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AN IMPORTANT MOVE. News comes from San Diego that the Southern Pacific is preparing to build a railroad from that city to Salt Lake, and it is confirmed by Mayor Carlson of San Diego to the extent of his declaration that, while he is not at liberty to tell at present all that he knows, there is every prospect of success in building such a road.

not announced that any fee is to be charged for information given, or, for that matter, that this is to be a college in the ordinary sense. It seems to be merely an association of public-spirited men who are undertaking the fostering of an important industry at their own expense and for the general good of the State.

revived interest in mining has awakened the slumbering activities of the section. All hands are busy, trade is brisk, the hotels are crowded and prosperity shines upon every occupation. Our contemporary says: "The mines are being opened and old ones more vigorously exploited with good results. Our depot platform is crowded with mining machinery and mining appliances, and scarcely a freight train arrives without new machinery for use in our mines."

both town and country at reasonable figures this county should develop rapidly in the next five years and property-owners must realize that every improvement enhances the value of their land. Those who are interested in the progress and development of San Luis Obispo should endeavor to make improvements by the erection of substantial buildings, thereby keeping abreast with the efforts of the Trustees to place our streets and sidewalks in proper condition."

League of American Wheelmen now numbers 37,848 members, 95,229 of whom are credited to New York, 5883 to Massachusetts and 4412 to Pennsylvania, while the tail-enders of the procession are Idaho and Nevada, with 100 members each. Both these States, however, are better adapted to walking than wheeling.

area of the United States including Alaska is 3,602,960 square miles, and the area of Europe is 3,800,000 square miles. CURRENT FUN. Pounder—What's the matter, old man? Rounder—Why, come home very late the night before—(who, I can see two of my faces in the mirror here, and I don't know which one to shave.—Somerville Journal.

Monday, December 9, 1895. THE CALL SPEAKS FOR ALL. Holiday trade goes lively. Cuba merits a Christmas recognition. The crisis in the convention fight is at hand.

to give the country rest we must first give it protection. Many people would like to give the horse show an encore. Olney should send Salisbury an American ultimatum for a Christmas novelty.

NEW YORK FARM LIFE. The New York Association for improving the condition of the poor has published a special leaflet giving the results of an inquiry into the causes of agricultural depression in New York State. In the winter of 1894 the city was so crowded by able-bodied men apparently willing to labor in the country if situations could be found for them, that the services of an intelligent farmer were secured to gather information by personal inquiry and observation as to the congested population in deserted farms.

PERSONAL. Allen Towle of Towle Station is in the city. Thomas Hopper of Santa Rosa is at the Baldwin. E. W. Holland of Tulare is a guest at the Grand. George West of Stockton is a guest at the Occidental.

PERSONAL. J. H. Bemer, interested in oilwells at Riverside, is at the Russ. E. M. McLaughlin, a Chicago stock broker, is staying at the Baldwin. J. R. Lowe of San Jose was registered at the Baldwin over Sunday.

A LADY'S BEAUTIFUL HOUSE GOWN. This charming tea gown of pale-blue crepon, with sleeves of white satin, has a collarette and lower sleeves of white lace, and black satin; these portions being trimmed with bands of sable or other dainty fur. A black satin collar finishes the neck, and black satin ribbons extend from the shirring in front to the waist line in the back. Small points of lace and satin finish the sleeves and are added to the stock collar in the style introduced by Paquin, the great French dressmaker.

ROBERTS, 220 Sutter—"Cards by the million." CREAM MIXED CANDIES 25c lb. Townsend's. SPECIAL information daily to manufacturers, business houses and public men by the Press Clipping Bureau (Allen's), 510 Montgomery. CORA—Do the young men ever kiss you against your will? Florence—Yes; I got tired of the old way—Louisville Truth.

Buying California products for Christmas gifts would be a good holiday novelty. The feeling that we are sure to get the National Convention has now become ticklish. Congress should get in at least one good lick at Cleveland before it adjourns for the holidays.

It is a hard fight to make the Central Pacific Company pay its debts, but Congress can do it. Grover sets a good example by acting as if the holidays were intended for something besides business. Buckley may again find this town too warm for his health and be forced to seek congeniality in Canada.

COAST EXCHANGES. The Stockton Mail, asserting that that progressive city asks Congress for \$750,000, shows intelligently what the money is needed for and what benefits it would bring. Of this sum \$250,000 is wanted for a public building, which the growing size and business of the city as the entrepot of the San Joaquin Valley amply warrant.

THE OUTLOOK FOR BUSINESS. Philadelphia Inquirer. The weak spot in the situation is clearly our foreign trade relations and the tariff laws, which are unable to retain our stock of gold at home and are inadequate to raise a sufficient revenue. But our domestic trade is certainly not bad. Immense crops are to be hauled to market, railroad earnings will be large and the demand for money will be in the main satisfactory.

PERSONAL. J. C. Johnson of Acme, Wash., is visiting Oakland. Mr. Johnson is a member of the historic "California One Hundred," and a former resident of Oakland. Major W. A. Anderson of Sacramento spent yesterday in the City. He came to intercede with the Southern Pacific on behalf of the railroad employees who are soon to be discharged at the Capital City.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS. NO MAN'S LAND—R. R. Sussville, Lassen County, Cal. What was known as "No Man's Land" in the United States was a strip of land, seventy-five miles wide, between Colorado and Kansas on the north and Texas on the south, between longitude 100 and 103 west. For forty years it was without name or law; even the land laws of the United States did not cover the four million acres of fertile lands within its borders.

CHICAGO LIMITED. VIA SANTA FE ROUTE. A new train throughout begins October 29. Pullman's finest sleeping-cars, vestibule reclining-chair cars and dining-cars, Los Angeles to Chicago, via Kansas City, without change. Annex cars on sharp connection for Denver and St. Louis. Twenty-seven hours quicker than the quickest competing train. The Santa Fe has been put in fine physical condition and is now the best transcontinental railway.

It takes a live man to keep one eye on politics and the other on Christmas goods and see all the best points in both. Those who shared Cleveland's labors by reading his message should also have a week's duck shooting for recreation.

PRIVATE CONTRACTS. Some extraordinary revelations are embodied in the communication addressed by the Merchants' Association to the Street Committee of the Board of Supervisors, urging the board to adhere to its decision to abolish the system of street improvements made by private contracts.

THE CHINO VALLEY CHAMPION, in an able article on the sugar-beet industry, says truly that the production of beet-seed is bound to become an important business and offers special inducements to energy any capital. It then says: "The endeavor in the European seed farms is to produce a mother beet containing 15 per cent sugar with a yield that may be depended upon.

TALKING OF BICYCLES. General Miles, in his report, recommends "the bicycle as a means of transportation" for use in the army, and wants the equivalent of a full regiment of twelve companies to be organized, which are to be called "cyclists." There are already 4000 men and officers in the army who are able to use the wheel, and by transferring a certain number of these so that the bicycle riders could be used together, thorough demonstration of the plan could be effected.

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