NEWS OF THE COAST.

Madera, Merced and San Bernardino Assessments.

PLEAS FOR REDUCTIONS.

A Queer Tale of the Experience of Dutch Colonists Related.

ASSESSOR HOSKINS' OVERSIGHT.

San Bernardino Companies Alleged to Have Been Assessed Too High.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., Aug. 22.—Merced, Madera and San Bernardino counties appeared before the Board of Equalization to-day and argued long and earnestly that their assessments should not be raised.

Pasture land in Merced County can be rented for 15 cents an acre, and the man who takes it will be out on the investment, according to Assessor Simonson. Supervisors Nelson, Haley and Kelsey agreed with him in this. They also said that the Crocker Land and Water Company, which was one of their biggest concerns, would not put in any grain next year, because it did not pay.

When the subject of the Holland colony, six miles north of Merced, was broached Mr. Simonson said that nearly all the colonists had moved out of the county. Some had gone back to Holland, others had moved into the coast counties and were enjoying life and not paying so much for the experience. Thirty or forty families were brought out from Holland originally, and they paid $1 65 an acre for the land. It is now worth about $25. There are not more than half a dozen of the original colonists on the land. They had put magnificent improvements on the place, but now the trees are all dead.

"I don't want to give the county a black eye, because we have the best county in the State," remarked the Assessor, "and it is undoubtedly the best assessed county. But we have a few thousand acres of poor land. Where the Hollanders settled it was worse than alkali. It was hardpan, and they had to blast holes with dynamite before they could plant the trees."

"They had to send to Holland to get people to settle on that land," remarked Controller Colgan.

The Assessor explained that the unfortunate Dutch bought the land while they were in Holland. The land looked splendid on the map.

"How was it that Los Angeles allowed these Hollanders to get into your county?" asked Equalizer Morehouse.

The Assessor explained that they were brought from Holland by an agent, and came by the northern route. "It's a pity they didn't get away," he added, "before they reached Merced, because it has done Merced County more harm than good."

Only eighteen bicycles appear upon the assessment roll of Merced County. The Assessor explained that he thought there were more wheels than that in the county. In fact he had narrowly escaped being run over by more bicycles than that in the streets of Merced. He owned one himself.

At the afternoon session Assessor Hoskins told how the once famous John Brown colony had depreciated in value because of the decline in the price of raisins and other farm products. He had not assessed the Bank of Madera for anything, because when he asked the cashier whether there was any money in the bank the cashier told him that there was none. The bank had $50,000 in San Francisco.

Equalizer Morehouse asked the Assessor whether he had not assessed that $50,000 as solvent credits, and he replied that he had not thought of that. It is likely that that $50,000 will be added to the roll of Madera County.

Assessor Kettle of San Bernardino County told the board why he had dropped $157,684 off the roll on outside real estate. He spoke of the feeling that had been engendered by the division of San Bernardino and Riverside counties, and declared he had not been guided at all by that feeling. Thus, he had found that the Riverside Water Company and the Riverside Trust Company were assessed about $100,000 too high, and had, therefore, reduced the total assessment on those companies by $100,000. He found water ditches assessed at $15,000, which ditches had cost only $9000 seven or eight years ago. The decrease made by the City Assessor of San Bernardino City from his own assessment of last year was $635,267.

JAMMED IN AN ELEVATOR.

A Terrible Accident That Made a Paralytic of a Lad.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., Aug. 22.—Willie Kagee, a lad, tried to climb upon a platform elevator in the Sullivan Kelly Company's basement to-day, but was caught and jammed against the ceiling. F. T. Dwyer was on the floor above and near the shaft and grasped the rope in time to prevent the elevator from cutting Kagee in two at the waist. As it is his spine is badly injured and his legs partly paralyzed. His escape from an awful death was almost miraculous.

A Human Brute.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., Aug. 22.—A man named Lee had a fight with William Dugan this afternoon and, getting the latter down, kicked him in the face until he drove the toe of his boot through his victim's cheek.

FRESNO TAX DEEDS.

The Supervisors Will Refuse to Give Them to the State.

FRESNO, CAL., Aug. 22.—The Supervisors of Fresno County are preparing to resist the State in its demand for deeds to all lands sold for delinquent taxes and bought by the State during the past forty years. It is believed the State's course is illegal, and the Supervisors intend to refuse to allow the Tax Collector and his deputies to make these deeds, thus compelling him to mandamus them, and they will carry the whole question into court. The State claims 3000 deeds in this county, some thirty to forty years old, and covering property now highly valuable.

SANTA ROSA WEDDING.

Miss Mabel C. Gould and Dr. Donald C. Lazier United.

SANTA ROSA, CAL., Aug. 22.—At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clement Gould, on Fourth street, Dr. Donald C. Lazier of Geyserville and Miss Mabel C. Gould of Santa Rosa were united in marriage to-day by Rev. H. B. Turner in the presence of the immediate relatives and a few intimate friends. After the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served. The house was beautifully decorated with roses, hops, ferns and sweet peas. The bride received quite a number of elegant presents.

The guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. Clement Gould, Mrs. Lazier of Geyserville, Mr. Armstrong of San Francisco, Judge and Mrs. Crawford, Rev. and Mrs. H. B. Turner, E. H. Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Crawford of Petaluma, Major and Mrs. Fountain, Mrs. H. M. Wetmur, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Morse, Mrs. Moran and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Morse.

Dr. and Mrs. Lazier left on the afternoon train for a short trip to San Francisco and Santa Cruz, after which they will make their home in Geyserville, where the doctor is practicing his profession.

Picnic of Married Ladies.

SANTA ROSA, CAL., Aug. 22.—A married ladies' party in a wagonette, drawn by four horses, started on a picnic to-day above Mark West Springs. They took ample luncheon along and had a merry time. Mrs. Dr. Wright chaperoned the party, which included Mrs. B. M. Spencer, Mrs. C. A. Wright, Mrs. Elliott, Mrs. McCallum Sr., Mrs. George McCallum, Mrs. Rue, Mrs. Dr. Finlaw, Mrs. James W. Oates, Mrs. Juilliard, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Solomon and Mrs. Ragsdale.

Robbed by Two Highwaymen.

SANTA ROSA, CAL., Aug. 22.—Henry Pierce, while out collecting Monday a few miles west of this city, was held up by two highwaymen and robbed of $36. The robbers did not take his watch, and also returned his purse, saying money was all they wanted. The officers have no clew to the perpetrators.

Incorporation of a Fruit Company.

SANTA ROSA, CAL., Aug. 22.—Articles of incorporation of the McDonald Fruit Company were filed Wednesday. The capital stock of the company is $25,000. The incorporators are M. L. McDonald, G. W. Rogers, M. L. McDonald Jr., Mrs. P. P. Rue and George Callahan.

AT THE PETALUMA TRACK.

Every Seat in the Grand Stand Filled — Many Ladies Present.

Pool-Selling Lively for the 2:17-Class Trotting Race—Boodle the Winner.

PETALUMA, CAL., Aug. 22.—It looked like good old times at the Petaluma track this afternoon, when Judge Fred Loeber rang the bell for the 2:17-class trotters. Every seat in the large grand stand was filled. The day was a typical California one, and the women were out in large numbers, white being their predominating color. The Angel Island band of twenty-two pieces furnished excellent music. The infield was crowded with farmers' wagons, and if Governor Budd could have been present and seen the attendance to-day he would probably never again refuse to attach his name to a bill appropriating funds to aid district fairs.

Pool-selling was lively, with Boodle the hottest kind of a favorite, at 10 to 4 for Stranger and Electra. Stranger led at the start in the first heat, with Electra at the wheels of his bike around the first turn and Boodle two lengths farther back. The pace down the backstretch was too fast for Stranger and he left his feet and was passed by Electra and Boodle. The mare forged ahead and at the half was five lengths ahead of Boodle. Around the upper turn and down the homestretch Electra and the favorite came trotting true and fast. It looked like Electra's heat until within fifty yards from the finish, when Electra broke and before Rodgers could get her straightened out the wire was passed with Boodle a head in the lead. Time, 2:19.

The race was now considered a gift for Boodle and pool-selling was at an end. A bad break on the first turn in the second heat by Boodle threw him several lengths behind Electra, who led Stranger two lengths at the first quarter. At the head of the stretch Boodle had closed up the big gap and was but a length behind Stranger, who was lapped on Electra. Down the stretch it was a royal struggle. Slowly, but surely the favorite was cutting down the leaders, and at the drawgate the three horses were on even terms. Just when it looked like Boodle's heat he broke and fell back two lengths, Stranger winning by a half length from Electra, who just nosed Boodle out of second place. Time, 2:17¼.

Boodle took the next two heats and the race, Stranger second and Electra third.

The free-for-all pace proved an interesting event. Plunkett, a local horse, was favorite at 15 to 5, for Belle and Del Norte in the field. Plunkett won his race in straight heats, Del Norte second and Belle distanced.

Trotting, 2:17 class, purse $500:

Boodle, br. s., by Stranger-Bride Van bokkelen	1	3	1	1
Stranger, b. s., by Tilton-Almont (Sullivan)	3	1	2	2
Electra, b. m., by Richard's Elector-Moormaid	2	2	3	3

Time, 2:19—2:17¼—2:19¾—2:18½.

Pacing, free for all, purse $500:

Plunkett, b. g., by Strathern-Fly (Misner)	1	1	1
Del Norte, blk. s., by Almont-Tacora (Stimson)	2	2	2
Belle, ch. m., by Melbourne King-Mattie (Rodgers)	3	dis	

Time, 2:16½—2:14½—2:14¾.

A SANTA BARBARA ESTATE.

It Is Involved in a Series of Peculiar Legal Complications.

SANTA BARBARA, CAL., Aug. 22.—The matter of the estate of George de Capital Martini, deceased, pending in the Superior Court for the last year, has been engaging the daily attention of the court since the 16th of this month. The case presents peculiar complications. The estate consists of three pieces of property in Lompoc Valley which have a fine future prospect on account of the approach of the coast railway. The property now brings in an income of $50 per month, and has been recently appraised at $3800.

De Martini died in 1879, leaving a widow and two minor heirs. The widow, whose home is in San Francisco, in 1889 succeeded in borrowing from Mrs. Mary Green $1500, giving her own note and a mortgage on the property as security. One year ago the court made an allowance of $50 a month to the family, dating from De Martini's death, thus placing the estate in debt to the widow to the extent of $9000.

The case at last came up on a citation issued to suspend the administratrix. This was set aside and the attempt to remove the administratrix failed.

Henry F. Price of San Francisco, Mrs. de Martini's attorney, is endeavoring to effect a compromise which shall do justice to all parties, including Mrs. Green.

TOURING THE STATE.

Unconventional Method Adopted by a Party of Young People.

SANTA BARBARA, CAL., Aug. 22.—A train of covered wagons arrived from Burtons Mound to-day, and proved to be a party of twenty-two young people from Pomona and Lordsburg, making in this unconventional way a thousand-mile tour of the State. They have visited Monterey, Yosemite, San Francisco, and came down from the north through San Marcos Pass last night. Eight pretty young schoolmarms from Pomona are included in the party.

Run Over and Killed.

SAN DIEGO, CAL., Aug. 22.—T. G. Longshore, agent of the Southern California Railway at Encinitas, twenty-five miles north of here, was struck by a freight engine this afternoon and knocked under the tender, the rear trucks of which passed over his legs. He lingered until 8 o'clock to-night when he died. He was an old and valued employe of the company, was 45 years of age, and leaves a large family. So far as can be learned no blame attaches to any one.

NEWS OF THE COAST.

Sensation in San Jose's Breach of Promise Case.

SAID TO BE BLACKMAIL.

Charges Made by Defendant Burroughs Against the Plaintiff.

HIS LIFE WAS THREATENED.

Marie Wilson and Her Mother Demanded Five Thousand Dollars of Him.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Aug. 22.—The suit of Marie Wilson for $50,000 damages for breach of promise against P. J. Burroughs was up before Judge Reynolds this morning on a motion to strike out defendant's answer.

Attorney Morehouse said his client, P. J. Burroughs, was in town and ready to go on the stand at any time. Judge Reynolds said it was not necessary for the defendant to go on the stand, as he would dismiss the motion to strike out the answer without prejudice, and the case would go on the calendar, to be set for trial Monday.

Miss Wilson, who is conducting her own case, a few weeks ago introduced a letter in court, purporting to be signed by Burroughs, and asking that the answer be stricken out and judgment entered against him by default. Attorney Morehouse at once pronounced the letter a forgery, and the matter was continued until to-day.

P. J. Burroughs was seen to-day, and said: "I left this State on March 11 last, and went direct to Chicago, and consequently could not have signed the letter at Stockton directing that the case be dismissed. Marie Wilson and her mother are trying to blackmail me, and I have come back to fight the case to the end. I first met Marie Burroughs and her mother in Los Angeles while selling jewelry there. Marie and her mother are simply attempting to blackmail me.

"I have the facts by which it is shown that Marie Wilson has been married. She got something on her husband, who was a prominent official of a railroad in Southern California, by which she broke him up, threw him out of his job and took all his savings, some $7000 to $10,000. I understand that this man is now 'braking' on the road.

"When these women were introduced to me they were buying some diamonds. They came to the store usually after the sales of the day closed. One of them asked Mr. Martin what I was worth. Thinking nothing about the matter he playfully replied that I had a lot of money; that I was worth a million. Then it was they determined on their course, in my mind.

"Why, these people attempted to kill me in San Francisco. I have eye-witnesses of this. They demanded $5000 spot cash, and Marie Wilson told me she would kill me if it was not paid. Her mother said 'Yes, if Marie don't kill you I will.'"

WEDDING NEAR SAN JOSE.

Miss Nellie Jefferds Becomes the Bride of C. C. Ford of Los Gatos.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Aug. 22.—At the residence of the bride's father, F. G. Jefferds, near San Jose, on Hamilton avenue, Miss Nellie Jefferds was married to C. C. Ford of Los Gatos, the Rev. F. S. Ford of Madera officiating. Those present were all relatives of the bride and groom and were as follows: F. G. Jefferds, Rev. and Mrs. F. G. Ford, of Madera; Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Jefferds, Visalia; Mrs. B. McGrath, San Francisco; Mr. and Mrs. Anda Tarter, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Farrell, Los Gatos; Mrs. H. L. Clark, Stockton; Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Watrous, the Misses Watrous, Capitola; Cleora Jefferds, Visalia; Hazel Watrous, Capitola; Lottie Tarter, Los Gatos; Zanetta Watrous, Masters Watrous, Capitola; Roy Morrell, Los Gatos; Amos Jefferds, Visalia; Arthur McKee, Oakland, and Baby Tarter.

The bride was dressed in white Swiss, with valenciennes lace trimming. The rooms were handsomely decorated with ferns and flowers. The couple were the recipients of a large number of wedding presents. They will reside in Los Gatos.

A LAD'S TERRIBLE DEATH.

Run Over by a Heavily Loaded Wagon and His Head Crushed.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Aug. 22.—Georgie Davenport, an eight-year-old boy residing at 480 South First street, met a frightful death at noon to-day by being run over by a heavily loaded fruit-wagon, his head being crushed to a pulp.

John Pierson was driving six horses attached to three wagons loaded with pears along Julian street, and as he turned into Terraine street he got down to fix one of the wagons. While doing so a small boy rushed up to him and told him he had run over a boy. He went back and found the boy dead. The Coroner was notified and the body removed to the morgue.

The boy, who was with the deceased at the time he was killed, ran off and the police have been unable to find him.

Pierson said he did not see the boy trying to get on the wagons. The hind wheel of the third wagon passed over his head, and it is supposed he was trying to climb on the wagon at the time. The face of the boy is so mangled that he will have to be identified by the clothing.

An inquest will be held to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Defended Another's Wife.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Aug. 22.—Chris Kreiger was arraigned before Justice Herrington to-day on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon. Thomas H. Berryman is the complainant. Berryman went home drunk last night and started to whip his wife, who ran to the Kreiger home for protection. Berryman followed, and says that Kreiger hit him over the head with a club when he attempted to touch his wife. Kreiger's trial was set for August 29, and he was released on $250 bail. The parties reside near the corner of Pond and Dupont streets.

HIGHBINDERS ARMING.

Strong Indications of an Outbreak in San Jose's Chinatown.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Aug. 22.—The highbinders are arming, and it is feared that blood will flow in Chinatown before the trouble is ended. Two leading Chinese firms that refused to submit to blackmail were boycotted by the highbinders. Customers were threatened with death, were assaulted as they left the stores, their purchases destroyed and themselves roughly handled. Both sides are arming, and there is almost certain to be a fight.

Trout for Santa Clara Streams.

SAN JOSE, CAL., August 22.—Game Warden J. D. Mackenzie this morning received a consignment of 50,000 Truckee trout from the Fish Commissioners. The fish will be distributed in the Adobe, Permenente, Stevens, Almaden, Coyote and Uvas Creeks. Another consignment of the same species of fish will arrive in about ten days to be distributed in other streams.

Terrorized the Neighborhood.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Aug. 22.—Deputy Sheriff Black last night arrested a man giving the name of Thomas Riley, in the vicinity of Fox's nursery. The man has been terrorizing the neighbors in that vicinity for several days. He will be charged with insanity.

THE INGLEWOOD FRACAS.

Agent Guest in Jail Charged With Having Struck Lidden.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Aug. 22.—S. A. Guest, agent of the Santa Fe road at Inglewood, charged with assaulting Charles S. Lidden, foreman of the brickyard at that place, was lodged in the County Jail at that place last night and bail fixed at $1000. Lidden's condition is critical, and small hopes are entertained of his recovery.

Guest's version of the affair is as follows: "This trouble commenced last Thursday. My brother was employed at the brickyard, and Thursday morning was suffering from a bad cold. He and Foreman Lidden had words over some work, but did not come to blows.

"Later in the day Lidden, without giving any words of warning, struck my brother, knocking him down. Of course my brother did not like that sort of treatment. He picked up a brickbat and started for Lidden, but one of the owners of the brickyard appeared on the scene about this time and separated them.

"There was no further trouble till Monday morning, when Foreman Lidden, my brother and myself met near my office. I was talking to Lidden when my brother came up, saying that he was going to lick Lidden. He had a car-seal in his hand and struck the foreman on the head with it. Lidden went to his knees, but was on his feet again in an instant.

"A fist fight was then on between my brother and Lidden. About this time a number of men employed at the brickyard rushed up and caught hold of me. I had the car-seal in my pocket, having picked it up after my brother struck Lidden, and after pulling it out I told the fellows that I would put holes through them if they attacked my brother and me. They thought I had a pistol and let us go to our house. This is all I know. I did not strike Lidden."

The other version of the affair is that Guest struck Lidden on the head with a coupling-pin and inflicted what may prove to be a fatal wound.

Guest was released at 10 o'clock to-night on the order of Superior Judge Morrison, bail in $1000 being given. A warrant is now out for the brother, who, it is claimed, committed the assault and who has disappeared. The officers are confident of apprehending him.

CORRAL HOLLOW RAILWAY.

Material for Its Construction Rapidly Arriving at Stockton.

Will Be Pushed to Completion Six Months After the Franchise Is Granted.

STOCKTON, CAL., Aug. 22.—Grading on the Corral Hollow Railway began to-day, when a hundred men were put to work on the north side of Mormon Channel. Inasmuch as the final grant of the franchise has not yet been made the work now being done cannot be considered as really the commencement of the road. The company bought a lot of earth which had been dredged up from the bed of Mormon Channel and placed temporarily on the wharf. Notice was served that this earth must be removed within a certain number of days and it is, therefore, being used to fill up a low place through which the road will pass.

Last evening two schooners arrived laden with ties for the Corral Hollow Railway, and four carloads of steel for the same road came during the night. There are now due only six carloads of steel. This will complete the first consignment of rails, plates, etc., which will be sufficient to build the road from this city to the San Joaquin River. The rails are of the sixty-pound grade.

Director Coleman of the Corral Hollow Company said recently, in conversation with A. L. Levinsky, the local attorney for the corporation, that the road would be completed to the coal mines within six months after the franchise was granted.

J. M. Welsh is circulating an agreement, the signers of which obligate themselves to fight the Corral Hollow road in the courts and pay their pro rata of the cost of the suit. Mr. Welsh is not meeting with as much encouragement as he had hoped to receive, but it is expected that the suit will be brought. The object is to drive the road off Weber avenue, which means to drive it out of town.

ROBBED THE RENO DEPOT.

The Office Cashbox Emptied of All the Cash It Contained.

A Large Sum of Money in the Safe Was Overlooked by the Bold Thief.

RENO, NEV., Aug. 22.—The joint passenger depot of the Southern Pacific and Virginia and Truckee railroads was robbed of $54 80 this evening at about 6 o'clock.

Agent Phillips left for dinner a few moments before 6. Agent Fields was in the office, reading a paper, but three minutes later went out to the freightshed. Operator Will Mott, the night man, arrived at 6:08 and found the door forced with a jimmy and all the change money of the day gone from the cashbox.

A large sum of money was in the safe, but the robber had no time to get it. It was evident that the robber was well acquainted with the premises, as he had only five minutes in which to do the job and get away with the cash.

OFF TRIAL ISLAND.

The Steam Collier Kahului Again Afloat. But Little Injured.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 22.—The steam collier Kahului, which grounded at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon on Trial Island, flies the Hawaiian flag, though owned in San Francisco. She is loaded with 1326 tons of coal from Departure Bay for Oakland. There was a dense fog when the steamer struck. The tide was dead high and immediately commenced to turn. The captain and pilot immediately left for Victoria for assistance, and before starting the crew had commenced jettisoning the cargo in the forward compartments.

By 7 o'clock the steamer Rithet, with a large force of men, was on the way out. On reaching the steamer it was seen the tide had shifted her, broadside on, close to the rocky shoreline. She had a bad list to starboard and the fresh-water tank directly forward contained salt water, showing she was stove in.

At 1 o'clock it was noticed she was upright and in her original position at right angles to the island. Her wheel was immediately started full speed astern and she was soon off the rocks and proceeded to Royal Roads. She continued on her voyage to-day, being practically uninjured, except in her forward tank.

NEWS OF THE COAST.

Nez Perce Indians Being Fleeced of Their Money.

REIGN OF LAWLESSNESS.

It Is Caused by the Great Influx of Gamblers and Thieves.

THE RED MEN EASY VICTIMS.

No Means Spared to Deprive Them of the Funds Received for Their Lands.

PORTLAND, OR., Aug. 22.—H. A. Heppner, who has just returned here from an extensive visit to the Nez Perce Indian Reservation in Idaho, in an interview today said it is deplorable the way Poor Lo and his money are parted by the transient population that has crowded in for the purpose of robbery.

Lewiston, the distributing point of $633,000, the Government's first payment to the Indians, is having a big boom. Gamblers are flocking there and to the surrounding towns by the wholesale, for the express purpose of fleecing the Indians out of their money.

Mr. Heppner says it is outrageous that there is no protection for the poor red men who are thus robbed of the money which will be badly needed, now that they will have to work on their allotments of land, build a house and make a living for themselves.

The country on the Clearwater and Snake rivers is infested with a set of thieves and disreputables, who exert every means to obtain a share of this money entrusted to the Indian, who does not know enough to care for these funds which are given him by Uncle Sam for his future maintenance. It is said there is a general reign of lawlessness, and that between whisky and money and fights between the vampires, whose victims are the Indians, the reservation is a rather undesirable place for a peaceful man at present.

Accident to a Carson Thoroughbred.

CARSON, NEV., Aug. 22.—John P. Sweeney's thoroughbred runner Borealis, while being speeded on the track here to-day, broke both hind legs, one at the knee and one at the thigh. The rider was thrown to the ground and escaped unhurt. The horse had to be shot.

A Too Hasty Arrest.

SANTA BARBARA, CAL., Aug. 22.—A man by the name of Eaton, arrested on a telephone message from Lompoc, charged with the larceny of a horse and cart, was to-day released, the Lompoc authorities concluding they had acted too hastily.

A SECRET

Developed by an Indian Netted the Prospector $15,000.

A bit of romance will often help the sale of a mining property, and it is a poor hole in the ground to which some legend or tradition does not attach.

"I think," said Colonel J. W. Vroom, "that the most ingenious story to account for the discovery of a mine was told by Colonel J. W. Craig."

"Craig," interrupted a listener, "was the man who sent out from Fort Union, when he was in the army, a train of four-mule wagons which was never heard from afterward."

"Craig," continued Colonel Vroom, "is dead. He was buried with all of the honors. I am not telling his history, but dealing with a picturesque incident in his career. After he left the army he went into grants and mining. He told me that he won the confidence of a Taos Indian by some favors that he had done him. The first full moon of August, the anniversary of the revolt against the Spaniards in 1680, was approaching. This Indian had said to Craig that in return for his kindness he was going to reveal to him what had never been made known to any white man. On the night of the anniversary the Indian came to Craig and asked him to go with him. They went out of Taos to a hill and ascended it. The Indian pointed to fires burning in various directions, some near and some far, but without apparent significance.

"'Those fires celebrate the revolt against the Spaniards in 1680,' said the Indian. 'They are lighted every year. To the white man they mean little or nothing. To us they mean a great deal. You have heard that when the Pueblo Indians arose, drove out the Spaniards, destroyed the churches and restored freedom, they filled up and destroyed all traces of the gold mines which were worked under Spanish dominion. That is true, but our ancestors desired to preserve for us the knowledge of the locations of those mines. So they adopted the plan of lighting fires every year when the first full moon of August comes around. This has been done for 200 years. The anniversary fires are built on the exact location of the old gold mines. Every fire which you see burning is over what was once a gold mine. You are the only white man to whom this has been revealed.'

"Colonel Craig told me that he noted in his mind as carefully as he could the location of one of these fires and then went back to Taos. Some time afterward he set out on a prospecting tour in the direction where he had seen the signal fire. He discovered what he believed to be the place, although most of the ashes had been blown away. On that spot Craig opened a prospect hole. He sold the mine for $15,000."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

THE GREAT GUN DUEL.

Russian Sailors Acknowledge Their Defeat by Saluting.

While the flag of truce was flying a Russian officer of artillery went up to ask Sir Richard Airey if General Dacres, commanding the English artillery, was on the ground, says the author of "The Crimean War From First to Last." On Sir Richard answering in the negative the officer said: "Your 68-pounder gun that your people call Jenny is a beautiful gun, but we think we have one as good in that embrasure," pointing up to the mamelon, "and we would like to have a fair duel with her." Airey took up the challenge at once and everything was arranged for 12 o'clock, noon, next day. When the time arrived all the batteries on both sides ceased firing. A large number of officers, French and English, were assembled at our lookout station, behind the 21-gun battery, to look on.

Our sailors' gun detachment mounted on their parapets and took off their hats, saluting the Russians. The Russians returned the compliment. The English gun was given the first shot as the senior gun; it struck the side of the Russian embrasure. Then they fired—a very good shot, too. The third shot from Jenny went clean through the Russian embrasure and up went two gabions. The bluejackets jumped up on their parapet and cheered, thinking they had beaten their opponents. Not a bit! A minute afterward down went the gabions and out came the Russian gun again. Several more shots were fired from both sides, all very good ones. Jenny got a nasty thump but it did her no harm. At length, I think the seventh shot from our side, we saw the Russian gun knocked clean over. Our fellows cheered vociferously and the Russians mounted their parapet and took off their hats in acknowledgement of their defeat. All batteries then opened again. Thus ended the great gun duel.

MOUNDS IN ALASKA.

Mark the Antiquity of a Native Race, but Do Not Tell Its Story.

Point Barrow, Alaska, the northermost point of land of the North American continent, has some interesting graveyards of its own. About eleven years ago Lieutenant Ray, in his report of the polar expedition to Point Barrow, recorded that in digging a shaft twenty-six feet below the earth's surface to obtain earth temperatures, he found a pair of wooden goggles, pointing to the great lapse of time since these shores were first peopled. The last number of the Alaska Mining Record says that this country was undoubtedly inhabited long before Columbus discovered America. Of the origin or descent of the inhabitants no definite trace has been found, and there are no records of the past among the people who now live there. Their language abounds in legends, but none gives any data by which to judge how long these shores have been inhabited.

The ruins of ancient villages and winter huts along the seashore and in the interior show that the country has been inhabited for centuries, says the New York Sun. There are mounds at Point Barrow marking the site of three huts dating back to the time when the natives had no iron and the men "talked like dog." These mounds stand in the middle of a marsh, and the sinking of the land caused the site to be flooded and abandoned. The inhabitants in times past have followed the receding line of ice which at one time capped the northern part of this continent, and have moved along the easiest line of travel. This is shown in the general distribution of similar people, speaking a similar tongue, from Greenland to Bering Straits. The distribution of the race to-day marks the routes traveled. The seashore led along the coasts of Labrador and Greenland, Hudson's Bay and its tributary waters. They came down the Yukon, so rich in minerals, to people the shores of that stream and the interior of Alaska, and traveled along the coast to Cape Prince of Wales. To this day they use dogs instead of deer, the natives of North America having never domesticated the reindeer, and they speak a different tongue from their neighbors across the strait in Siberia.

Some writers on the subject have advanced the theory that the natives of Alaska are descendants of the race of people that Cortez drove out of Mexico; others that they are Japanese or Chinese in origin, and others still that they came to this country across the straits from Siberia. So far as definite information is concerned, one guess is as good as another. The lonely mounds at Point Barrow mark the antiquity of the race, but they do not tell its story.

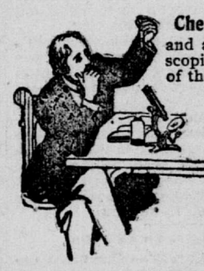
WATERMELON STORIES.

They Are Beating the Fish Yarns Out of Sight and the End Is Not Yet.

The fish-story Ananias is not sustaining his reputation this summer and the watermelon Ananias is rapidly pushing him from his well-earned and long-held position. Accounts of incredible melons rush in restless waves from the South, while the season has not brought forth a solitary story of a wonderful catch of fish, and that ten-pound brook trout has not as much as shown his nose up to date. A gentleman by the name of F. M. Caffey of Hayneville, Lowndes County, Ala., has come to the front as the hero of the champion melon novelette. It is stated that he pulled a watermelon from his patch during the session of the Baptist Association at Hayneville which tipped the beam at seventy-three pounds. It is said to have been cut and set before twenty-eight delegates and visitors to the association, and after their appetites had been fully gratified the report is that there was enough left for a half-dozen more melon-munchers. As Mr. Caffey's portrait does not accompany the account of the melon in the local newspaper, there is every reason to believe that he is a myth and the story an Ananiasism. Of course, this melon will be cast into the shade at once by a melon of still greater size, and there is a strong likelihood that the business will not stop before a 100-pound production comes to the front. The Georgia gooseberry that weighed 14¾ ounces knocks this Caffey melon sky-high in point of daring invention.—Boston Herald.

Found Valuable Stamps.

Hubbard Bush and Theodore Diersen, janitors at the courthouse at St. Louis discovered rare old stamps valued at over $5000 in the basement of that building nearly two weeks ago and have disposed of the entire lot to New York and St. Louis dealers. The stamps were of the St. Louis or "bear" variety, which are very rare, and which were issued by that city during the years 1845 and 1846, in denominations of 5, 10 and 20 cents. They were used during that time in payment of postage, but were superseded by the regular Government stamp in 1847.—St. Louis Republic.



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