

THE BANCROFT LIBRARY.

There is a bill before the California Legislature to appropriate \$250,000 for the purpose of purchasing a lot of books from H. H. Bancroft & Co. of San Francisco. Mr. Bancroft accumulated these books and things for use in compiling his Pacific Coast histories, and now that he is through that work of history building, the State, is offered, for the sum named, the library of reference.

A good many think this is a large sum to pay for what they call "a collection of old literary rubbish." It will be a good investment for the State of California, however, and the time will come when such a rare collection of books, papers and manuscripts would be worth anyway from \$500,000 to a million dollars. Time adds value to such collections as these and the mass of "literary rubbish" collected by Bancroft represents years of patient toil and research, and the value of time and experience which no money can represent. Mr. Bancroft is now on the most exhaustive series of historical works ever published in America, and in the midst of his labors the accumulations of a life time were swept away by fire. No doubt he needs this bagatelle of \$250,000 to complete his historic works in which he has already sunk a million. California will indeed prove itself ungrateful if it does not purchase this library and it will also prove itself short-sighted in business if it lets such a chance pass.

The Irrigation Question.

By a very simple line of argument, demonstrated by innumerable facts in every nook and corner of the State of Nevada, it would seem to us that any man of ordinary intelligence would conclude that the question of placing this State in its proper place among the States is only a question of irrigation, and that is only a question of the proper expenditure of a little money—little, compared with the results which men of experience know will follow.

For an example, let us take the Carson river, draining a magnificent water shed, as it does: Right across the river from Dayton there is a piece of ground which a few years ago was white with alkali, and a little greasewood grew sparsely. Water was brought on it by some Italians, and is now a fine ranch. This ranch was overflowed in 1884 and the crops destroyed, and the Italians accounted the reason to a dam built by C. C. Stevenson, and they sued him for damages. This writer reported the suit. It came out in the evidence that over 20 tons of potatoes had been raised in one crop on an acre of that land, and that 15 tons per acre was a reasonable estimate of the loss.

Now where on God's earth can you get such crops as that—outside of Nevada?

We have forgotten how much barley has been raised on five acres of land, but it was something almost incredible.

There is enough good level land accessible to the water of the Carson river and drained by it, and there is enough reproductive force—water and all else—to support a population of 100,000 souls. If this land was in France, or rather if the spirit of French legislation occupied seats in Carson, that number of industrious, prosperous, happy and contented people would be making the entire valley ring with the progress of civilization in 10 years, and in less than five years bells on top of school houses, churches, public halls, gardens and libraries would be within the sound of each other's voice from Genoa to Ragtown.—Footlight.

The present session of the Legislature seems to contain less of jobbery and more of public utility of any session that has ever convened. The members seem to have gotten the hang of the business and will during the coming month settle down to the finishing of the work they have laid out.

Of the county officers in Nevada there are 101 Republicans and 63 Democrats. There are more Democrats than Republican Sheriffs. Of all the other officers there is a majority of Republicans.

They Go Cahoote.
"You help me in my little bill," Said Assemblyman Jones to Assemblyman Brown,
"And I'll turn in and work with a will,
"For any scheme that you mark down."
And Assemblyman Brown at once replied,
"Keep your paws off the Treasury tills,
"I hope I may die and rot beside,
"If ever I vote for your thieving bills."
Assemblyman Jones he laughed aloud:
"Don't fool with me; it is no use,
"For I will weave a snow-white shroud,
"For any racket you introduce."
Next day the Chief Clerk made a note
Of the little bill Brown introduced;
It was buried beneath a two-thirds vote,
And sent to the pigeon hole to roost.
And Assemblyman Brown he scratched his head,
While a little shiver went through his bones;
"Who put my little bill to bed?"
And somehow the echo answered,
"Jones."
And after he studied the thing a spell,
He grabs his hat and out he scoots;
"Put it there, old Brown! 'tis well;
"After this we go cahoote."

A Good Bill.

Assemblyman Powell has introduced a bill to prohibit the importation or selling of domestic animals affected with any infectious or contagious disease. It makes it a misdemeanor, punishable upon conviction by a fine of not less than five nor more than ten dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail not less than ten nor more than twenty-five days, for each and every diseased animal, to knowingly import into this State any animal or animals having any infectious or contagious disease. It also makes it a misdemeanor, punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, to knowingly sell or dispose of any domestic animal affected with any infectious or contagious disease, without fully disclosing the fact to the purchaser, and any person violating the provisions of the Act, in addition to the penalties provided, shall be liable for all damages that may accrue to the party damaged by reason of said diseased animals communicating to any domestic animal any such contagious or infectious disease.

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