NEWS OF THE COAST.

Rapid Progress in the Work on Stockton's New Roads.

SURPRISE FOR GRADERS.

Aided by a Land-Owner From Whom Opposition Was Expected.

ENGINES SOON TO BE RUNNING

Construction of the Corral Hollow Line Is Being Pushed Rapidly.

STOCKTON, CAL., Sept. 13.—Grant Bros.' force of graders on the Valley road is now camped on the Rosenbaum & Crawford place, about four miles east of the city. Considerable difficulty has been experienced in handling the black adobe in that section.

The graders yesterday entered the place of A. Galgiani. It was thought that some opposition would be made, but instead the owner came out and superintended the taking down of the fence, and even went so far as to arrange for the cutting down of some trees on the line of the road, which he wanted for firewood.

The bridge-building force is working ahead of the graders, and one force is putting in the piling over the stream on the Rosenbaum place. Another force is at work on the bridge south of Farmington. Still another pile-driving force was put to work to-day in advance of the force of graders, that the bulkhead may be put in, and the back filling done as fast as the graders reach them.

The track-layers of the Valley road are putting down planking at all street crossings, in order not to impede travel. The switch points for the track were expected to-day, and it will not be many days before the engines will be running on the road. As soon as this is done track-laying outside of the city will be commenced.

The Corral Hollow railroad's work is progressing rapidly. The grade is now established from Mormon Channel to the southern limits of the City Homestead. The heavy grading near the junction of Weber avenue and Harrison street was about finished yesterday.

NEW POSTOFFICE BUILDING.

Congressman Johnson Will Work for an Additional Appropriation.

STOCKTON, CAL., Sept. 13.—P. A. Buell, president of the Commercial Association, has received a letter from Congressman Johnson, saying that he would be able to visit this city next week to gather data which will be used by him in an effort to secure an additional appropriation for a postoffice building in this city when Congress meets. The Congressman wrote that he would like to meet some of the people of this city in reference to the matter.

Mr. Buell read the letter to a number of the members of the executive committee of the Commercial Association last night, and although a quorum was not present, those in attendance decided that they would act on a matter of that nature. The president was insructed to invite a number of business men to attend a meeting to be held next Tuesday night, at which time it will be decided whether or not to hold a mass-meeting on the following Saturday night.

In March, 1891, A. Caminetti, who then represented this (the Second) Congressional District, obtained an appropriation of $75,000 for the purchase of a site and the erection of a postoffice building here. When the property was bought—that at the southeast corner of California and Market streets—only $53,877 45 remained for the erection of the building. As the people of this city considered the amount too small for the construction of a suitable public building, it was decided to wait until an additional appropriation could be obtained.

DIED FROM BLOOD POISONING.

An Ulcerated Tooth Caused the Passing of a Stocktonian.

STOCKTON, CAL., Sept. 13.—One of the most remarkable cases which has ever come to the notice of physicians was brought to light in the suburos of this city yesterday. A man named Robert F. Rush died from the effects of blood poisoning, which was caused by an ulcerated tooth.

About a month ago Mr. Rush called upon Dr. Foreman and complained of feeling ill. He called his attention to a decayed tooth, and told the doctor that a few days previously he had gone to a dentist intending to have the tooth extracted, but the pain it caused him was so great that he changed his mind. Dr. Foreman noticed that the tooth was badly ulcerated. He told his patient that it would have to be taken out.

When the tooth was extracted a quantity of pus flowed from the cavity. This formation was what eventually caused death, for it could not be checked, and the disease spread rapidly. As the case became more complicated Dr. Foreman called in several other physicians, but they all pronounced it fatal.

The patient suffered thirty days from the affection. He died yesterday morning at his residence in Fischer's Addition and was buried this afternoon because the body had reached such a state of decomposition from the effects of the blood poison that it had to be interred immediately. Before suffering from the ulceration of his tooth Rush was a very healthy man.

TUBERCULOSIS AT THE FAIR.

A Veterinarian Claims Cattle on Exhibition Are Affected.

STOCKTON, CAL., Sept. 13.—Dr. Orvis, San Joaquin County's veterinarian who has just returned from Sacramento, says that many of the horned cattle exhibited there are suffering from consumption. He was told by a Sacramento veterinary surgeon, who was with him at the stock show, that in some of the herds represented 50 per cent of the cattle were afflicted with tuberculosis.

The Sacramento veterinarian, whose name Dr. Orvis declined to give, said he knew what he was talking about, because he himself had seen the herds. The healthy cattle in the stock exhibit are liable to be infected with the disease, as consumption is now declared contagious.

Rodman O'Brien Injured.

STOCKTON, CAL., Sept. 13.—William O'Brien, the rodman of a corps of Valley road surveyors, met with a painful accident yesterday morning while working east of this city. In climbing a fence, on top of which was a board and below a stretch of barbed wire, the board broke. In an effort to prevent himself from alighting on the wire he forced himself forward and in so doing the sharpened end of the rod he carried entered one of his thighs. The injury will lay him up for a week.

Salem's Hale Centenarian.

SALEM, OR., Sept. 13.—John Durbin today celebrated his one hundred and first birthday. Mr. Durbin is hale and healthy, has the use of his eyes, and has good prospects for several years more of life. He was born in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, September 13, 1794, and has lived here since 1845. He has good memory, and a host of sons, daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

CHINESE HELD AT SEATTLE.

Will Not Be Deported Unless Their Board Bill Is Paid.

TACOMA, WASH., Sept. 13.—Eight Chinese prisoners under sentence of deportation on the steamship Tacoma for China to-morrow will not go out.

The Mongols were brought here two weeks ago from Buffalo, N. Y., where they had been sentenced. They have since remained in the County Jail, and the Sheriff now refused to surrender them unless Uncle Sam pays for their board, at the rate of 50 cents per day for each man. The Deputy Marshals who brought the Chinese here made no provision for a board bill, but went home immediately. Local Federal authorities have wired to Buffalo for instructions.

SEATTLE, WASH., Sept. 13.—Seven Chinese, the first to be deported from this district under the exclusion act, were sent back to the Flowery Kingdom to-day by Federal Judge Hanford. They claimed to have been on the Columbia River during the registration, and so far from internal revenue officers that they could not comply with the provisions of the new law. Upon these representations Judge Hanford told the accused that they could pay the costs of arrest and take out certificates, but this the Chinese failed to do, claiming they did not have the money, and the order of deportation was accordingly carried into effect.

NEWS OF LOS ANGELES.

William Busby, the Poisoner, Gives Violent Evidence of Insanity.

Mrs. Platt Convicted of Applying the Match to Her Home—A Cycler Injured.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Sept. 13.—William J. Busby, the colored man who sent a bottle of wine and strychnine to a Pullman chaircar porter, which killed two other innocent men, may be crazy. Early this morning the trustees of the city jail were notified that Busby was acting queerly. He began tearing off his clothes little by little and by noon had scarcely a stitch left on him. He would run around the narrow confines of his cell like a dog and bark like one. He became so violent this afternoon that the jailor was obliged to tie him down and strap him to the cell. After tearing off his clothes he began to tear away at his flesh and threatened to kill all who came anywhere near him.

Dr. Bryant was summoned after the man was tied and examined him. He does not think that Busby is feigning, and two other physicians who were admitted to the cell say that Busby has all the symptoms of violent dementia. Busby's father stated that at one time several months ago his son was temporarily insane, and both he and his mother were greatly worried over his condition. A watch has been set over Busby and all his symptoms are being carefully observed.

A complaint charging Busby with murder in the first degree was filed to-day in the Police Court.

DAMAGE TO MENDOCINO CROPS.

Hop-Fields Suffer From the Heavy Rainstorm.

UKIAH, CAL., Sept. 13.—The rainfall which has prevailed in this part of the country for the last two or three days has done a large amount of damage, and it is feared that if the rain does not soon cease the hop crop this year will be a total failure. As it is now, the price of hops this season has been so low that many growers have preferred to let their crops rest in the fields rather than be at the expense of picking. Many who were picking have been obliged to stand by and see their pickers leaving the fields in order to seek shelter from the rains. Taken all in all, there is a good prospect that next year many fields that now present the picturesque sights of hop-picking will be devoted to the culture of grain or fruits. In the language of one of the most prominent hop-growers in the valley: "Hop-growing is no longer what it is cracked up to be."

The grass, which affords so staple a food for the sheep and cattle which roam the hills, has had all the strength taken out of it by the rain, and stockmen will be obliged in many cases to feed their livestock until the young grass springs up. It is feared, also, that much more water will cause the grapes to crack.

The prune crop this year is light, but they are not yet ripe enough to be injured by the rains, and a full crop is expected.

IN SANTA ROSA'S JAIL.

Josephi Lemgaretti Surrenders to the Sonoma County Sheriff.

SANTA ROSA, CAL., Sept. 13.—Josephi Lungaretti, who seriously stabbed Frank Bacigalupi, a wealthy Italian, here Sunday night, came into town to-night and surrendered himself to the Sheriff. He had been hiding in the woods above Guerneville. The officers made a prompt and vigilant search for Lungaretti, but were unable to find him.

On Wednesday Lungaretti sent word to leading Italians here that if they would agree not to lynch him on his arrival in Santa Rosa he would return there on Friday night. A meeting of Italians was called, and they decided to withdraw the threats they had previously made to lynch Lungaretti if caught alive.

Word to that effect was sent to him, and this evening about dark he walked into the Sheriff's office and gave himself up. He will be held for an attempt to murder and also on a charge of horse stealing.

CONVICTED OF ARSON.

Mrs. Amelia Platt Found Guilty of Setting Fire to Her Home.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Sept. 13.—Mrs. Amelia Platt was convicted this afternoon of arson, the jury making it arson in the second degree. She was accused of burning a house situated on Lightning street, on the 27th of July, 1894. The motive for the burning was ascribed to her desire to obtain the insurance money, and it was alleged that she removed many of the more valuable effects from the residence previous to setting fire to it.

The most important witness against Mrs. Platt was Mrs. Minnie Danham, a former friend, who testified that Mrs. Platt told her confidentially of her intention to set fire to her home on the morning previous to the fire, but that she placed little confidence in the statement at that time.

Mrs. Platt will be sentenced next Tuesday.

A Wheelman Injured.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Sept. 13.—George Clark, fourteen years old, living at 526 Macy street, met with a probably fatal accident this morning. He was riding on a bicycle across the Arroyo Bridge at Macy street, near Boyle Heights. The road was wet, the wheel slipped from under him and the boy fell against the railing of the bridge, striking his head a very severe blow on the left side. Blood gushed from his ears and eyes and he was rendered unconscious.

Tree Pest at Carson.

CARSON, NEV., Sept. 13.—A species of scale, called Gossyparia Ulmi, was found to-day on trees in this city. This is the first known appearance of the pest in Nevada. Steps have been taken to exterminate it.

NEWS OF THE COAST.

Reopening of the Famous Barron Case at San Jose.

CLAIMANTS IN COURT.

Petition of the Mulatto Boy Presented by Attorney Monteith.

A GENERAL DEMURRER FILED.

All Beneficiaries Represented With the Exception of a Single Charity.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Sept. 13.—The Barron case was up before Judge Reynolds to-day on a hearing of a petition filed in July by Attorney Monteith, counsel for Edward Andrew Barron, the colored claimant, citing the various claimants to the Barron estate to appear and establish heirship. All the heirs and beneficiaries were represented except one charity represented by Bishop Riordan, on whom a citation had not been served, as Bishop Riordan was absent from the State.

Attorney E. S. Pillsbury appeared as special counsel for Eva Rose Barron, as executrix of the Barron estate; George W. Monteith for Edward Andrew Barron, the mulatto boy, and his guardian, George Meeker Greene; H. V. Morehouse for the contestant, George E. Barron, and James F. Tevlin for Mary F. Barron, the widow of Edward F. Barron, and her children. Attorney Monteith filed the following petition:

That the said Edward Andrew Barron is one of the heirs and next of kin of the said Edward Barron, deceased; that he is the son of the said Edward Barron, deceased, and Winnifred Morton; that the said Edward Andrew Barron was born in San Francisco, in the State of California, upon the 9th of February, 1881; that the said Edward Barron, deceased, the father, and the said Winnifred Barron, the mother of the said Edward Andrew Barron, never intermarried; that at the time of the birth of the said Edward Andrew Barron aforesaid, for more than one year prior thereto, and from that day until the 25th day of July, 1881, the said Edward Barron, deceased, was an unmarried man; that the said Edward Andrew Barron was by his said father, Edward Barron, deceased, adopted and legitimated during the period of time that began with the 9th day of February, 1881, the time of the birth of said Edward Andrew Barron, aforesaid, and ended with the 25th day of July, 1881, during which period of time the said Edward Barron, deceased, publicly acknowledged the said Edward Andrew Barron as his own child, and as the issue of himself and Winnifred Barron; that he supported the said Edward Andrew Barron during that period of time and thereafter; that in many ways and otherwise he treated the said Edward Andrew Barron as a legitimate child; that he did by such public acknowledgment, provision for, clothing, nourishing and educating, adopt the said Edward Andrew Barron as a legitimate child.

A demurrer was filed by the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society asking that the petition of Edward Andrew Barron be dismissed, as it did not state facts sufficient to constitute a cause of action.

A long discussion was entered into between counsel and court on the question of admitting Mr. Monteith's written appearance for the guardian of the colored claimant. The court first ruled it inopportune, as Mr. Montieth had not completed the service of citation, since Bishop Riordan's service was imperfect, but on discussing and rereading the statute the court considered the statute governing to mean that once the action is instituted by petition all the parties are considered in the same relative position as both plaintiff and defendants, and must each for himself set up his claim in a complaint. The appearance of Mr. Montieth was finally permitted to be filed upon the understanding that it was not to be construed as the complaint, which he promised to file later.

This afternoon Attorney Morehouse presented a batch of pleadings and demurrers, but no authorization of appearance accompanied them. For this reason the whole matter was continued until next Tuesday.

THE HORSES HAD STRAYED.

Combination of Circumstances That Led to a Charge of Grand Larceny.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Sept. 13.—G. T. Slankard was examined before Justice Gass this morning on a charge of grand larceny preferred by Mrs. Kate Reuther, who alleged that the defendant had stolen two horses from her place on the Llagas in July last. The horses were afterward recovered from D. O'Brien, a butcher, who purchased them from Slankard.

Slankard took the stand this morning and testified that he had bought the horses from C. R. Thomas of Gilroy, and exhibited a check which had been accepted in payment by Mr. Thomas.

Mr. Thomas testified that the horses had come to his place some months ago. He had fed the stock and advertised it as found for a long time prior to the sale to Slankard.

At the conclusion of Thomas' testimony Justice Gass dismissed the case against Slankard.

DECIDED FOR GRIFFITH.

Not Responsible for a Bicycle Bought on the Installment Plan.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Sept. 13.—The suit of C. A. Armstrong, proprietor of the Ben Hur Cyclery, against Hanford Griffith to recover $90 alleged to be due on a bicyle purchased on the installment plan, was concluded before Justice Dwyer to-day. Justice Dwyer rendered judgment in favor of defendant, saying that as no title had passed from Armstrong to Griffith the latter was only custodian of the wheel and in no way responsible for its loss.

Griffith entered into an agreement with Armstrong whereby he was to pay for a bicycle in monthly installments of $10. The bicycle was delivered, but no money paid on account. A few days after the signing of the agreement Griffith attended the races at the cyclers' track, and placed his wheel under the grand stand. When the races were over he found that the wheel had been stolen. He reported the fact to Armstrong. On the strength of the agreement to pay the monthly installment or return the wheel, Armstrong brought suit to recover the $90 alleged to be due.

The defense assumed the position that as no money had been paid on the agreement and as no title had passed from Armstrong to Griffith the latter was merely the custodian of the bicycle, and as the loss of the same was in no manner due to any negligence on his part he could not be held for the performance of the contract.

Counsel for the prosecution urged that the plaintiff had delivered the property specified in the contract; had taken no step which would extinguish the contract, and under its terms was entitled to recover the amount alleged to be due.

Foreclosure Suit Decided.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Sept. 13.—Judge Reynolds this morning rendered judgment in favor of the plaintiff in the foreclosure suit of Ralph Lowe against C. M. Sainsevain for $6000 principal, $1248 interest and $350 counsel fees. Martin & Collischen were given judgment for $677 principal and $75 counsel fees on a second mortgage.

SAN JOSE-SARATOGA ROAD.

A Proposal to Establish a New Electric Railway.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Sept. 13.—There is a project on foot to build an electric railway from San Jose to Saratoga. It developed at the Board of Trade meeting to-night in a communication from L. M. Hale, a local capitalist.

Hale offers to construct and operate a first-class railway along Stevens Creek road and Saratoga avenue from this city to Saratoga, providing interested property-owners will give a suitable guarantee payable in one or two years after the road is built to meet any possible deficit in the running expenses. The chairman of the board was instructed to appoint a committee to assist in developing the project by securing the guarantee.

The board received a communication from Andrew Hyde of Northampton, Mass., making inquiry as to the advantages San Jose could offer as a place for the manufacture of violins and other musical instruments. It was referred to the committee on manufactures.

Board of Education Row.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Sept. 13.—At a meeting of the Board of Education to-night M. M. Haas was given sixty days further time to fulfill a contract to furnish supplies for a year. In furnishing supplies Haas did not deliver paper and pencils of the brands specified, but substituted others, which he claimed were as good. The result was a big row and a threat to declare the contract forfeited and bring suit against Haas and his bondsmen unless the proper goods were supplied. Haas was at first defiant, but he changed his mind, and tonight informed the board he had ordered the goods specified.

Paralyzed by a Fall.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Sept. 13.—E. Taylor, a carpenter residing at Cottage Grove, was seriously injured to day. He was at work on a scaffold, which broke and threw him to the ground, a distance of thirty feet. He struck on his back and hips, and as a result is now paralyzed from the hips down.

SAN JOSE'S ROSE CARNIVAL.

The Floral Society Already Preparing for the 1896 Fiesta.

Committees Named and Hon. B. D. Murphy Unanimously Elected President.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Sept. 13.—The Santa Clara County Floral Society and the Executive Committee of the Board of Trade held a meeting last evening to make arrangements for the floral festival to be held in this city in May, 1896.

Director-General J. H. Henry was present and addressed the meeting, outlining the plan of work. He said that to hold a successful carnival it would be necessary to erect an immense building, with a good dancing floor and fitted with booths and stages, and one that could be used to hold similar annual shows in the future.

The question of electing a president for carnival week was discussed, and Hon. B. D. Murphy was elected unanimously. It will be the duty of the president to deliver the opening address and introduce the Governor upon State day.

Director-General Henry then announced the following committees and chairmen; Ways and means, H. M. N. Spring, chairman; building and grounds, A. T. Herrmann; flower supplies, L. J. Chipman; entertainments, S. N. Rucker; building and ground decorations, H. L. Schemmel; street decorations, Frank Stock; street arches, W. J. Gillespie; decorating the tower, Mrs. C. D. Wright; lighting building and grounds, H. J. Edwards; street parade, Colonel A. K. Whitton; printing and advertising, C. W. Williams.

On motion of Mrs. C. D. Wright the carnival will be called "The Santa Clara County Carnival of Roses." Red, white and blue were adopted as the carnival colors.

L. G. Nesmith was elected grand marshal of the carnival.

STATE FAIR AWARDS.

Premiums for the Most Meritorious Displays Distributed.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., Sept. 13.—Never in the history of the State agricultural exhibits has such a mass of people jammed the huge pavilion as entered the gates this evening. From the moment that the gates were thrown open to the public until a late hour the gates admitted a steady stream of humanity until at least calculations 8000 had entered. The award of gold medals made this evening for the meritorious exhibits were presented to the following: For the most attractive exhibit, Shaw, Ingram, Batcher & Co., a model of a steamboat in hardware; the Daniel Best Manufacturing Company, for improved rotary pump; Miss Edith Hughson of Sacramento, the finest display of decorated porcelain; the Greenwald fire alarm and police system for the most meritorious display in their line; Mrs. M. Williamson of Sacramento, for the best display of horticultural products; Bell Conservatory Company, the gold medal in the line of floriculture. Besides the gold-medal awards the Sacramento County exhibit obtained an award of $500, first prize for general product display, while Robert Williamson obtained two prizes of $50 each, one for the best display of deciduous fruits and the other for citrus fruits. Mrs. E. Shields received $100 for the best display of farm products, and J. W. Barrett obtained second prize of $50 for a like display.

FIRE AT FOWLER.

Two Saloons and Their Contents Totally Destroyed.

FRESNO, CAL., Sept. 13.—The town of Fowler, situated ten miles south of here, was visited by a fire early this morning, in which two saloons, one belonging to J. S. Gentry and the other to Craig & St. George, were destroyed with all their contents. The total loss was about $4500; insurance $2000.

The town has no fire-fighting apparatus. The two saloons stood about a foot apart and in the opening between them the fire started. Incendiarism is strongly suspected.

Found Dying Near Sacramento.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., Sept. 13.—A waiter named Anthony Vizard was found in a dying condition on the river bank about a mile below Sacramento this morning. He died shortly after being found. His death was caused by exposure to the inclement weather. It is said he has a sister residing in Oakland.

Petaluma's New Newspaper.

PETALUMA, CAL., Sept. 13.—Petaluma is to have a new paper, advocating labor-exchange ideas. Sam D. Chatterton, ex-foreman of the Courier, will be its editor, and it will be a Saturday weekly and be called the New Era.

Seattle Damage Suit Decided.

SEATTLE, WASH., Sept. 13.—In the Superior Court this afternoon the jury in the damage case of Mrs. Elizabeth Pugh against the Oregon Improvement Company for the death of her husband awarded the plaintiff $4000. Pugh, with thirty-six brother miners, was killed in the mine disaster at Franklin, this county, in August, 1894. Twenty to thirty like suits will probably grow out of this case.

NEWS OF THE COAST.

San Bernardino Fiesta Colors the Cause of Trouble.

MEXICANS IN BAD HUMOR

Many Citizens Had Unwittingly Hoisted the Spanish Flag.

WERE ORDERED HAULED DOWN.

President Diaz Congratulated on the Prosperity of the Sister Republic.

SAN BERNARDINO, CAL., Sept. 13.—A confusion of the Mexican national colors with those of Spain in connection with the coming fiesta has created no little indignation among Spanish-American residents of San Bernardino. All the business houses in the town are decorating, and some of them put up red, green and yellow, the colors used during the Los Angeles fiesta last spring. But these no longer wave. They have been pulled down at the request of the fiesta committee and Mexican residents.

The coming celebration is in honor of the eighty-fifth anniversary of Mexican independence. The ancestors of thousands who will visit San Bernardino next week fought, bled and died in a struggle against the red, green and yellow emblem of Spanish authority. Having achieved freedom they adopted the Mexican flag of red, white and green.

To understand the feeling of Mexican visitors at the sight of Spanish colors, let a person imagine on Fourth of July every business house in town displaying the Union Jack. The following telegram was sent to-day:

General Porfirio Diaz, President of Mexico, City of Mexico: Mexican independence and your birthday will be appropriately observed in this city by citizens of Mexican birth or descent and other admirers of yourself and well wishers of the country you so wisely govern. On their behalf I tender congratulations in advance, wishing the continuance of your life of usefulness and prosperity to our sister republic. J. S. PUREY,
President Citizens' Committee.

It happens that the birthday of President Diaz falls on September 15.

CELEBRATION AT FIREBAUGHS.

Mexicans to Celebrate the Independence of Their Country.

FRESNO, CAL., Sept. 13.—The Mexicans at Firebaughs are preparing for a grand celebration of Mexico's anniversary day of independence, which is next Monday. Horse-racing, foot-racing, games, etc., will constitute the day's sport. In the evening a ball will be given.

On the 19th, which is Chile's Natal day, the Chileans, of whom there are quite a number at Firebaughs, will hold a smaller celebration.

ALL HEALDSBURG MOURNS

Death of Professor Lester A. Stevens After Years of Painful Illness.

Had Long Been a Sufferer From a Wound Received During the Civil War.

HEALDSBURG, CAL., Sept. 13.—All Healdsburg mourns the death of Professor Lester A. Stevens, which occurred early this morning at his home in this city, under most painful conditions.

During the Civil War Mr. Stevens did valorous work for the cause of freedom, and he received a fearful wound, a rifle ball passing within two inches of his heart and tearing out three ribs. Since that time he had never been a well man, although he has been able to be up and about. Twenty-three days ago he was seized by dropsy of the heart, and up to the time of his death he sat upright, being unable to lie down. In the most intense pain, the good man prayed for the relief of death, and this morning the long struggle ended.

Lester Stevens was born in Ohio fifty-three years ago. For the past twelve years he has resided in Sonoma County, being one of the most thorough instructors in this section and taking an active interest in educational work. The funeral will take place Saturday, the ceremonies being conducted by Healdsburg Lodge No. 64, I. O. O. F., and Rod Matheson Post No. 16, G. A. R., of both of which organizations he was a member.

SEARSVILLE WILL CASE.

The Last Testament of Antone Martinez Admitted to Probate.

A Decision That Practically Places the Estate in the Hands of the Heirs.

REDWOOD CITY, CAL., Sept. 13.—In the matter of the estate of Antone Martinez, deceased, the demurrer to the amended ground of opposition was yesterday sustained. This action admits the last will of Antone Martinez to probate. An appeal will be taken to the Supreme Court by the contestant.

Under the will of January, 1894, Edward F. Fitzpatrick was named as executor and trustee, and he claimed an interest sufficient to contest the will of April, 1895, which latter will cuts Fitzpatrick off and names Joseph Francis Greer of Menlo Park as executor. The estate will now eventually be handled by the heirs.

The Martinez estate consists of valuable lands by the hundreds of acres that lie in the Searsville district back of Menlo Park. The land has been handed down from father to son, and was formerly a princely domain acquired under the early Spanish grants.

FRESNO EMBEZZLEMENT CASE.

The Action Against Insurance Agent Doolittle Dismissed.

FRESNO, CAL., Sept. 13.—The case of the People vs. James E. Little, who was arrested in San Francisco last Monday, and brought back to Fresno to answer a charge of felony embezzlement in not paying over premiums which he had collected to the Sun Insurance Company, for which he was local agent, came up before Justice St. John this afternuon.

After considerable consultation the prosecution moved to have the case dismissed. It was explained that the proof of intent to embezzle was not clear enough to warrant a conviction, and that the facts of the case now seemed somewhat changed from what they were when the charge was brought. Justice St. John dismissed the case and taxed the costs to the insurance company. The costs amounted to $33 and they were paid. Doolittle has settled up his shortage.

SHOOTING AT SEATTLE.

A Young Girl Probably Fatally Wounded by a Rejected Suitor.

SEATTLE, WASH., Sept. 13.—Because she had repeatedly refused to marry him Frank Johnson, an Englishman 35 years old, at about 8 o'clock to-night shot and dangerously wounded Miss Daisy Wilson, a very pretty girl of seventeen summers. Like a midnight assassin he stole up from behind, shooting the girl three times. The first ball passed through her right arm; the second tore off the top of her left ear, and the third, fired while Miss Wilson was lying prostrate upon the ground, passed through the upper portion of her head, badly fracturing the skull.

Johnson believing he had killed the girl turned and walked deliberately away, but was arrested a half hour later. Miss Wilson was accompanied at the time of the shooting by her little sister, 9 years old, but the child was not harmed.

A year ago when Miss Wilson's mother was on her deathbed Johnson begged that she give her consent and urge her daughter to marry him. This the mother refused to do, and since then the girl, though never having encouraged her suitor, has had no peace of mind.

Johnson seven or eight years ago shot Mrs. McNaught in Portland because the woman had refused his attentions. For this he was sentenced to seven years in the penitentiary, but he was pardoned at the expiration of three years.

SONOMA'S GRAPE CROP.

The Rain Ceased Falling in Time to Prevent its Destruction.

Increasing the Capacity of Many of the County's Big Wineries.

HEALDSBURG, CAL., Sept. 13.—The rain quit falling in the nick of time. Yesterday the sky cleared and a cool wind commenced blowing from the north, which is continuing to-day. It was the turning point to the successful marketing of the 30,000 tons of grapes in Northern Sonoma.

Yesterday forenoon, when the clouds were scurrying across a lowering sky and showers came at regular intervals, the faces of the grape-growers and the dried fruit men were gloomy. This morning, however, under the influence of the smiling sun and rippling breeze, their countenances have taken on a changed appearance.

Miller & Hotchkiss, the cannery men of this place, have some $10,000 worth of prunes in their drying yard, and had the rain lasted forty-eight hours longer, the entire lot would have been a dead loss.

Very substantial additions to the capacity of the various wineries in this district have been made of late. Probably 200 carpenters and coopers have been engaged in enlarging and refitting the various large wineries and distilleries in the northern part of Sonoma County. With the largely increased facilities for handling grapes, it begins to look as though buyers must make something of a scramble if they succeed in getting the number of tons they desire.

F. C. Albertz, near Cloverdale, is intending to crush 2000 tons for the purpose of manufacturing grape syrup.

The large Walden distillery at Geyserville proposes buying 2000 tons to be used in making brandy.

The plant governed by the "big seven" at Windsor is in the market for 5000 tons, which will be converted into sweet wines.

The must condenser at this place has raised the current price of Mission, Malvoisie and white grapes $1 per ton. There will be a large second crop of those varieties this year and the must condenser is ready to purchase them all.

Taken all in all the grape business will be very active this season.

Madera Settlers Bound Over.

FRESNO, CAL., Sept. 13.—United States Court Commissioner Dente R. Prince today held W. W. O'Neal, W. Cronin, Charles Nelson and Jesus Espinoza to answer to the United States Grand Jury at Los Angeles on charges of cutting timber on Government land in the hills in Madera County. The cases against two others were dismissed. Those held furnished bail. These people made their living for years by chopping wood, and they cut trees where they could find them, not knowing that were violating the law by cutting on Government land.

Reception at Santa Rosa.

SANTA ROSA, CAL., Sept. 13.—A reception to Rev. and Mrs. William Martin was given at the Marshall mansion, on Seventh street, to-night. Rev. Mr. Martin was formerly of Oakland, and was recently called to the pastorate of the First Presbyterian Church of Santa Rosa. Quite a number of church members and leading society people met him to-night for the first time and welcomed him to his new field. During the evening a magnificent repast was served.

COAST NEWS IN BRIEF.

Condensed From Special Telegrams to "The Call."

The leading dramatic amateurs of Petaluma and Santa Rosa propose producing the play "Richelieu" at the Petaluma Theater on September 26.

Judge Crawford of Santa Rosa sentenced Joseph Fenton to eighteen months in San Quentin. Fenton is an old-time offender and has twice been convicted of felony.

The tax levy for Petaluma has been set at 1 cent, which, with the State rate, will be a total of 2.31 cents. There have been no delinquent taxes in Petaluma for five years.

The Petaluma Social Club has organized a whist contingent under the name of Petaluma Whist Club, and will have a team in the Coast tournament meet at San Francisco in November.

R. A. Atkinson, a Santa Barbara saloonkeeper, has filed a petition in insolvency. His liabilities are $1090, the chief creditor being the Chicago Brewing Company of San Francisco.

Sheriff Hicks of Santa Barbara claims to have conclusive evidence that Frank Young, the young man arrested at Naples, is the man who robbed the postoffice at that place. Young is a graduate of San Quentin, where he served eighteen months.

The preliminary hearing on the charge of embezzlement against J. C. Prevost, ex-Registrar of the Supreme Court, has closed at Victoria. Prevost had nothing to say, and was committed for trial on three counts for stealing—$35 14 in December, 1893; $84 in January, 1895, and $1156 in October, 1893.

A spirited horse driven by Dr. Vecki ran away at San Jose, and the doctor had a narrow escape from serious injury. The horse jumped upon the iron fence of the Normal School grounds and was badly cut. Dr. Vecki was thrown from the buggy over the fence, but landed on his hands and knees and was unhurt.

In the case of A. Eldred vs. the City of Santa Barbara, recently tried in the Superior Court and resulting in a nominal verdict for plaintiff, both parties are appealing from the judgment. Eldred is the old man who cultivated the ground adjoining his premises along the street and the suit was brought for damages incurred through the grading of the street.

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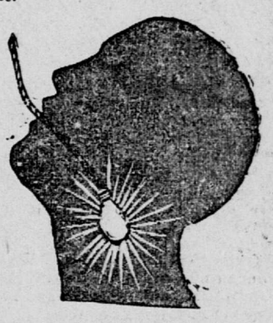
A CONTINUOUS HOWL LIKE THE NIGHT barking of a coyote goes up from the great majority of Californian fruit-raisers that railroad monopoly is driving them to ruin when they ought to be making not only good livings from their holdings, but moderate fortunes. Doubtless high freight rates do contribute to the small profits that these promoters of pomology make, but there has appeared an Eastern genius who imagines that he knows the secret which keeps the fruit-grower's nose eternally at the grindstone. He talks a great deal, and even if what he says has no foundation in fact it is so original that some of his remarks may bear repetition here. He says: "The trouble is that your people are as yet unable to properly distinguish between mining for gold and growing the festive orange. The old schoolbooks tell us that gold does not grow on gooseberry bushes, but on my word some of your orchardists think it does. Set them on a racetrack and what do they do? They are not 'in it' if they cannot play as heavily as most Eastern sporting men, and if you catch one of them, as you will often do, in a game of 'draw,' why, he wants to put the limit so far out of sight that you could not find it with a man-o'-war's searchlight. No, sir! these two evils are eating the vitals out of the Californian fruit-grower. Why don't they play whist or some quiet game that is suited to their pastoral employment? If they did they would all make their fortunes in no time."



There is little or no truth in the suggestion, for many causes have led to poor crops. Take the case of good, honest-hearted N. J. Brown of Tulare County for instance. There is nowhere a better or finer specimen of a quiet, hard-working, good citizen. He had a nice piece of orchard land which was doing very well indeed, but it gradually began to run down, but only because Mr. Brown was attacked by a disease which deprived him of all his native energy and made him utterly unfit to attend to anything. Indeed, he had become what is called a "wreck" in every sense of the word. And it is probable but for the splendid work which is being done at the Hudson Medical Institute that Mr. Brown would have lost his all. When he was at his very worst he heard of what these noted specialists were doing and applied to them for relief, and after he had been treated by these gentlemen he saw fit to make this statement:

I, N. J. Brown, being in good sound mind, do offer the following as a testimonial of the skill of the various physicians at the Hudson Medical Institute who attended to my difficulties during the past three months. It affords me pleasure to give my testimonial as to your skillful treatment. When I applied to you about three months ago I was indeed a wreck. I had almost given up all idea of being able to attend to my work, and, in fact, had lost the vim and vigor for which I was noted. While it may seem very strange to some people, it is nevertheless the truth that to-day I am a well man, and I am pleased, indeed, with my well being. That which I have I owe to the physicians of the Hudson Medical Institute. Troubled as I was with nervous prostration and general debility, which had been coming on for several years, and to which I gave but little attention, until I placed myself in your hands, I expected almost nothing. I was extremely nervous and despondent. Now I am strong and vigorous and can joyfully go back to the ranch feeling that I am in perfect health.

There was no dissipation here, but this manly man is only one of thousands who gladly testify as to what has been done for them at the grand old institute. Hon. W. W. Bachelder of Denver, Col., says: "I find few words which can express the benefits which the Hudson Medical Institute has bestowed on me."

Mr. W. Kitto of Ruby Hill, Nev., writes: "If I ever see any one troubled as I was, I will gladly recommend them to you."

Henry Matthews of Panaca, Nev., says: "I am now a perfectly cured man."

Mr. John Watson writes: "I am a well man. I know it, feel it and realize it."

This list could be prolonged so as to fill scores of columns, and all with short clippings from the testimonials of people who have been cured at the Institute "QUICKLY, QUIETLY, SAFELY, SCIENTIFICALLY and SATISFACTORILY."

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