly thoughtless, and his dexterity with the surgical knife is nothing short of marvelous.

SUPPOSED TO BE HUMOROUS.

It is cheaper to owe rent than to move.—New York Press.

England considers it generally advisable to send an ultimatum C. O. D.—Washington Star.

The man who never forgets anything never forgets to boast about it to every one he meets.—Boston Globe.

She—No, Mr. Bluunderre, I cannot entertain your proposal. The truth is I am engaged to marry your father.

He—Why, the old idiot.—Indianapolis Journal.

Before marriage the question a girl asks her lover is, "Do you really love me?" After marriage the query becomes, "Is my hat on straight?"—Tammany Times.

Man is made in God's own image, so we are told. When we look about us, it is rather hard to believe this, but when we come to ourselves it is easy to see that it must be so.—Boston Transcript.

She had now become desperate.

"Your family has a grand name," he observed.

"I would prefer almost any other," she rejoined with a promptness sufficient to suggest that she had given the subject thought.

After a time she sat as one in a trance and wondered what would be the chances of his tumbling if a wheat elevator were to precipitate itself upon him.—Detroit Tribune.

Young lady—I must have some money to go off on a journey.

Father—Eh? Where?

Young lady—I don't know yet, but I must go somewhere at once.

Father—Why! What's happened?

Young lady—The dressmaker misunderstood me, and instead of a walking costume she has sent me a traveling gown.—Tid Bits.

Mrs. Snaggs—I am so glad that Mr. Bloomfield is rid of his chills and ague.

Mr. Snaggs—But he isn't.

"You said he was."

"I didn't."

"You said the ague had given him the cold shake."

"Well?"

Here the discussion ended.—Pittsburg Chronicle Telegraph.

MR. WILDER IS ON GUARD.

The Hawaiian Representative Is Watching the Filibusters.

He Does Not Think This Government Will Interfere With Them at Present.

Charles T. Wilder, Consul-General for Hawaii, is on the alert for filibustering insurrectionists who are supposed to be making preparations to invade the Paradise of the Pacific and overthrow the present Government of Hawaii. In an interview on the subject yesterday Mr. Wilder said:

"There have been rumors and rumors of filibustering expeditions for many months past, but I learned nothing definite until a short time ago. At first I paid no attention to these rumors, but I have since obtained information which has caused me to change my mind. Now I am convinced that the rumors were not without foundation. In fact, I know there is something in the wind, but just what I know I am not now at liberty to tell. I have received instructions from my Government to investigate the matter thoroughly, and to take such steps as may be necessary to prevent the shipment of guns and invaders to the islands from American ports. Of course as a matter of official duty, as well as one of sentiment and political faith, I shall do all in my power to prevent unlawful shipments of arms and men from United States ports. And I am not idle in the premises, I can assure you."

"Have you any agents in the field watching the suspected leaders of the proposed insurrection?" was asked.

"Yes, I have three or four of them," replied Mr. Wilder, "and they are wide-awake and very sly. I know for a certainty who are the men that are working up this filibustering scheme. I cannot give the names of the principals just now, but I know who they are. I have no hesitation, however, in mentioning the name of one of the agents of the filibustering chiefs. It is Francis L. G. Harden, an adventurous young fellow, who is wholly irresponsible. He has everything to gain and nothing to lose. He was banished from Hawaii last winter, and has roved about on this Coast ever since. He recently went to the southern part of the State on a secret mission for the men who are backing the insurrectionary movement. I have had him watched, and I have learned that he is up to mischief."

"What will you do in case that you have positive proof of a hostile movement on the Coast?"

"What will I do? Well, I hardly know just what I can do. My only course will be to lay the matter before the United States authorities and invoke the intervention of the neutrality law. But I don't expect much, if anything, from the United States Government. In fact it has been shown that this Government will not interfere or take any action at law in any cases of violation of the neutrality laws so far as Hawaii is concerned. Take the case of the schooner Wahlberg for instance, and her captain, Mathew Martin. There was not even the shadow of a doubt that the Wahlberg landed the rifles and ammunition, and further, that Captain Wahlberg swore to a false manifest of cargo.

When I tried to prosecute Martin for violating the neutrality laws I was informed by the United States District Attorney for the Southern District of California, Mr. Denis, that I had no case unless it were to prosecute Martin for perjury in swearing to a manifest and then putting in an additional cargo of arms. When I consulted United States District Attorney Foote I was informed that there was no case on any grounds against Captain Martin. Hence, Martin and the Wahlberg were released. If the insurrectionists succeed in leaving this Coast, with a vessel of light draft, they will have no trouble in landing in Hawaii. There are hundreds of coves and inlets and natural harbors on all of the islands—harbors that are unguarded and from which guns, men, ammunition and other accoutrements of war can be landed at any time with ease and comparative safety."

A PANHANDLE CHURCH.

The Howard Presbyterian Building to Be Moved Out Near the Park.

There is a good prospect of a Presbyterian church being erected near the panhandle of Golden Gate Park before very long. The matter has been under discussion for some time. It seems that years ago the officers of Hamilton-square Church purchased a building lot near Hamilton square, but they never built a church thereon. In time the lot was sold for $2500. The Woodbridge Presbyterian Church, which disbanded after paying all its debts, had about $4000 left. The two sums of money were thrown together by the presbytery and a lot purchased near the panhandle. Since then various suggestions have been made as to the use to which the land could be put, and many were in favor of erecting a building there for mission purposes. The Howard Presbyterian Church on Mission street, near Third, after several ups and downs, called Rev. F. R. Farrand to its pulpit. That gentleman, in a spirit of enterprise, suggested that the Howard Church be moved out upon the panhandle lot, and the project has met with universal favor by the members of the congregation. At a recent meeting of the board of directors the moving of the old church was indorsed. It is believed that in the near future steps will be taken to carry out the proposition.

BEAUTIFUL CARNATIONS.

J. H. Sievers Won the State Floral Society's Special Premium.

At a meeting of the California State Floral Society yesterday a society badge was discussed. A committee, composed of Mrs. Charles Mason, Mrs. Weister, Mrs Baldwin, Mrs. Ryder and Mrs. Martin, was appointed to select a design for the badge. At the June meeting Mr. Hutchinson will read a paper on the sweet pea. At the July meeting J. H. Sievers will present a paper on tuberous bigonias. It was decided to have a permanent floral exhibit at the coming Mechanics' Institute Fair.

A beautiful exhibit of carnations was made by J. H. Sievers, Gallert & Co. and F. L. Volberg of Alameda, who competed for the $7 50 premium offered by John Hinkle for the best variety. Sievers won the premium.

Hounds and Hares.

San Jose, Sacramento, Modesto, Stockton, Oakland, Merced and Fresno, as also San Francisco, are enthusiastic in their efforts to secure some of the prize money offered to all-comers at the interstate coursing meeting to be held at Casserly's well-known coursing park at Ocean View, commencing Decoration day, May 30, and continuing the two following Sundays. Messrs D. Shannon, J. J. Edmonds, John Grace, H. Hufl, J. R. Dickson and J. H. Perigo will have charge of the meeting. Casserly Bros. have added $365 to the stake. Following are the prizes: First, $250; second, $125; third and fourth, $50 each; fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth, $15 each. There will be a consolation stake, to which the club will add a purse. Mr. John Grace will be in the saddle, and Mr. James Wren will handle the slips. In anticipation of the large attendance that is expected, the Messrs. Casserly have remodeled the grand stand and grounds, intending to make this the greatest meeting ever held on the Pacific Coast. The great number of hares now in the park will satisfy the wishes of the most ardent sportsman. *

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