

CAPTURED IN SUTTER.

Howitzers Used by Pot-Hunters to Slaughter Ducks.

KILLED BY THOUSANDS.

Two Monster Guns and Their Owners Taken by Deputy Patrolman Helms.

FEEDING-GROUNDS BOMBARDED.

Artillery Brought Into Use to Exterminate Game for the City Markets.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., Dec. 16.—Deputy Fish and Game Patrolman Helms to-day returned from Sutter County, whither he was sent by Commissioner Morrison to look after market-hunters, who were reported to have been using four-gauge guns in killing ducks. He had made two trips before, but the men evaded him.

This time Helms camped over night on their shooting-ground, and early the following morning detected Ben May and a hired man named Carroll in the act of slaying ducks with twenty-six-pound howitzers. They tried to escape, but he arrested them and had them bound over by a local justice for trial.

Helms brought the howitzers here as evidence, and they are attracting no little curiosity. They are double-barreled and five inches wide in the breach. State Commissioner Morrison will attend the trial and see that the prosecution is made vigorous. There are more pot hunters in that locality, and they slaughter thousands of ducks every week.

Commissioner Morrison stated to-night that May was understood to be the boss of one of these potting outfits, and hired his men at \$1 a day to shoot for him. At the time Helms made the arrests only May and a man named Carroll were there. Another man, who lately served a term on the chuangang in this city, is also hunting in the lower end of Sutter County with these pieces of artillery.

These pot-hunters usually have an iron box under the bed of their wagon, and when a stranger comes into sight they look up their artillery and take out ten-gauge guns, so it is hard to catch them at their unlawful work. Helms built himself a willow blind near where May was hunting, and slept there over night, and the duck-slayers were bombarding the game in the morning before they discovered him.

C. L. Paige, deputy State game officer in Shasta, writes to a local paper that he has arrested C. H. Behrens in the town of Shasta for keeping live quail in a cage. Behrens is a hotel keeper and also connoisseur. He had been warned about keeping the quail in violation of the law, but paid no heed to it. Paige has turned the case over to the district attorney, and notified the State game commissioners of the arrest.

PHOENIX MEN ANGERED.

The Chamber of Commerce to Consider the Criticisms of a Minister.

Rev. Mr. Chase's Bitter Rebuke to the Promoters of Sunday Baseball Caused a Furor.

PHOENIX, ARIZ., Dec. 16.—In order to raise funds for the fiesta, which will be held in Phoenix some time in February, the business men and merchants of this city formed a baseball nine to play the newspaper men. The game was to be played next Sunday, because that was a convenient date for all concerned. Last night the Rev. C. J. Chase scolded the promoters of the game in vigorous language for what he called their "contemplated desecration of the Lord's day."

Dr. Chase came here on a "rescort" about two months ago, and has the reputation of preaching sensational discourses. He prefaced his remarks by saying that he was a supporter of anything that tended toward the developing of Phoenix, but he continued:

"Against this contemplated desecration of the Lord's day I protest. It is shameful to thus employ the holy hours. This city is becoming favorably known, but if the people who come here find that on Sabbath is given over to hilarious sport, they will have reason to believe that the wild and woolly days of Arizona are yet at hand and that this is yet a godless country. The women are asked to assist, and to you I say that now is the time to assert your womanhood. I find that the most prominent men of this city are named as participants. Shame upon you! You who should wish that Arizona's fame be made fair to the ends of the earth, to thus drag it in the mire and tempt the wrath of God!"

The newspapers have treated the preacher's discourse editorially, and the Chamber of Commerce has called a special meeting to consider his criticisms.

LEAVES PORT ANGELES.

The Flagship Philadelphia Coming to San Francisco.

PORT ANGELES, WASH., Dec. 16.—The flagship Philadelphia leaving to-morrow morning, the weather permitting, for San Francisco. During its cruise on the sound the Philadelphia spent one month in testing its guns at target practice in this port and the balance of the time has been consumed in visiting the cities of the sound.

Admiral Beardslee expected to visit Puget Sound again next spring with the battleship Oregon, but it now appears that it is not likely to come, as it will be impossible to obtain a full complement of men. The Philadelphia will remain at San Francisco during the holidays, and will then probably proceed to San Diego.

END OF A JACKSON SUIT.

The Forest Huns Propose to Be Opened to Hydraulic Mining.

JACKSON, CAL., Dec. 16.—In July, 1893, D. R. Thomas and John Graham entered into an agreement to trade the Forest Home property in this county, owned by the latter, for properties of the former in San Francisco, Contra Costa and Alameda counties. When the time for the transfer arrived Graham refused to trade and a suit in the Superior Court resulted. After a trial lasting two weeks this action terminated abruptly by the presentation to the court of a stipulation consenting that judgment be granted to the effect, that the contracts in question be canceled, set aside

and declared null and void. Judge Gottschalk rendered a decision to that effect. This opens up the Forest Home property to a company which had an option on it and which had already done some work toward opening it for the purpose of hydraulic mining.

OREGON RAILWAY SCHEMES.

The Burlington Now Seeking a Line to the Coast.

PORTLAND, OR., Dec. 16.—The Burlington Railroad Company has long wanted to get a road through to the Pacific Coast, with a terminal either on Puget Sound or at Portland.

Last summer Burlington officials visited the West to look over the ground and see what board of directors might be organized independent line westward from Billings, Mont., their farthest westward terminus. The fact that Receiver McNeill of the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company is now in the East on the reorganization business of his road, leads to considerable speculation as to the probabilities of one of the three systems—the Southern and the Union Pacific and the Burlington—getting control of the road in the event that it is not maintained as an independent line.

President Perkins of the Burlington system and Chairman Forbes of the executive board are likely to be organizing individual stockholders of the Oregon, in the event that it is not maintained as an independent line. President Perkins of the Burlington system and Chairman Forbes of the executive board are likely to be organizing individual stockholders of the Oregon, in the event that it is not maintained as an independent line.

VALLEJO SAFE OPENED.

Experts Forced an Entrance to the Strong-Box in the Postoffice.

It Was Found That Deputy McEnerny Had Taken Away None of the Cash.

VALLEJO, CAL., Dec. 16.—M. G. and E. W. West, the experts, succeeded at 10 o'clock this morning in opening the safe in the Postoffice and found it contained all the money, stamps and bonds of the office. Nothing had been taken by the missing Deputy Postmaster, McEnerny. The experts did their work neatly, opening the door of the safe without injuring the lock. The safe contained \$800 in cash and several thousand dollars worth of postage stamps.

The discovery that none of this money and stamps were taken by McEnerny makes his case enigmatical to the postal inspectors. "I do not know what to think," said Inspector Erwin to-day, "now that all this money has been found. One would naturally suppose if McEnerny wanted to skip out he would have taken this along. McEnerny was not a criminal. When a boy he had the St. Louis University body, and he was very much affected by nervousness when I saw him last Thursday."

Recently the department notified us that there was something irregular about Vallejo's returns. Once McEnerny had issued a money-order for \$25 and charged only \$2.50 against the office, but then again he issued an order for only \$2.50 and charged himself with \$25, so that evened it up. Why, he issued an order for only 30 cents and charged himself with \$50. I really don't know what to make of him."

The peculiar manner in which McEnerny left the office and the subsequent circumstances led Mr. Erwin to believe that the young man might have done away with himself.

JUMPED INTO THE COLUMBIA!

Joe Schaldenbrand Lost His Life on a Thrown of the Dice.

PORTLAND, OR., Dec. 16.—Joe Schaldenbrand, one of the most popular men of the Fourteenth Infantry at Vancouver barracks, jumped into the Columbia River after staking his life on one throw of the dice and was drowned.

Schaldenbrand had been losing heavily gambling. He pawned every article of value and finally, having exhausted his last resource he begged a few dollars from strangers. "If I lose I will kill myself," he said. He lost and kept his word—went to the Columbia and jumped into the river, having railroad pier. His body has not been recovered.

SAFE AT PORT TOWNSEND.

Arrival of the Kilmory after a Voyage Fraught With Suffering.

PORT TOWNSEND, WASH., Dec. 13.—The British ship Kilmory, which arrived to-day forty days from Acapulco, brings a story of terrible suffering on board. Shortly after leaving the Mexican port every man on board was seized by malarial fever, and Captain Ferguson himself, though suffering with fever, was often forced to go aloft for duty.

The ship was off Cape Flattery nine days before able to enter the straits, on account of storms.

Enforcing Alaska Liquor Laws.

PORT TOWNSEND, WASH., Dec. 16.—The steamer City of Topeka from Alaska to-day brings news that the Government officials there are apparently making a serious effort to enforce the liquor laws of the Territory.

Although there is a strict prohibition law in Alaska the Government has always issued a limited number of permits for liquor-sellers, and a Grand Jury recently indicted about forty men for selling liquors. Those having permits looked upon the matter lightly, but the news that the Government was about to be arrested and would be brought to trial.

Santa Barbara Land Sale.

SANTA BARBARA, CAL., Dec. 16.—The estate of Thomas W. More, consisting of some 6600 acres of land, composing the Purification rancho, was sold to-day under the Sheriff's hammer to satisfy a foreclosure of \$31,000. Jeremiah Manoney, the mortgagee, bid in the estate for \$35,600.

PRIDE OF STOCKTON.

Enterprising Women Who Have Done Much for the City.

LABORS OF THE ANNEX.

Eastern Lawmakers Interested in the Needs of the San Joaquin Valley.

PETITION TO CONGRESSMEN.

Gratifying Results of Labor to Secure Legislation Desired by the Railroad Town.

STOCKTON, CAL., Dec. 16.—The members of the Ladies' Annex of the Stockton Commercial Association have been advised that there is little probability of anything being done with the appropriation bills now before Congress until after the holiday adjournment. In the meantime, however, they are getting matters in shape to bring a powerful pressure to bear upon Congress when the bills are taken up on the re-assembly of Congress after the holidays.

The petition which the ladies will send to Washington in favor of the improvement of the San Joaquin River, Stockton and Mormon channels, together with an additional appropriation for the same, is being built up like the ordinary petitions, promiscuously signed. The members have taken the papers to all of the large institutions—manufacturing and otherwise—of this city, and have secured the signatures of the officers in their different capacities, with the seals and trademarks attached.

Some time ago Congressman Grove L. Johnson advised the association to cultivate the friendship of Eastern Congressmen in order that the measures might have advocates outside of this State. This was to be done by the large business houses of this city communicating with Eastern correspondents and requesting the latter to interest the Congressmen from their district in Stockton's behalf.

The plan of Mr. Johnson's was considered a rather original one, and many were inclined to take it as his joke. He said, however, that he was entirely sincere, and the ladies set about to see what would be the result of an effort in this direction.

They interested the most influential men of this city. Letters were sent to the Eastern houses and the result has been highly satisfactory. Many of the factories and wholesale houses replied that they would gladly do what they could to advance Stockton's interests and have transmitted to Stockton houses the replies which they received from home Congressmen.

The letters were very encouraging, and a number of the Congressmen, not content in making a roundabout assurance of friendship, have sent letters to prominent citizens, promising their earnest support for the appropriation bills. There is quite a mass of letters in Stockton, and as the result of the entire Maine delegation in Congress is pledged to work for the bills.

Shortly after Congress convenes in January the ladies propose to hold a monster mass-meeting on Hunter Square, at which resolutions will be adopted calling upon Congress to recognize this city's right to the improvements asked for. Governor Budd, Mayor Baggs and many prominent citizens will address the people. As soon as the resolutions are adopted they will be transmitted to the House of Representatives by telegraph, the meeting to be so timed that Congressman Johnson will be enabled to read the message to the House while the gathering here is still in session.

This is but one of the various plans the ladies are working upon in order to bring about a favorable consideration of the bills introduced by Congressman Johnson. The annex has also found a warm advocate of the appropriation bills in Professor George Davidson. The professor is now collecting data showing the vast importance of the San Joaquin River to the commerce of the State and the Pacific Coast. He will do what he can in favor of the appropriation for the new Government building, holding that this city is destined to become second only to San Francisco as a center of trade and wealth.

In speaking of the important part the members of the Ladies' Annex of the Commercial Association are now playing in the advancement of Stockton, a short review of the history of the organization is in order. While the Valley Railroad enterprise was still in its inception, the ladies organized to assist the Commercial Association in the effort to secure for Stockton a place on the line of the railroad.

They participated in all of the public meetings held, and when the time came to raise money to assist in the enterprise they were foremost in the work, and very successful. The members issued one edition of the Stockton Mail and realized nearly \$2000 for the railroad fund. After this the members divided the city into districts and made a house-to-house canvass for subscriptions. Acting upon the principle that pennies made dollars, they took every subscription, no matter how small, and the fund swelled to large proportions.

When it seemed that no more actual donations could be secured, they devised various entertainments, dances and socials, the receipts of which went toward liquidating Stockton's promise to the Valley Railroad directors.

The work did not stop at that, for the progressive women sold tea that had been donated by merchants and realized a very handsome sum on this plan. After the railroad had been secured for Stockton they decided to make their organization permanent and continue their efforts for the advancement of the city.

Since then no matter of importance has come up but that they have contributed their time and influence in favor of its promotion. The local press has repeatedly said that the annex members were more active and public spirited citizens than were the members of the association proper.

The ladies work along their own lines and do not aspire to engage in any undertaking outside of their particular sphere. They attribute much of their success to this fact.

MAJORS ARE EN ROUTE.

Twenty-seven Carloads Shipped for the Corral Hollow Line.

STOCKTON, CAL., Dec. 16.—E. H. Barber, the local agent of the Alameda and San Joaquin Railway, to-day received bills of lading for twenty-seven carloads of rails that were shipped from Chicago on the 10th inst. Twenty-three of the cars carrying the rails are those made in Chicago and are expected to reach here by the last of this week.

The work of constructing a trestle across Paradise cut will be completed to-night or to-morrow, when there will remain only the Tom Paine Slough and a swale on the Folsom ranch to be bridged over. After this is done the construction trains can run through toward Corral Hollow as fast as the track-layers can put down ties and rails.

MAJOR ORR'S SHORTAGE.

Bondsman Has Not Decided to Reimburse the Asylum.

STOCKTON, CAL., Dec. 16.—So far as is known the bondsman of Major Orr, the former treasurer of the State Insane Asylum here, has not yet advised the asylum officials whether they would make good the entire shortage of that official or test the matter in the courts. H. H. Hewlett, one of the bondsman, said:

"The several bondsman have consulted Attorney Nicol and he has not yet advised us whether to pay the deficit or not. We shall be guided much by his advice."

TEST CASE AT FRESNO.

Valley Road Directors and City Councilmen in Friendly Litigation.

Validity of the Law Affecting the Granting of Franchises to Be Determined.

FRESNO, CAL., Dec. 16.—Application for a franchise to run its line through this city has been made by the San Joaquin Valley Railroad Company. E. F. Preston, attorney for the company, spent the day in Fresno, and at a conference with the City Trustees it was agreed that a friendly suit should be carried to the Supreme Court to test the validity of the law which says that franchises must be advertised for a certain length of time and then sold to the highest bidder.

The railroad company was opposed to applying for a franchise under that law, insisting that it was not necessary to do so, and that a franchise granted direct, without any advertising or sale, was just as good and would be satisfactory to the company. The application was made, and the City Trustees refused to grant the franchise except in the usual way. A writ of mandate will be applied for and within a few weeks, it is expected, the Supreme Court will settle the question.

The suit is friendly, and the City Trustees will aid in securing an early hearing.

LOS ANGELES COMPETITION.

One Reason for the Continued Low Price for Oil.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Dec. 16.—The oil situation in this city is peculiar. A field that produces 1,000,000 barrels of oil a week ought to bring prosperity to any community, and the fact that the price of oil does not advance and that no one is getting unusually rich in the business is due to the lack of tankage as much as anything else, in the opinion of Secretary Cochran of the Oil Exchange.

One hundred men are selling oil where there are sufficient, and each is endeavoring to undersell the others. Only half the supply is bought, and there is but 70,000 barrels of tankage; consequently the surplus must be disposed of at any price. In the East 50,000,000 barrels have been above ground and the price did not drop.

The solution is to erect sufficiently large tanks, and the oil, with ocean transportation, can be controlled with good prices. The oil is being stored in tanks that have been hanging over the fields, it is thought, will develop into a crisis, and the Standard Oil Company, whose grip is tightening, will solve the problem in its old way.

On Trial for Murder.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Dec. 16.—The trial of Patrick Stewart McNery, accused of the murder of William Hunter on September 14, was begun this morning before Judge Smith. McNery and Hunter engaged in a saloon row. There was a struggle and Hunter was stabbed. McNery claims that he acted in self-defense.

OF INTEREST TO THE COAST.

More Places for Senators on the Committees.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—The Republican members of the Senate Pacific Railroads Committee will be (Chairman) Frye, Stewart, Walcott and one other yet to be named.

JAILED AT SEATTLE.

Chinamen Captured After Crossing the Canadian Boundary.

HEADED BY WONG CHONG

Each Had Forged Certificates of Residence in His Possession.

FOLLOWED THE BLAINE TRAIL.

The Mongols Held to Await an Investigation by a Grand Jury.

SEATTLE, WASH., Dec. 16.—For some time past strong suspicions have prevailed that Chinese were again illegally securing entrance into the United States by crossing the boundary line via old Blaine and Sumas trails. Customs officers have been on the alert to capture these invaders, who usually have forged certificates in their possession.

Their efforts were successful on Saturday, a squad of five Celestials being captured near Nooksack City. They were brought to Seattle this morning by Deputy Marshals George W. Curtis and Emery McInnis.

The Chinamen were captured by Deputy Collector Finnigan of Sumas and Immigration Inspector Gourley of Whatcom. They were led by an old offender named Wong Chong, who fell into the law's clutches two years ago for the same offense. In the party were Ah Sam, Ah Chung, Ah Hung, Ah Kung and the redoubtable Wong Chong.

The officers escorted their prisoners to Sumas and arraigned them before United States Commissioner R. S. Lambert, who, after hearing the evidence, bound them over for the action of the Federal Grand Jury, and then locked them up. Word was sent to the United States Marshal's office and two deputies went up and brought the squad in.

They are now in jail awaiting an investigation of their case by the Grand Jury, which is now sitting. The Chinamen are all understood to be provided with forged certificates of residence at Seattle. Most of them talk good English.

GAVE MADERA ITS NAME.

Death of Ex-Sheriff Thurman, One of the State's Forty-Niners.

Noted for His Bravery in Dealing With Lawless Men in the Early Days.

MADERA, CAL., Dec. 16.—W. H. Thurman, a Mexican war veteran, and one of the pioneers of this State and county, died this morning at San Diego, whither he went a few months ago in search of health. Mr. Thurman was a Tennesseean by birth. He crossed the plains in '49 and settled in San Jose. Subsequently he went to Nevada, where he served several years as Sheriff of Washoe County, displaying a bravery necessary to such offices in the early days. He was one of the first settlers of this county. He named the town of Madera, and built the first house in it, and was one of the projectors of the lumber flume, which terminates here. Upon the organization of this county, Mr. Thurman was elected Sheriff, filling that position until last January.

The body will arrive here to-morrow, and the funeral will take place on Wednesday. The services will be conducted by the Knights of Pythias and the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

ALBANY MURDER TRIAL.

Lloyd Montgomery Says He Should Be Hanged for the Murder of His Parents.

ALBANY, OR., Dec. 16.—To-morrow is the date set for the trial of Lloyd Montgomery on the charge of murdering his parents and Daniel McKercher, near Brownsville.

Last Friday morning for the first time he talked with Sheriff McFerron about the trial. When the Sheriff took his breakfast to him and asked him how he felt, he said:

"I feel first-rate, I slept well last night, and am glad to have had one good night's sleep before I die."

"Do you expect to die?" the Sheriff asked.

"Yes, I expect to be hanged, and I guess I deserve it. I would rather be hanged and have it ended than go to the penitentiary."

He said he realized the enormity of the crime he had committed and that he deserved to die for it. None of Montgomery's family have written to him, nor do they visit him in jail.

which several hundred local and visiting Red Men were present, addresses were delivered by prominent visitors and responded to by the guest of honor. Great preparations have been made for entertaining incohonee Paton here and at Vancouver during his three days' visit. On Wednesday night the Red Men will celebrate with a big ball and entertainment.

NORDIN A BIGAMIST.

Judge Dougherty Decided That He Was Not Legally Divorced From His Wife.

SANTA ROSA, CAL., Dec. 16.—Judge Dougherty to-day overruled the demurrer filed by John A. Nordin in the divorce case that has been on trial for several months, thus practically ruling that John A. Nordin was never divorced from his first wife and his second marriage is illegal and void.

Nordin's former name was Nelson, and while under that name he married a woman in Switzerland. Nelson afterward came to this country and through the courts had his name changed to Nordin. Then he commenced suit against his wife, Sophie Nelson. He secured judgment in the Alameda court by default of the defendant, who remained in Switzerland under the name of Nelson.

When the present Mrs. Nordin commenced suit against her husband the complaint contained two counts. One was that Nordin had secured all his wife's property by a fraudulent manifestation of affection; the other that he had never been divorced from his first wife and was not free to marry when he wedded the plaintiff.

The property in litigation is the Agna Caliente Springs resort, which Mrs. Nordin avers, was bought with her money, she, at the time of her marriage, possessing \$27,000. The property is now in the hands of H. K. Cady, who was appointed by the court to hold the premises pending final disposition of the case.

STANFORD EXAMINATIONS.

Students Now Interested in the Finals of the Fall Semester.

Christmas Will Come and Go Without a Football Game on the Campus.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, CAL., Dec. 16.—On the coming Friday Stanford closes its doors for the holiday vacation. Just present the students are most interested in the last examinations of the semester. There has been more of an effort each year to diminish the number of the finals, and the faculty has so arranged the last examinations, as a rule, that the last week is not crowded with them, as has been the case in previous years.

Manuel Eaton, who has been endeavoring to arrange a football game with some Eastern team, has at last given up the idea. The Michigan eleven required too large a guarantee, and there seemed to be an aversion for a trip among the players themselves. Another proposition was considered; that of combining the best players of Berkeley and of Stanford in an aggregation to meet some big Eastern team, but that plan, too, fell through. So, with Christmas but ten days away, there is no likelihood of a game, who live too far distant from the university to reach their homes for a visit during vacation will remain here for the holidays. About 50 per cent of the students, however, will be absent during the recess.

Professor Richardson, at the head of the chemical department, estimates the loss from the recent fire at \$650, which is a much heavier loss than was at first calculated. President Jordan expects to leave for Southern California on Wednesday next. He will be absent until January 1.

Rainfall and Snow.

MERCED, CAL., Dec. 16.—Rain has been falling all evening, and since the showers began yesterday a half-inch in all has fallen. It has made plowing good in this vicinity and given strength to stock food. The snow is falling on the lower foothills with four inches of the beautiful in Marinosa.

PORT TOWNSEND, WASH., Dec. 16.—The falling barometer of the past few days resulted in a snowfall early this morning and the indications are that the weather will moderate during the next twenty-four hours, although shipping will remain at a standstill for the present.

NEW TO-DAY.

At One-Half The Price.

A MAN'S CHEVIOT SUIT,

BLACK, BLUE, GRAY or BROWN,

\$5.

THE RETAILER'S PRICE—\$10 ENOUGH SAID.

BROWN BROS. & CO Wholesale Manufacturers Prop. Oregon City Woolen Mills Fine Clothing For Man, Boy or Child RETAILED At Wholesale Prices 121-123 SANSOME STREET, Bet. Bush and Pine Sts. ALL BLUE SIGNS

EVENTS AT SAN JOSE.

Lucy E. Park Answered the Complaint Filed by Her Husband.

George E. Barron's Gift to Caroline Hawxhurst—End of the Degelman Libel Case.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Dec. 16.—Lucy E. Park to-day filed an answer to the suit brought by her husband, Monroe C. Park, for divorce on the ground of cruelty, in which she denies that she ever called the plaintiff a liar or a brute and that she never imputed to him that he was stingy and had disregarded the solemnity of his marriage vows. She says her conduct was not cruel and of such a nature as to cause him great mental suffering. Mrs. Park charges that while she was sick and under medical care in the spring of this year the plaintiff struck and beat her and impugned her veracity, emphasizing his declarations by some terrible adjectives.

The Parks were married in Kansas in 1868, and have four children, a house of whom are of age. They own a house and lot worth \$1500 in this city, which is mortgaged for \$500, and Mrs. Park wants her share of this property and the custody of the minor child.

GEORGE E. BARRON'S GIFT.

Caroline Hawxhurst to Receive Half of the Expected Acquisitions.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Dec. 16.—An instrument was filed in the Superior Court to-day whereby George E. Barron, the contestant of the will of his father, Edward Barron, has transferred to Caroline Hawxhurst all interest that has accrued up to \$25,000 on the \$100,000 bequest of his father as security for two notes aggregating \$16,000. The notes, one of which is for \$10,000 and the other for \$6,000, were executed August 21, 1895, and made payable two years from date, with interest at 1 per cent per month. It is also agreed that, in contemplation of his father's will being ultimately broken, he gives to Caroline Hawxhurst one-half of whatever his interest may be.

James E. Walsh and James A. Thompson trustees of the \$100,000 bequest in which George E. Barron has a life interest, agree to carry out the terms of the contract.

Degelman's Case Dismissed.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Dec. 16.—The charge of criminal libel preferred by Cora Everett against George F. Degelman, the publisher of the Weekly Gazette, a sensational paper, was dismissed to-day, as it was shown that the plaintiff's name was Mrs. Carmosa, Cora Everett being only her maiden name, and this rendered the complaint defective.

Mining Company Incorporated.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Dec. 16.—Articles incorporating the Ontario Mill and Mining Company were filed to-day. The capital stock is placed at \$86,000, the place of business San Jose, and the objects of the company to carry on a general milling and mining business.

SALT LAKE VOCALISTS.

The Famous Tabernacle Choir Planning a Trip to the Coast in the Spring.

SALT LAKE, UTAH, Dec. 16.—The representative musical organization of Utah's metropolis—the Tabernacle choir—will visit San Francisco early in the spring. The plan of a tour of the Pacific Coast had been under consideration since the Tabernacle choir returned from the World's Fair, bringing with it the second prize in the great contest of choruses. The matter at last took definite form and Professor Evan Stephens, the conductor of the choir, and H. G. Whitney, who had control of the finances of the World's Fair tour, will go to San Francisco in a few days to perfect arrangements for a concert tour.

The choir will be heard at Sacramento and Oakland, and will give a series of recitals in San Francisco. The proceeds of the recent Elstedford, held at Salt Lake City