

the Senate committee in getting possession of all the facts. After the White House conference Secretary Long told a call reporter his view had nothing to do with sending warships to Cuba. He pronounced a report to that effect false. Atkins, he said, had called on him this morning and acquiesced in the suggestion to tell President McKinley what he had learned during a four months' residence in Cuba from which he had just returned. The Secretary added he knew Atkins as a wealthy gentleman of Boston, having large property interests in Cuba, and vouched for his reliability to the President.

The President is having the main features of the Government's Cuban agents' reports embodied in a message which he will send either to Congress probably on Monday, accompanied by a recommendation that an appropriation be made immediately for the relief of starving Americans in Cuba. The President is said to be astounded at the seriousness of the situation regarding American prisoners in Cuba. He deems it the first duty of this Government to care for them. The message will be vigorous on this point.

TO END THE WAR. Merchants and Bankers Getting Up a Memorial for Presentation to Congress.

NEW YORK, N. Y., May 13.—The memorial which a number of merchants and bankers of this city have been getting up, asking the Government to put an end to the war in Cuba and restore peace, will be presented to Secretary Sherman within the next ten days. The greatest secrecy has been observed by those interested in the memorial.

The firm which undertook the work of drawing up the memorial and getting signatures was Mosie Brothers, bankers of 16 Exchange place. Representatives of the firm have been in conference some time with a number of leading bankers and merchants of the city who have interests in Cuba, and the memorial was not drafted until most of them had agreed to sign.

In order to facilitate matters several copies of the memorial were sent to Boston and Philadelphia, where signatures were speedily obtained and returned to this city. The original memorial is now in the safe of Mosie Brothers, and will remain there till forwarded to Washington. Adolph Fawcett, a member of this firm, in refusing to sign a copy of the memorial to be published, said to-day: "We had resolved to keep the matter secret until it is presented to Secretary Sherman, and although the matter leaked out we shall continue to refuse to give any information to newspapers. Everybody who has been asked to sign has been requested at the same time to keep the matter secret. There are several hundred signatures now, and the memorial will be presented to Sherman within the next ten days."

From other sources it was learned the memorial simply requests the Government, in the interest of humanity and commerce, to take such steps as it can to stop the war. The signers, in support of their position, point out numerous facts to show the destruction of property in Cuba during the past two years, and consequent destruction of trade between the island and this country. Prior to 1895 our imports from Cuba averaged \$75,000,000 a year and our exports about \$20,000,000. In 1896 our imports were reduced to \$30,000,000 and exports to \$7,000,000.

CASTLE'S RESOLUTION. The New California Congressman Champions the Cause of the Cubans.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 13.—Representative Castle of California to-day offered the following resolution: "Whereas, for the duration of more than two years the people of Cuba have been engaged in a struggle for freedom, and whereas, it has heretofore been the established policy of the United States Government to support the rights of all oppressed people struggling for freedom, therefore be it Resolved, by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that a condition of public war exists between the Government of Spain and the Government proclaimed by the people of Cuba and successfully held by organized armies, and that the United States of America shall maintain a strict neutrality between the contending powers, according to each all the rights and privileges of belligerents in the ports and territory of the United States."

Weyler to take the Field. KEY WEST, Fla., May 13.—General Weyler has departed for the island of Havana province, where it is said General Gomez has appeared at the head of a large force of insurgents. The condition of the poor people throughout the country is getting worse every day, and deaths from starvation are frequent. At Guines there is an epidemic of smallpox and the pacificos are dying off by the scores.

DIED IN HIS FIANCEE'S ARMS. One Youth Shoots Another During a Trivial Quarrel.

MOBERLY, Mo., May 13.—Between 9 and 10 o'clock last night Charles Martin shot and killed Walter Hager in the front yard of Allen D. Terrill. Martin is 17 years old and a son of Thomas Martin, a farmer. Hager was nearly 21 and the son of George Hager, a well-known engineer. Hager was engaged to marry Enid Terrill, and young Martin had been paying his addresses to the next eldest daughter. To dispute arose in the house last night, and Hager remarked that there was no place to settle difficulties. He left the house before Martin and was waiting for him at the stile in front of the house. The quarrel was renewed. A pistol shot was soon heard, followed by three others. Hager was able to reach the house to state that Martin had shot him. He was lifted on the porch, where he died in a few minutes in the arms of the girl he was to wed. Young Martin claims self-defense. Hager had no weapon on him.

Indiana Corn for India. LA GRANGE, Ind., May 13.—The sympathies of the Indiana farmer have been aroused in behalf of the starving people of India, and as a result they are preparing to send a trainload of corn to New York for shipment to India. Contributions are coming in so freely that there is no doubt that Indiana's donation will be worthy of the state.

Hope Gold Mine Closed. BUTTE, Mont., May 13.—The Hope gold mine at Basin, owned principally by Senator Carter, closed to-day because the management was unable to pay the back wages due to the miners. Effort is being made to reorganize the property with the aid of Chicago capitalists.

Vines in France Damaged. PARIS, FRANCE, May 13.—Frost in the department of Yonne, center of the wine growing district, have severely injured the vines and fruits. The damage is estimated at 20,000,000 francs.

ANOTHER STENCH IN THE SENATE

Sugar Stocks Specter Stalks Forth the Second Time.

Pointed Talk by Tillman on Scandal Arising From Tariff Bill.

Broker Chapman Resolution Sent to a Committee Which May Not Resurrect It.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 13.—There was a lively time in the Senate to-day over Allen's resolution providing that Broker Chapman, the witness who had refused to answer questions in the sugar trust investigations of 1894 and who was convicted of misdemeanor before the Criminal Court of the District of Columbia, be compelled to present himself at the bar of the Senate and purge himself of contempt by answering the questions as to what Sen. Chapman dealt in sugar stock certificates as a condition precedent to his pardon.

The discussion lasted two hours and a half and was enlivened by jokes and sarcasm from Chandler and fiery suggestions from Tillman that it was not a three-year-old matter which the Senate should be giving attention to, but that charges of newspaper correspondents that before the Finance Committee reported back the Dingley tariff bill last week Senators who knew of the proposed changes in the sugar schedule had taken advantage of the knowledge in order to speculate in sugar securities of the trust. The final result was the reference of Allen's resolution to the Finance Committee.

The resolution came up as unfinished business, and Allen read extracts from the printed official report of the investigation to show that Chapman well understood the law on the subject when he refused to answer questions. Allen thought that the Senate, in vindication of itself and its authority that had been openly and flagrantly defied, ought to take the matter in hand.

Faulkner said that Chapman should come to the Senate in a contrite spirit and acknowledge his crime, it would be a greater vindication of the power of the Senate and the dignity of the American people than his imprisonment. "Why were any Senators engaged in speculating in sugar stocks (which God forbid be possible) that has been three or four years ago, a period in which evidence had time to disappear. Collateral evidence, which would have been useful if this witness had answered, and if facts had been discovered at the time, is now gone, and it is utterly futile to go on with the investigation if he came before the committee would end nothing."

As Chandler concluded Tillman impatiently broke in: "It seems to me we are not after Chapman. The original investigation was to discover whether any Senator had been guilty of using his official position to make money by speculating in stocks. To-day the same newspaper charges floating about that last week, when the new tariff bill was reported, three Senators speculated in stock of the sugar trust. We have another stench on our hands, and instead of its being a differential of one-third of a cent in favor of the trust, as that was, it is now a differential of two-thirds of a cent."

"Two-thirds of a cent," he continued, "is a trifling thing, but it is a trifling thing that Senators have been speculating on this within the last week and have made money. If you want to investigate you have now new reason. If you want to get at the true inwardness of the matter and punish those who are guilty do so or else hush up. That is the whole sum and substance of it. We do not want Chapman; we want Havemeyer. We want the man who bought your men, if they were bought. We want the man who bought your committee last week, if it was bought. And now let the Senator from Nebraska take his resolution to the committee and bring back something that will make something out of the subject. How do these correspondents state where they got their information or, if they refuse, can punish them for contempt. We can call Havemeyer and the grandees of the sugar trust and make them answer or put them in jail for contempt. Either investigate so as to find the truth and punish the criminals or hush."

Chandler asked Allen whether it was proposed that the Senate should take up the old inquiry as to the dealings of Senators in sugar stock. "I had not contemplated anything of the kind," Allen replied. "My contemplation is that the Senate would be contented in the eyes of the world if it did not speak out on this subject. Here is a proposition to pardon a man for a misdemeanor committed against the Senate, and we are caviling and contending it to be a matter of indecency for us to express our opinion. I have been here long enough to know that whenever the Senate does not want to do anything about a resolution the Senate has referred to a committee. And so the country may understand now that when this resolution goes to a committee it goes there for all time."

After some further debate the resolution was referred to the Committee on Judiciary. After the Chapman debate and a short executive session, the Senate spent the remainder of the day in tariff discussion. Aldrich, in charge of the bill, stated that owing to the unavoidable delay in the preparation of the comparative statement which was to accompany the measure

NO ONE KNOWS WHERE HE'S "AT"

Jerry Simpson Is Suppressed by Speaker Reed.

The Kansas Statesman Causes the Vote of the Republican Majority to be Divided.

Considerable Time Wasted in the House in Rather Useless Argument.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 13.—The controversy between Jerry Simpson and Speaker Reed assumed an acute phase in the House to-day. Simpson objected to approving the journal, and the debate on a formal motion that it be approved was utilized by him to repeat criticisms upon the Speaker and the majority of the House for refusing to proceed under the rules and to continue.

Three times Simpson was called to order and twice permitted by a vote of the House to proceed "in order," enough Republicans voting outright in his favor or refraining from voting. This was the first time the Republican majority has been divided this session. This apparently emboldened Simpson, who was called to order again by Dingley, Speaker Reed made an unusually extended statement. The conduct and actions of the Speaker, he said, were not above criticism, but the proper method to express that criticism was by action of the House. The Speaker could not reply to such attacks as that he would. When he was called to order again by Dingley, Speaker Reed made an unusually extended statement. The conduct and actions of the Speaker, he said, were not above criticism, but the proper method to express that criticism was by action of the House.

A motion that Simpson be again permitted to proceed in order was made by Terry (D.) of Arkansas, and disagreed to—71 to 88. Upon the announcement of the vote Simpson said: "Mr. Speaker, I understand the chair has ruled I cannot proceed out of order. By this vote the House has decided I cannot proceed in order. I want to know where I am at." The Speaker (promptly) The chair has ruled I cannot proceed out of order. By this vote the House has decided I cannot proceed in order. I want to know where I am at."

FITZ ON THE FOUL BLOW. Says the Report Is False and a Scheme to Attract People to the Versapoco.

BALTIMORE, Md., May 13.—Bob Fitzsimmons, when asked about the report that the picture of the Versapoco show him fouling Corbett by hitting him in the forehead round while Jim was on his knees, laughed and declared it a fake. "That is all Brady's doings," said the champion, "and it's a lie. Brady says he got on the inside and saw the picture. Well, I'll bet him \$5000 I never struck a blow on Corbett's forehead. I am sure the Versapoco will not show a hit that's foul. What it will show is Corbett on his knees and me in an attitude to hit him again, and I saw that he was down and did not get up."

THE DERELICT SIGLIN. Revenue Cutters Ordered Out From Puget Sound to Search for the Missing Schooner.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 13.—Captain Shoemaker, chief of the revenue cutter service, to-day issued orders to the commander of the cutter Perry at Port Townsend to start immediately on a search for the derelict schooner General Siglin, which is drifting about in the North Pacific with a corpse lashed to her helm.

NEW OFFICES FOR ALASKA. A Considerable Increase in San Francisco Postal Receipts.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 15.—The following army appointments for to-day: First Lieutenant Edwin B. Babbitt, Ordnance Department, will make not exceeding two visits to Fort Point and Fort Baker, California, on official business pertaining to the installation of the 12-inch breech-loading rifles, and upon the completion thereof will return to his proper station after each visit.

WILL BEAR IN THE PALACE. Brady Abandons Manhattan Field for Coming Pugilistic Contests.

BOSTON, Mass., May 12.—A New York special says: President Freedman, having held out for too much for the use of Manhattan field, Brady and Corbett have taken a three-day leave of the Palace Athletic Club building and are on the following dates: May 25—O'Brien and McCoy; June 3—Connelly and Zeigler; June 10—Gibson and Zeigler; June 17—Mar and Sharkey; June 20—Creedon and McCoy.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, CAL. May 12.—The baseball men proved their confidence in A. S. Jeffs this evening by electing him captain of theVarsity baseball team next year. He was chosen without opposition. Jeffs has played on the team for three years, and led his team at his best behind the bat. He is at home in the field or on the bases. Steady, conscientious playing, combined with a heavy batting average, has made him one of the strongest players on the team.

On the Ball Field. PITTSBURG, Pa., May 13.—Pittsburg 4, Washington 7. CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 13.—Cleveland 1, Boston 4. CINCINNATI, Ohio, May 13.—Cincinnati 7, New York 3. LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 13.—Louisville 2, Philadelphia 3. CHICAGO, Ill., May 13.—Chicago-Brooklyn game postponed on account of rain.

ROUND THE WORLD PRIZE. Inevitable 25,000 Miles Long on the Queen's Jubilee.

OTAWA, Ont., May 13.—The Sons of England, with the assistance of the authorities of the Government observatory, have finally completed the time-table for the simultaneous "round the world diamond jubilee service" on the afternoon of the 25th Sunday in June.

Well-Known Minister Is Dead. DENVER, Colo., May 13.—Charles Goodyear, the old-time minister, died here this morning. "Goody," as he was familiarly known by his professional friends, had been out of luck and in poor health for some time past and his death was not a surprise.

Paris in Accord With Austria. BUDAPEST, Hungary, May 13.—Replying to an interpellation in the Lower House of the Diet Wednesday regarding a recent visit of Emperor Francis Joseph to St. Petersburg, Baron Banffy, the Premier, declared that Austria's policy in the East is identical with that of Austria.

reports that the Countess Castellane, nee Anna Gould, will give 1,000,000 francs for a building to be used for all kinds of charities, in memory of her mother.

CAMPING AT PACIFIC GROVE. Cadets Give a Reception to Be Followed by a Sham Battle.

PACIFIC GROVE, CAL., May 13.—The cadets of St. Mathew's Military School of San Mateo, who are in camp at this place, this evening tendered a reception to their instructors and other guests in the parlors of El Carmelo Hotel. The rooms used for the reception were prettily decorated with cut flowers and potted plants, and the flag of the battalion was ranged in graceful folds over the spot where the youthful officers received their guests.

RELEGATED TO ROTTEN ROW. The Government to Improve Its Alaskan Steamship Service.

PORT TOWNSEND, WASH., May 13.—Residents of Alaska will rejoice to know that the recent orders issued to the United States steamer Pinta at Sitka to proceed to the navy-yard at Mare Island, Cal., for the purpose of an improvement in the Government's service in the Northern Territory. The Pinta will not, as supposed, be repaired at Mare Island, but will upon arrival there be relegated to a well-earned rest from future service in Rotten Row, while her place at the Alaskan capital will be taken by the gunboat Marietta, now rapidly nearing completion at Mare Island.

The Pinta has been on duty at Sitka since 1884, but has never been in any use, it being impossible to utilize her in the mildest weather, when there is no need for her services. It is said of the Pinta that she never raised anchor without breaking down.

BURGLARY AT FRENCH CAMP. Considerable Plunder Taken From Borland's Merchandise Store.

STOCKTON, CAL., May 13.—Borland's general merchandise store at French Camp was burglarized last night, it being the second successful burglary committed in the town recently. The store-room of the establishment was entered, the door being opened by a skeleton key. From the storeroom the main store was entered and a quantity of dry goods and some provisions were stolen.

The burglar was reported by Sheriff's office this morning and Deputy Sheriff Will went out to investigate. Constables Carroll and Beach also went out, but none of the officers were able to obtain any intelligible clue. It is thought that the same parties did both of the jobs. Mr. Borland suspected no one and did not notice any one loitering around his place before the burglary. It is certain, however, that whoever is doing the house-breaking is familiar with the places that he selects for burglaries.

CAMPING ON PARKER'S TRAIL. Officers and Bandwagons Pursuing the Grand Canyon Train-Robber.

PRESCOTT, ARIZ., May 13.—Parker, the escaped train-robber, is now not far from Ash Fort and seems to be heading for his old haunts in the region of the Grand Canyon of the Colorado. Sheriff Ruffer, with a strong posse, including three expert Indian trackers, is closely following the fugitive and it is believed that he has not caught him yet. Two young bloodhounds from Phoenix have been added to the party, though with what success is not known. Parker is captured alive it is not believed he will be taken back to Prescott. The temper of the people here is at a dangerous heat. Several men at the door of the jail are apt to escape the extreme penalty through a defect in the murder law passed by the last Legislature and Parker's lynching would be accompanied by at least two others.

W. C. T. U. Officers Elected. SANTA ROSA, CAL., May 13.—The annual convention of the Sonoma and Marin W. C. T. U. continued its session here to-day. Officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows: Mrs. A. J. Wheeler, president; Mrs. Corbin, first vice-president; Mrs. Langum, second vice-president; Mrs. Angie Allen, recording secretary; Mrs. Dickson, corresponding secretary; Mrs. S. J. Hall, treasurer; Mrs. Metzger, auditor.

CAPTURED AT CHICO. Horse-Thief From Yuba County Placed Under Arrest.

CHICO, CAL., May 13.—Constable Woods and Marshal Mansfield made an important capture this morning. Late last evening they received word from Yuba County that a lot of harness had been stolen and they immediately set out to have gone north. They immediately began a search and found a man answering to the name of James Anderson in their possession to stock a good-sized ranch. As the description given by the Yuba County Sheriff tallies exactly with most of the stolen goods, Anderson is undoubtedly the man wanted.

Deputy Sheriff Falls Dead at Colusa. COLUSA, CAL., May 13.—Deputy Sheriff Clark Harmerston fell dead in the Sheriff's office this afternoon at 5:30 o'clock. Deceased had been a resident of Colusa County for twenty-five years, and was 66 years of age. His wife, a daughter about 16 years of age, Coroner Gray held an inquest and the jury returned a verdict of death by apoplexy.

Goshen Boy Injured in a Runaway. TULARE, CAL., May 13.—Homer Colyer, 14 years of age, was probably fatally injured in a runaway accident at Goshen to-day. He was driving a one-horse hay rake when the horse became frightened and ran away. Colyer was thrown violently against a telephone pole, cutting his head badly. Dr. Mathewson of Visalia was called and hopes are entertained that the young man may recover.

Mademoiselle Enraptured by Militia Laws. MODESTO, CAL., May 13.—A young man of this city was to-day taught more reverence for the military laws of the State, at the inspection of the local National Guards on Tuesday evening. Henry Voight failed to answer the order to appear for inspection. Tuesday he was arrested upon complaint of Captain D. W. Morris, to be before Justice Stoddard and fined \$640.

Crocker Buys a Seat. NEW YORK, N. Y., May 13.—George Crocker, the California millionaire, has purchased a seat in the New York Exchange. Crocker is a special partner of the firm of Irving, McCornick & Co., bankers and brokers.

DURRANT'S DAYS AT SAN QUENTIN

Hopeful That Something Will Turn Up to Save Him.

Amos Lunt, the Guard, Would Torture Him With a Red-hot Iron.

Believes That the Murderer Is Weakening, but He Shows No Sign of Fear.

SAN QUENTIN PRISON, CAL., May 13.—Less than one month remains before to-day set for the execution of Theodore Durrant—June 11. The time has now narrowed down to weeks, and soon it will be days, then hours—and death.

Durrant's prison life has been almost without incident. Were it not for the curious crowds that beg at the gates of the prison for a glimpse of the condemned man, the fact that the murderer is confined within the walls of the great penitentiary would not be so glaringly evident. But Durrant is already dead to the world. He has requested that no visitors, save his faithful father and mother and his vigilant attorneys, be allowed to see him, and the prison authorities respect his wishes.

Hope is not dead in his breast. His confidence in the powers of his attorneys to save his life even now has not relaxed. He walks back and forth in the big prison yard during the few hours the condemned murderers are allowed to breathe the pure air. The exercise is the same each day. Then into cell 21, facing the piazza beneath the flowers, the murderer of Bianche Lamont returns. The great iron door is closed with a bang, the bolts are slipped and the guard turns the key in the lock. The key is then taken to the main door of the prison, where Guard Kelly takes it and locks it in the safe.

In a large apartment beneath the cell of Durrant the members of the prison band are locked. The members practice from 5 o'clock till about 7. Every note is played by the condemned man above. He has said he does not mind it, in fact enjoys hearing them play because he loves music. So day by day the time flies by.

Not the slightest trouble does the celebrated prisoner cause his keepers. Not an attempt at self-destruction has he made, and the guards, who learn to distrust men as no others can, say that the youthful murderer will never take his own life. When he is led to the barber-shop to shave he is accompanied by two guards, who watch every move. The convict who draws the razor across the features of Durrant is trustworthy, and were Durrant to make an attempt to gain possession of the razor to commit suicide the guards are ready to thwart the attempt.

If there is one man more than another who believes in the justice of the death of the horrible murderer of which he is convicted, that man is Amos Lunt, one of the guards. He will grasp the arm of Theodore Durrant at the door of the death chamber, and lead him up the thirteen steps to the gallows. He is the man who will place the noose around his neck and, after pulling tight the knot, give the signal that will drop the murderer into eternity. Twelve times he has already done this duty.

"I believe," said Lunt, "that Theodore Durrant murdered both of those innocent girls in cold blood. His face to me is that of the fiendish and horrible criminal that I believe he is. I expect to do on the 11th of next June, I will do it with the feeling that I am assisting in the hanging of a man who has earned a death that he richly deserves."

"Hanging is too good for him," he continued. "I could take him out on the spot, and I believe I should. I would hold it there until he fainted. I would repeat it as soon as he regained consciousness, and keep it up until he died a death of horrible agony. That is the way I should be treated. Think of the fiendish manner in which he murdered those girls!"

MODERATE BANK SUITS. Shareholders Seek Refunding of Taxes Paid by the Institution.

MODESTO, CAL., May 13.—This morning J. E. Ward, of the First National Bank of Modesto, served subpoenas upon Supervisor G. W. Toombs, chairman of the board, in the tax case of the bank. There were fifteen subpoenas served, each shareholder of the bank commencing a separate suit. The papers served are for the tax of 1896, and the aggregate amount is about \$800. In a day or two subpoenas will be served for the tax for the year 1895, amounting to \$300. In that year the tax was doubled, as the County Assessor claimed that the bank, not having paid its tax the year before, was subject to double taxation. In the suit to be instituted there will be seventeen plaintiffs, as there were that number of shareholders of the bank's stock in 1895. Both of the taxes were paid under protest and the suits are brought for the return of the money, since the Supreme Court of this State has held that the tax is illegal. The bank made a demand for the return of the money, but the Supervisors refused to return the same, as it is their intention to carry the case to the Supreme Court of the United States.

Mr. Ward informed the Supervisors that in the case of every other bank in the State the tax had been returned since the decision of the State Supreme Court claiming that the tax was illegal.

DELMAR CASE AT CARSON. Sensational Complication in the Interesting Mining Suit.

CARSON, NEV., May 13.—To-day the plaintiffs in the Delmar case continue to introduce evidence. Carson, ex-shit boss of the Delmar, swore that there was no mineral in the Naid Queen ground. Patrick Bonner, the principal plaintiff, took the stand and testified that the townsite was settled in May, 1894. When cross-examined by Judge Rives he was asked if he had not made affidavit and filed it in the Land Office in which he swore that the townsite was laid out in 1892. When this question was asked the witness threw up his hands to the attorney and said: "There is some mistake here. I have sworn there is some mistake." He then added that if he had made such an affidavit it was a mistake; his lawyer drew it up, and he never saw it, and he signed it without knowing what the date was.

This admission caused quite a sensation in court, as the Land Office affidavit placed the site in April, 1892, only antedating the location of the mine by two weeks, while the change to 1894, admitted by the plaintiff, made the mining location antedate the townsite by two years. A Swindler, for the defense, explained some maps in a diagram. He will be on the stand tomorrow to testify regarding the mineral deposits.

Memorial Day Arrangements. SANTA ROSA, CAL., May 13.—A joint committee of citizens and G. A. R. representatives met in this city to-day to arrange for the proper observance of Memorial day. Hon. W. H. Yarvis was selected president of the day and Robert Ross as grand marshal. All the prominent business houses here will close Monday afternoon and the day will be generally observed by all classes.

NEW TODAY. HATS OFF

THE THIRD LARGE SPRING SHIPMENT OF LADIES' HATS, FLOWERS and Ribbons arrived yesterday. Twice as much as our last Millinery corner will hold—twice as pretty as ever—two styles of goods of modern millinery. No fancy prices charged in our store, a living profit on all we sell is the better plan. If you get what pleases you and save a large share of the outlay, why not do it? Most of our Hats are sold untrimmed to Milliners and others—but we trim them for those who desire it. Prices vary from 15 cents up; will be glad to quote for all kinds when you call.

Ladies' Oxford Hats \$1.25 This class of hats is the most popular and best for all kinds of occasions. We have it in all colors and qualities—see them before you buy. As you will notice, we have a large stock of popular styles of hats. The prices will be low, and we will sell cheaply to get our "Hats off" at once.

Boys' Shaker Hats 4c We close today 30 dozen or more regular Shaker 3/4 size hats, at 4 cents a pair or 30 cents a dozen.

Gold Block Overalls 45c Gold Block Pants \$1.50 The latter are celebrated cotton work, made of great quality, made in all regular sizes, and are a real bargain. The price is \$1.75. Under a pair of blue denim, 100% Rock Overalls.

Pictures, Ready Framed 25c These are very pretty; frames are white and gold, gilt, or oak, as pretty as they can be. If you are asked \$1.25 in pictures, you do not think it strange.

Tack Pullers 2c We have a lot of these and shall move them to-day by the gross or single at the low price of 2 cents. Every house needs one or more.

Croquet Sets, 8 balls, from \$1.75 to \$3.75 per set, almost any price you may name. Tents and other articles for camping outfit can be had at the right prices. Rebecca Teas on bargain table at 10 cents up every day.

Men's and Boys' Straw Hats are cleared out this month at close figures. Hats of all kinds is a little higher; it has been too low for profit. Fruit men are talking higher prices for 1897 crop, especially prunes.

Clothes Hooks, dozen 5c These are made of wire, and put up in a strong; their price is 5 cents more at the hardware store.

Flour Sifters 10c These are the revolving sifters, the best kind; always brought 25 cents in good time. We will sell cheaply to get a great many quickly.

Meat Platters, 10 inch 25c Meat Platters, 12 inch 30c Meat Platters, 14 inch 35c These are handsome decorated ware in various colors, and are a real bargain. We have the "Hospital table" at one-half price.

Broken Crackers 5c We get them fresh every day; largely from the best bakers. Almost every body buys them but you.

Cane Syrup, 5 gallons 75c This is a lower price than is often named for syrup of good quality as it seems to be. Many are buying it all re-ordering it. It is a real bargain. We have the best Honey Syrup and a bargain at 75 cents.

We think our friends for liberal patronage. Our free delivery all over the city is appreciated. Try our Fine Tea served free every day. You'll find it convenient to check packages here. Across the bay towns supplied free of cost in freight. We understand packing and shipping goods everywhere. Our patrons find it pays to work on cash basis. We have a 40-page price list, free to all.

Address—The Big Store at the Ferry—25-27 MARKET STREET.

manner in which he murdered those girls! Hanging is too good for Theodore Durrant can look for little pity from him. The time is rapidly drawing near when Durrant must be conveyed to the death chamber. Two guards will be selected to watch him. They will eat and sleep within sight and call of the murderer. The death chamber is situated on the top floor of the building that once was used as the furniture factory. To reach it one climbs three long flights of stairs, and is confronted by an iron door which leads into the chamber. There is in the middle of a large room, is a cage in which the condemned man will be confined. Adjoining the death chamber to the south is the execution-room. The gallows is in place, and from the death chamber to the execution-room is but a few steps. The windows are painted white, and it is here that Durrant must hang. Warden Hale was seen at the prison to-day. He said the death watch would be put over Durrant six or eight days before the date of execution. "We will be treated as any other prisoner under sentence of death. There will be no difference," said the warden. It is not thought that Durrant is breaking down. Two guards will be selected to tell upon him as can be seen in his features, but as yet he has not shown the slightest fear. He recognizes his position fully, but the guards that once were used as his breast. He expects something to turn up to save him.

MODESTO BANK SUITS. Shareholders Seek Refunding of Taxes Paid by the Institution.

MODESTO, CAL., May 13.—This morning J. E. Ward, of the First National Bank of Modesto, served subpoenas upon Supervisor G. W. Toombs, chairman of the board, in the tax case of the bank. There were fifteen subpoenas served, each shareholder of the bank commencing a separate suit. The papers served are for the tax of 1896, and the aggregate amount is about \$800. In a day or two subpoenas will be served for the tax for the year 1895, amounting to \$300. In that year the tax was doubled, as the County Assessor claimed that the bank, not having paid its tax the year before, was subject to double taxation. In the suit to be instituted there will be seventeen plaintiffs, as there were that number of shareholders of the bank's stock in 1895. Both of the taxes were paid under protest and the suits are brought for the return of the money, since the Supreme Court of this State has held that the tax is illegal. The bank made a demand for the return of the money, but the Supervisors refused to return the same, as it is their intention to carry the case to the Supreme Court of the United States.

Mr. Ward informed the Supervisors that in the case of every other bank in the State the tax had been returned since the decision of the State Supreme Court claiming that the tax was illegal.

DELMAR CASE AT CARSON. Sensational Complication in the Interesting Mining Suit.

CARSON, NEV., May 13.—To-day the plaintiffs in the Delmar case continue to introduce evidence. Carson, ex-shit boss of the Delmar, swore that there was no mineral in the Naid Queen ground. Patrick Bonner, the principal plaintiff, took the stand and testified that the townsite was settled in May, 1894. When cross-examined by Judge Rives he was asked if he had not made affidavit and filed it in the Land Office in which he swore that the townsite was laid out in 1892. When this question was asked the witness threw up his hands to the attorney and said: "There is some mistake here. I have sworn there is some mistake." He then added that if he had made such an affidavit it was a mistake; his lawyer drew it up, and he never saw it, and he signed it without knowing what the date was.

This admission caused quite a sensation in court, as the Land Office affidavit placed the site in April, 1892, only antedating the location of the mine by two weeks, while the change to 1894, admitted by the plaintiff, made the mining location antedate the townsite by two years. A Swindler, for the defense, explained some maps in a diagram. He will be on the stand tomorrow to testify regarding the mineral deposits.

Memorial Day Arrangements. SANTA ROSA, CAL., May 13.—A joint committee of citizens and G. A. R. representatives met in this city to-day to arrange for the proper observance of Memorial day. Hon. W. H. Yarvis was selected president of the day and Robert Ross as grand marshal. All the prominent business houses here will close Monday