O'ER THE HILLS, FAR AWAY

Trip to the County Seat of Inyo.

A BEAUTIFUL VALLEY—SOME GRAND SCENERY

Country That Is of California but Not Californian—Teachers' Institute.

By ELIZABETH SARGENT-WILSON.

The old saying of "Around Robin Hood's Barn" becomes literal in making a trip from here to Inyo county. It is not far, "Just over the mountains" we say, as we look at Amador and Mono counties on the map, but when one undertakes the journey all is changed. Those mountains that lie between make miles of inches and stretch hours into days. The Sierra! The glory of California! They shelter her from blizzard, shut out the desert, and pen in the sunshine that decks her form with the golden garb of beauty and wealth. As the Alps cradled the poets and artists of old, so our Sierra are destined to shelter the bards and painters of the future.

The traveler of the present finds but the "Rocky Road to Jordan" in going the short way. Inyo is southeast of us, so to get there from Jackson we start in a north-westerly direction, and no language but Eskimo expresses the condition of the roads between here and Ione. Onesveryliverisshookout. First of all we are packed three in a seat, which always reminds me of the nursery rhyme beginning, "Three little bugs in a basket, and hardly room for two." As a send-off you are sure to receive some sort of mud plaster. Woman fashion I had my mouth open, so I chewed gravel most of the way. My vis a vis received his so that he gave us uncanny winks of most unbecoming sort all the way down. Now the bouncing up is not at all bad, but the aftermath of sitting down again is what harrows one's spine, then the side jerks make one feel as if in training for the Hula-hula.

I once heard a man say: "Beware of a county that boasts of a low tax rate, for it means vile roads, no sewers and few public improvements of any sort." That ride to Ione caused reflection on the subject.

There is a special delight that comes of barely catching a train. As the Ione train was late in reaching Galt there came the thrilling excitement of being boosted aboard the Sacramento train as it was moving from the station. Those are the times when a woman realizes the true chivalry of men and thanks Divine Providence that she is a woman.

At Sacramento there is another change, where we make close connection with the Chicago Limited. As you fly over the road after the porter has snugly tucked a pillow under your head, traveling seems delightful after all, and one forgets that there ever was such a thing as a stage coach.

We climb higher and higher and the rain drops are replaced by white flakes that robe the mountains in garments of purity. During all this first day of travel the distance from Inyo grows greater instead of less, but at Reno, after remaining over night, our faces turn southward on the Carson and Colorado Narrow-Gauge Railroad. The car is new, clean, cozy. The reclining chairs are typical of that cordial hospitality that Nevada extends to all. It must be the atmosphere for every one there possesses it—that ease and graciousness that lead us to say they are "to the manner born." It is catching some way, for even the Piutes have a touch of it. We pinch ourselves in order to realize that we are not dreaming of by-gone days "When Knighthood was in Flower."

The day seems short, and toward evening as we wind our way along Walker lake we catch a glimpse of Hawthorne, where the train stops to rest and feed over night. Hawthorne is a stage center and, although we did not encounter the "bad man from Bodie," we were entertained by a charming woman who, according to her own tell, runs the town, and in the spare time has taken five trips to Europe within three years. She transports you to fairy land, so vivid are her pictures.

From Hawthorne to Keeler, the terminus of the railroad, travel is light and the train runs but tri-weekly. Our traveling companions were the Chinese boss of the section men and an interrogation point with three young interrogation points."

"Where did I live?"

"Where was I going?"

"Would I remain long?"

"Did I intend to keep the new lodging-house in Independence?"

"Was I martied or single?"

What would have come next I can not tell, for at this place the youngest interrogation point became car sick. The family retired to the rear platform and I was sound asleep when they returned and did not awaken until Bishop was called.

We are in California once more, though it is difficult to realize the fact, for the beautiful Owens valley seems like some rare jewel in a setting peculiar to itself. The crownhead of the Sierra, Whitney, with his white-robed courtiers, from his throne upon the western side guards his treasure with kingly grace, and on the east a spur of these same mountains towers in grim grandeur and awes the beholder into speechless wonder as he gazes upon the magnificence. It is no gradual rise as we have on the western side, but a precipitous pile towering above us two miles. One must see to realize the prismatic effect, for such coloring as the changes of the day bring forth are beyond description or imagination. One feels like John of old as he saw a new heaven and a new earth where "The foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth an emerald; the fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst—and I saw no temple within: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb is the light thereof."

This little valley is about seventy miles long and is threaded by the Owens river, which furnishes irrigating water for the farms that yield an abundance of grain and fruit. The grain is largely converted into hay for the purpose of feeding the fine horses for which the valley is noted. The people are typical of the mountains, and possess all the sterling qualities that have made hill folks the most powerful since history began. Their isolation renders them self-reliant. They are eager for the best that the world possesses in the line of culture—and have it. They are alive to all the interests of the times.

The occasion of my visit there was the County Teachers' Institute. It was held at Independence and every one took a lively interest. The day sessions were well attended by the town people, and evenings the pavilion was packed. It is quite unusual for those outside of school work to show such an active part in meetings concerning so prosy and uninteresting a matter as the educating of our coming men and women.

The teachers, though few in number, made up in quality what was wanting in quantity, for the Inyoites know full well that $15 salaries means $15 teachers, so pay accordingly.

One of the stations of the Weather Bureau is located at Independence and Mr. McLean, the officer in charge, threw open the observatory for the benefit of the visitors and kindly explained the working of the delicate machinery, so that we were able to understand how the weather man can tell us when to take umbrellas and when to leave them home.

The week's work closed with a grand ball, at which all threw care to the winds and joined in the merry dance. As most of us took the train at 6 o'clock the next morning it was thought best not to go to bed at all. Thus ended one of the most delightful gatherings of the kind that it has ever been my good fortune to attend.

With a hearty godspeed from Superintendent Hampton, to whose untiring energy we owed the happy week, and joyous holiday wishes from all, the homeward journey is started with the eager hope of reaching Lodi in time to take Christmas dinner with home folks, but, alas "The best laid plans of mice and men gang aft aglee." With one train four hours late, and another five, the dinner was taken in company with Lonesomeness in a dining-car, where you wonder if dynamite would in any measure change the movements of those automatons, the Pullman porters. With aerial navigation it is to be hoped that there will evolve a new species of transportation officials. We had been in continuous sunshine, but on looking out of the window, this side of Colfax, a white sea spread away as far as eye could reach. Fog—wet, dripping, penetrating fog. We plunged into it shortly, and the outer world became oblivion. In this we groped about for four days in the San Joaquin valley, then started for Jackson. On New Year eve, in good wholesome weariness the well-worn words, "There is no place like home," flitted to mind, even if it is but a perch on Court street, with a roof garden, the chief crop of which is cats.

Blessed be cats, for they lengthen the hours of the night and give one time for reflection.

Card of Thanks.

To all the citizens of Jackson who rendered service and sympathy during the late illness, death and burial of my beloved son, I desire to express the sincerest gratitude that can emanate from a parent's heart. I shall ever remember Jackson and its generous and sympathetic people with a feeling of kindness that my words are inadequate to express. Never, it seems to me in the history of mankind, have strangers in distress and sore trouble been better received or sympathized with more keenly, or assisted more readily, than have the good-hearted people of Jackson tenderly cared for my loved son, Frederick, and efficiently assisted a bereaved and broken-hearted father. My grief was great and my heart ached, but the tender sympathy of the people of Jackson soothed the sorrow and alleviated the pain.

I desire to expressly thank the managers and employes of the Zeila and Argonaut mines for the large contribution raised to defray the expense of my son's sickness and burial, and also Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Voorheis of the New National Hotel, Rev. F. A. Morrow, pastor of the M. E. Church, Rev. Father Gleeson of the Catholic Church and Rev. Father Moloney of Sutter Creek. I also wish to acknowledge, with thanks, the courtesy to the living and the honor shown the dead in the large procession that accompanied a father to the last resting place of a dear son.

Those who sang in the choir, those who furnished floral pieces, the physicians who attended my boy, the nurses who took care of him, all will please accept a father's heartfelt thanks. F. WAGGERSHAUSER.

PERSONAL MENTION.

A. H. A. Burbank of Antelope was a county seat visitor this week.

A. Ratto, contractor, went to Stockton last Wednesday morning on business.

Ex-District Attorney E. A. Freeman returned from San Francisco last Saturday evening.

George Brown went to San Francisco last Sunday morning and will return tomorrow night.

S. M. Cochran of Camanche has accepted a position as bookkeeper for A. Chichizola of Jackson Gate.

G. G. Fraser, the popular commercial tourist, was here this week and reported business in his line very good.

L. H. Bicker of San Francisco, Postoffice Inspector for this district, visited several offices in the county this week.

Will. A. Newcum and George Bonnefoy visited a mining property in Calaveras couuty last Sunday and Monday.

John Nicolaysen of the Argonaut force, has resumed his duties, after a six weeks' visit with friends in San Francisco.

F. Waggershauser of Reedley, Fresno county, father of the late Frederick P. Waggershauser, arrived January 10th and departed yesterday morning.

A. H. Baughman of Ione was at the county seat on business last Tuesday. He says it is generally believed in Ione that a railroad will be built to Jackson some time during the present year.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Gross had apartments at the New National for the past few days. Mr. Gross is superintendent of the Centennial mine at Drytown and returned there on the 16th inst.

C. A. Snow & Co.

Patent Lawyers, opposite the United States Patent Office, Washington, D. C., who have actual clients in every city and town of the United States and Canada, report that never before in their twenty-five years practice has the work of the office been so well up to date. They claim that patents can now be procured in less than one-half the time formerly required. 11-17-2-19

Miss Lottie Hunting Married.

Miss Lottie Hunting, formerly of Jackson, and who is still remembered by her friends throughout Amador county, was married at Oakland last Tuesday, Jan. 16th, to Denton C. Piper of Denver, Col. Mr. Piper is a nephew of the millionaire, W. A. Piper, who died at the Palace Hotel at San Francisco, a short time ago. The young couple left on the evening train for Denver, Col., going the southern route. They will reside in Denver, where Mr. Piper is interested in several mines.

Lost.

The top part of an old-style breastpin was lost in Webb Hall, at the Native Daughters' New Year ball. The part lost consisted of a garnet setting, with the accompanying band of gold which held it in place. Very highly prized as an heirloom. Please return to Mrs. Newcum, Jackson. *

Love's Hall Reopened.

Love's Hall has reopened, and will hereafter be conducted as an opera-house and hall. *

Has Resumed Practice.

Attorney John F. Clute has resumed the practice of his profession in San Francisco. His office is in the Mills building. His Amador county friends wish him honor, eminence and wealth.

MITES FROM MANY MINES

Good Work Being Done at the Manuel Santirfo.

LUCAS MINE SHUT DOWN FOR WANT OF FUEL

Another Gigantic Enterprise to Be Inaugurated in Tuolumne County.

AMADOR COUNTY.

Manuel Santirfo—Pine Grove.

At this mine, which is located at the head of Santa Clara Gulch, one and one-half miles northeast of Pine Grove and which has recently been bonded by the Messrs. Watkins, much work is being done. New sluices have been put in and a new twenty-horse-power friction engine and boiler has been placed in position. The latter, with the help of triple-rigged blocks, has the capacity to lift bowlders weighing ten tons. Roads have been built and many other improvements made. The senior Mr. Watkins is a practical machinist and makes all the patterns for the machinery used in and about the mine. This mine was a good producer in past days, and, under its present able management, will, no doubt, help to materially increase Amador county's gold output for 1900. H. D. C.

The Lucas—Big Bar.

At the Lucas mine, situated near the recently burned plant of the Blue Lakes Water Company, sinking has been temporarily suspended, owing to the fact that fuel is not obtainable during the present deplorable condition of the highways.

EL DORADO COUNTY.

John Gray of Fairplay, struck a bonanza in his claim last week and brought in quite a quantity of the yellow stuff, some pieces weighing from $1 to $2.50.

Placerville Democrat: G. S. Estey and S. Chaix were up from Latrobe on business last Monday. They brought with them several pieces of ore from their mine near Latrobe, in which gold could be seen with the naked eye, and have about forty tons of the same on the dump ready to put through the mill. They certainly have a fine prospect for a bonanza.

A Greenwood correspondent sends the following to the Placerville Republican: Peron Lee and Hugh Nicholls have leased the Argonaut mine and are putting in a large flume.—Fred Raab has been sluicing on the Occidental quartz mine during this last storm and has found some rich pieces of ore.—Superintendent Keeny is up from the southern extension of the Sliger mine. He says the shaft is down 200 feet and everything working nicely.

Placerville Democrat: In this county the forecast for farming, mining and their related occupations, was never better than now. The unusual rainfall to date, while causing a temporary lull in industrial activities, has made assurance of a prosperous year doubly sure. For farmers, orchardists, stockmen, and also for the power plants of mining and mechanical industries, its compensations are countless and inestimable. With improved conditions the trend of circumstances are all in the right direction. Even the sun has faced about and is coming our way, for a gay and prosperous summer in El Dorado. With bud, blossom and fruitage for field and farm, with golden premiums for mining enterprise; and with jocund tallyho for mountain and forest, he comes for his annual jubilee in El Dorado, the gorgeous wonderland he revealed to the pioneers and still loves to glorify for their sons and daughters.

CALAVERAS COUNTY.

Mokelumne Hill Chronicle: The work of crosscutting at the 150-foot level of the Vorlander mine still continues. The ore looks exceedingly well.

Angels Camp Record: Louis Cutler, superintendent of the canvas plant, commenced last Sunday to turn the canvas and repair the works at this place. Great success has been had at this plant since it started up. Everything will be put in first-class order at the works.

San Andreas Citizen: Work was started by a force of men in pumping out the Veritas mine, formerly called the Fellowcraft, last Monday. After this was finished rock was taken from the shaft at random by an expert sent here, and this gentleman left Wednesday morning with ore samples to test and report to those who are interested in the purchase of the property. This mine has been shut down for several months, although it is known to be one of the best mines in this vicinity. It is most likely that it will be running a full force in the near future, and it is hoped by all that such will be the case, for, as everybody knows, it would be a good thing for San Andreas.

TUOLUMNE COUNTY.

Sonora Banner: A good vein has been struck in the Draper mine and also a huge volume of water, requiring large pumps to handle it. Indications are that a big body of ore is near at hand.

The Tuolumne Mother Lode Mining and Development Company closed down this week. As near as can be learned, the cause is financial. It is also reported that the property will soon pass to the control of W. A. Nevills, who will soon open it up, and, with money to back it, it will step to its proper place in the line.

Sonora Independent: George Blake has returned from San Francisco and has closed the O. K. mine temporarily, preparatory to putting up new machinery. A crosscut tunnel is in 400 feet and from this face a shaft will be sunk on the ledge. Prospects were bright at the closing of works. The mine is owned by the Murdock brothers.

Sonora Mother Lode: Several hundred feet of hydraulic pipe, a water-wheel, two friction-geared hoists for a double derrick, with cable and other fittings, are here in transit to the Philadelphia diggings. The manager of this property is showing the proper spirit, and we hope will make a howling success of the venture.

Sonora Independent: The mill at the Arbona mine is running night and day on very rich ore. After each round of holes in the ledge the superintendent and foreman precede the miners, in order to gather the specimen rock thrown out by the blast. The work of stoping from the 500-foot level is in progress. This property is a case of a mill being erected before the true worth of the mine was known.

The work of draining the old workings of the Buchanan mine is being rapidly pushed. A tunnel is being run to tap the water below the 200-foot level. This water was the occasion of a stoppage of this mine recently, and nothing could be done with this immense volume of water liable to come in at any moment. Superintendent Moorehead expects to complete the work in about sixty days.

Sonora Mother Lode: J. A. Gleason and Phillip Keefe have bonded the property of the Genoa Mining and Milling Company, situated within the southwestern limit of the city of Sonora and fully described in these columns last week.

When it was known that the property could be secured, several parties endeavored to secure it, but Messrs. Gleason and Keefe were the successful ones. They are now in San Francisco to lay the matter before certain capitalists who have signified their intention of exploiting the property.

It is a handsome prospect, and the development of a paying mine within the city limits must be of great benefit to the city.

Sonora Independent: George F. Dyer, superintendent of the Draper mine, has left for a three weeks' visit to the East, where he will complete arrangements for starting work on the big tunnel at the Horse Shoe Bend quartz mine on the Stanislaus river. A contract has been placed for the necessary machinery—compressor, drills, etc.—for use in driving the tunnel, and it is expected active work will be commenced in ninety days.

M. E. Sanford controls the property. The work will be carried on under the superintendency of a local man, G. F. Dyer acting as manager. The company which is to acquire control of the property is composed of Boston and New York capitalists who stand high in the financial world. The proposition is similar to the Melones mine, which is situated across the river. The company has three water rights, one being 10,000 miners' inches. The tunnel will develop the several veins and the mine being situated near the Angels branch of the Sierra Railway, is an additional advantage. Horse Shoe Bend has a record yield of $300,000 in past years.

For Sale.

A solid walnut bookcase and writing-desk, which cost originally $35. A handsome and useful piece of furniture. It will be sold at a great bargain. Call on or address Mrs. Mary Evans, New National Hotel, Jackson, Cal. *

F. P. WAGGERSHAUSER IS NO MORE

SAD ENDING OF A PROMISING YOUNG MAN.

Called Away When He Was Just Entering Upon a Career of Usefulness and Honor.

At 4 o'clock Monday morning, January 15, 1900, Frederick P. Waggershauser, after a plucky fight of several weeks' duration with injury and disease, paid the penalty exacted by Nature of all mankind. His father arrived in time to be with him a few days before the summons came and did all in his power to alleviate his sufferings.

The funeral took place from the Catholic Church, Rev. Father Gleeson officiating, Tuesday afternoon, January 16th, at 2:30 p. m. The congregation was large, many of our most prominent citizens being present. The floral offerings were beautiful. Interment in the Catholic Cemetery.

The pall bearers were: Frederick Eudey, Harry Newman, Alex Eudey, Charles Williams, Ruel Parker and Frank Arditto.

F. Waggershauser, father of deceased, was the only relative present, and the heartfelt sympathy of our people went out to the stricken, solitary mourner and many a tear mingled with his over the bier of his departed loved one. There were many miners in the procession who solemnly paid their last respects to their departed fellow workman, and sincerely condoled with the grief-stricken father. It was a sad laying away of a bright youth, who was overtaken in the morning of life by an accident that cost him a limb and a few weeks later his life. But we must remember that: "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away." Not ours to murmur; not ours to question; but ours to prayerfully submit and say: "Blessed be the name of the Lord."

Frederick P. Waggerhauser was born in Weingarten, Wurttenberg, Germany, June 26, 1878, and came to America with his parents in 1887. Two years later he came to California and resided at St. Helena, Napa county, eight years. Later he graduated at the Oakland High School and then entered the State University at Berkeley and was working in a mine here to earn money enough to complete the course when, on Tuesday morning, November 21, 1899, he was caught in a cave-in, his left leg below the knee being so badly injured that on the night of November 23d it had to be amputated. Through the trying ordeal he manifested great presence of mind and exhibited rare fortitude and commendable nerve. He got on nicely and all arrangements were made, even a pair of crutches being procured, to have him up and about by Christmas. But, alas! man proposes and God disposes. The trial and tremendous strain through which he had gone aroused the latent seeds of quick consumption, to which disease he was predisposed, and the crutches were never used. He gradually faded away into the silent shadow of death, and one more young and ambitious life was cut off forever at the very threshold of manhood.

He was bright, active, ambitious and studious. His ambition was to become an eminent civil engineer, and, had he lived, no doubt his hopes would have been realized, for he was possessed of the pluck that wins both fortune and fame in America.

Remember That

You can always get good, fresh fish the whole year round at A. B. Caminetti's Central Market, Main street, Jackson. 8-4-'99

"Better Than Gold."

Our Sutter Creek friends are to be entertained on the evening of the 25th instant by comedy, pathos and tragedy. Under the management of the well-known professional actor, George T. Snow, the charming drama, "Better Than Gold" is to be produced. The proceeds are to go to the Sutter Creek Free Library. Local talent will support Mr. Snow. The people should liberally patronize the performance.

CAST OF CHARACTERS.

Peter Perchant, a lawyer, ... George T. Snow
Gilbert Murdock, the outcast, Henry M. Calkins
Richard Gordon, the schemer.....Pearl Davis
Tom Payson, absent-minded, ...Eustice Giles
Asa, colored servant, ...Garnett Calkins
Mrs. Garfield, housekeeper at Gilroy, ...
.....Mrs. J. S. Clark
Annie Garfield her daughter, ...
.....Miss Laurel Lathlean
Belle Gordon.....Miss Jennie Lithgow
Jennie Joy, a seamstress,...Mrs. Winnie Jones

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HELPFUL QUILL-PUSHERS

Send in Budgets of Outside News.

GIRL HAS NARROW ESCAPE FROM A SAVAGE DOG

Runaway at Forest Home—Amador People at San Francisco—Personal Notes.

FOREST HOME NOTES.

The Usual Winter Work and Pleasure Is Duly Recorded.

FOREST HOME, January 16.—Mr. and Mrs. George D. Wirts went to Ione last Saturday, returning the same day.

L. McCoy, who has been visiting friends and relatives at Los Angeles for the last two months, has returned and is engaged in work for H. O. Comstock.

Our little town was very much excited over a runaway last Monday. The runaway horse was that of Jud Jakeways. It appears that the horse was tied to a hitchingpost in front of Thomas Lambert's residence, and became frightened at something, causing it to break loose and run away. There was no serious damage done save for a cut on the horse's right shoulder, on which it had fallen. The cart to which it was hitched was not damaged.

The days at present remind one of springtime, as the flowers in this section are peeping above the mother earth.

Miss Margaret Schillings returned from a two weeks' vacation at home with friends and relatives.

Our school commenced last Monday, with all the scholars in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Allen of Jackson were visitors of the former's parents, Sunday and Monday.

John Bennetts and Eli Taylor are engaged in sawing wood for Mr. Babcock.

George Wirts and sons, Frank and Ed, also P. N. Jackson, are to cut wood for S. Wait of Willow Springs.

A. Chatty and B. Fischer are at present mining near Arkansaw creek. James and Elmer Barney are also mining there.

Miss Annie Piper returned from Plymouth last Thursday, where she she went to visit her aunt, Mrs. C. C. Swift.

Mrs. and Miss McFarlane were visitors to Ione Tuesday last.

Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Johnson of Michigan Bar, Sacramento county, were visitors at Forest Home Tuesday last.

D. F. Gray of Sutter Creek was down Sunday, returning the same day.

George Gear and son, Charles, of Hixville, Sacramento county, were up to visit the family of George Wirts.

Ed Wirts and Charles Barnhart went to Lagoon to hunt ducks, but they returned the same as other's did from here—without the ducks.

William Anderson went to Plymouth last Monday.

Mrs. May Goodman and sister, Fairy, returned last Saturday, after a visit with friends.

Mr. Babcock of Florin came up Monday, and is stopping with E. S. Taylor.

F. P. Hendricks, who has been in El Dorado county mining, was in town New Year day. HELIOTROPE.

GRAND VIEW NEWS.

Budget of the Doings in the Southern Part of the County.

GRAND VIEW, January 16.—Joseph Silva of Sugarloaf mountain paid this burg a visit last week.

W. W. Plummer, the Grand View rancher, spent one day last week with a force of men repairing the mudhole on that part of the county road that leads from this place to Jackson creek. Mr. Plummer's act is a commendable one and the Honoreble Board of Supervisors by rights should allow him pay for his time and trouble.

Roy Miller came over from Ione last week and will remain at this place for some time.

The Camp Opra School opened last Monday, after a vacation of two weeks.

Mrs. Annie Russell visited at Ione Friday last. She was accompanied by Miss Zula Gayer.

Mrs. Nefford, our talented music teacher, spent New Year with friends at Ione.

George Horton of Copper Center paid Sutter Creek a short visit last Saturday.

All the boys from this place who attended the masquerade ball at Ione are on deck again. They report the affair a great success.

The wind blew a gale from the north in this place Saturday and sent the clouds flying southward. We are all glad to see the weather change, as the farmers will now have a chance to put in their crops, although it is getting late in the season. There has been no ploughing in this vicinity to speak of for the last two weeks.

Ed Klein, the mining man, is laid up for repairs. He's wrestling with an attack of rheumatism. At this writing he is on the mend. CAROLINE.

AT THE BAY.

Amador County People Who Are at the Pacific Coast Hub.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 16.—William Castle, who has been in Alaska for some months, has returned to San Francisco and has settled here for the winter.

J. B. Cassinelli of Volcano, of the firm of L. Cassinelli & Bro., is in the city purchasing supplies for their store.

P. I. Jonas and wife of Volcano are visiting friends and relatives in this city. Mr. Jonas contemplates remaining in the city, provided he finds some desirable business in which to engage.

William T. Gillick of Volcano is a visitor at the bay city this week.

Mrs. Watts of Volcano is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Nellie Frye of this city.

James Lessley is also visiting friends and relatives in this city.

John Clute of Volcano has secured a position with a law firm of this city and entered his new field of duties the first of the year.

Miss Ella Clute is visiting friends and relatives here. ARTIE.

STRAY BITS OF NEWS.

Personal and News Notes From Old Amador City.

AMADOR CITY, January 16.—Rev. Whittaker of Sutter Creek was a guest of Rev. A. J. Case Tuesday.

Mrs. Richard Bennetts has returned from an extended visit with her mother at Sacramento.

Mrs. Peters has gone to Jackson to visit her daughter, Mrs. Caldwell.

John R. Tregloan attended the installation of Odd Fellows at Sutter Creek Monday.

Willie Berryman and Leroy Oroson visited Sutter Creek Monday.

Charles and Eugene Hottenger, accompanied by their sister, returned from below Saturday evening.

Mrs. Boro of New Chicago was the guest of Mrs. Esola Tuesday.

Sheriff Gregory passed through town Monday.

Mr. Gallegher of Alaska is visiting friends at this place.

Church services throughont the week as usual. Morning subject: "The Master Has Come." Preaching by pastor. In the evening Rev. Whittaker of Sutter Creek will occupy the pulpit. E. LOIS.

AMADOR CITY, January 17.—Nathan Fisher has left us and joined the Oneida mine force.

Ben White has improved his premises by having a stone sidewalk put down between the Main-street bridge and his hotel.

Supervisor Fred LeMoin was in town Tuesday.

Will Grant, representing the Capital Candy Company of Sacramento, was here on Thursday of last week.

Ernest Newton, who has been studying dentistry in San Francisco, is here on a visit.

The old blacksmith-shop is now occupied by Owen Fallon late of Sutter Creek.

Samuel Parks of Kennedy Heights paid us a visit Monday.

H. E. Potter, the enterprising merchant of Plymouth, and his father were in town last Friday.

John Garibaldi, who has charge of a commodious hotel on Pacific street, San Francisco, is here on a visit.

Considerable ploughing is being done in this vicinity. Our ranchers are busy.

John Reeves of Oleta had business here the first of the week.

Three hobos who were caught snooping about the stores at night were ordered out of town.

Miss Maud Clark of Placerville is the guest of Amador City friends.

Joseph Esola is on the sick list this week.

A benefit concert will be given at the M. E. Church on Saturday evening, February 3d, in aid of the widow of the late Richard Rogers. Court Amador, A. O. F., will have charge of the affair. Admission 50 cents.

John King, who went away from Amador City about eleven years ago, and who has resided in Alaska during the interval, returned here on a visit last Tuesday.

Joseph Search, an old resident of this place, died in Sacramento at the hospital last Sunday. The following Tuesday his remains were brought here for interment in Taylor's Cemetery. He was a native of Virginia, aged about sixty-four years. ADMIRAL DEWEY.

CLINTON JOTTINGS.

Daughter of Angelo Zucconi Terribly Lacerated by a Savage Dog.

CLINTON, January 18.—School was resumed on Monday with a full attendance.

Professor Gordon passed here Thursday, while on his way to inspect the schools of the county.

G. A. Douet of the Douet vineyard has sufficiently recovered from a long spell of sickness to again attend to his business personally.

While Angelo Zucconi's daughter was playing in the kitchen with the other children, a dog (which he has had for two years) rushed in and seized the girl with its teeth, and commenced to tear her to pieces. The mother and oldest brother got clubs and tried to beat the dog off, but failed. Luckily the brave boy bethought himself of his father's rifle, which he got and put a bullet through the brute's brain. On examination the poor girl was found to be terribly lascerated from her waist to her ankles, the brute having at two places torn the flesh nearly from the bone, besides five other wounds of a more or less serious character. For two days the child was hysterical at times, but she is now improving rapidly. Mr. Zucconi can not understand what made the dog attack the child, as they were previously the best of friends.

G. G. Fraser of San Francisco paid his monthly visit to the mines here. He reports business rushing in mining supplies all over the mining section. CHISHOLM MACPHARLANE.

For Rent.

A practically new six-room house in the Mason-Webb tract. Very conveniently arranged. Inquire at this office for further particulars. 12-1-'99

JOINT INSTALLATION.

Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Had a Good Time Monday Evening.

The joint installation of officers for the ensuing year of the I. O. O. F. and Rebekahs of Sutter Creek occurred Monday evening, January 15th. The officers in charge of the interesting ceremony were Annie L. Clark, District Deputy President of Rebekahs, and N. T. Littlefield, District Deputy of Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Officers of Excelsior Lodge, No. 63. Rebekahs, were installed as follows:

Junior Past Grand, Mary Clark.
Noble Grand, Amanda Olmstead.
Vice-Grand, Winnie Jones.
Recording Secretary, Emma Gregory.
Treasurer, Martha Smith.
Financial Secretary, Emma Campbell.
Warden, Mary Prosser.
Conductress, Annie Trelease.
Right Supporter to Noble Grand, Tillie Colwell.
Left Supporter to Noble Grand, Eleanor Colwell.
Inside Guard, Sadie Gorman.
Outside Guard, May Turner.
Right Supporter to Vice-Grand, Clara Goldsworthy.
Left Supporter to Vice-Grand, Jenny Pendry.
Chaplain, Julia Trevett.

Following are the new newly installed officers of I. O. O. F. Lodge, No. 81:

Junior Past Grand, Hary Eplett.
Noble Grand, George Trevett.
Vice-Grand, William Eddy.
Recording Secretary, Virgil Norton.
Treasurer, W. E. Finn.
Financial Secretary, H. Lehman.
Warden, John Higgins.
Conductor, William Rodda.
Right Supporter to Noble Grand, William Trelease.
Left Supporter to Noble Grand, John Allen.
Inside Guard, Jacob King.
Outside Guard, William Hoskins.
Right Supporter to Vice-Grand, Charles Johnson.
Left Supporter to Vice-Grand, James Richards.
Right Scene Supporter, Charles Richards.
Left Scene Supporter, Alfred Pendrey.

The pleasant occasion closed with speech-making and a banquet.

You Aren't in It

Unless you get some of McMillan's stamp photos. He's doing a landoffice business. 12-8-'99

A Successful Social.

The Ladies' Aid social at the M. E. Church Tuesday evening was well attended and very much enjoyed by all present. Following an excellent programme came refreshments. Receipts about $18.00. To Mrs. William Horr, the active member of the committee, and her daughter, Miss Pearl, is ascribed the credit for the success of the social, as they really managed the whole affair.

M. E. Church Services.

Preaching every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school, 2 p. m.; Epworth League, 6:45 p. m. Prayer meeting every Thursday, 7:30. F. A. Morrow, pastor. †

DISASTROUS FIRE AT IONE

Total Loss Will Foot up to $10,000.

WAS INSURED FOR THIRTY-TWO HUNDRED

Three Buildings Entirely Destroyed and One Badly Damaged by the Flames.

About 12 o'clock last Monday night the denizens of our sister town were aroused by the dread alarm of fire.

The fire started in the bakery in rear of the Union Hotel and was soon fanned by the breeze into a devastating blaze.

The Union Hotel and Robert Mayes' saloon were soon in a blaze and for other food the fire fiend hit upon the old stage stabled, evouring that also.

Hopper's general merchandise store, a fireproof building, sustained a loss of $1000.

The loss to the hotel and saloon is estimated at $9000, besides private losses to inmates, and the insurance amounts to $3200, $600 of which is on the saloon.

The inmates of the hotel succeeded in escaping, though none of them were able to save anything beyond what they wore, and that was very little in most cases.

No one was seriously injured, but several narrow escapes are reported. This is the most disastrons conflagration Ione has had in some years.

Notice.

JACKSON, January 2.—I intend to leave for Alaska early in the season. All persons indebted to me are requested to settle before February 1st, as my unsettled accounts will then be placed in the hands of the collector.

For Sale.

One Piano as good as new.
One 4-Horse-Power Engine with a 7-horse power boiler.
One Clay and Gravel Worker, 1-horse power.
One Derrick and hoisting outfit.
* DR. C. H. GIBBONS.

QUICKLY TOLD STORIES.

A superior quality of footwear at Peterson's.*

If you want an easy, stylish and durable shoe, buy of Peterson. *

For all kinds of school supplies go to Freeman's General Variety Store. *

E. H. Harrington has a house belonging to Mrs. Muldoon on Kennedy Flat to rent *

During the progress of the recent Ione fire, Dr. A. L. Adams broke his right leg below the knee.

A house of Mrs. Muldoon on Kennedy Flat is to rent. Apply to E. H. Harrington at the Kennedy mine. *

The funeral of the late Charles Simcich was held last Sunday, under the auspices of the Austrian Society.

Mr. Driscoll, son-in-law of J. J. Westfall of this place, died at his home, San Francisco, the first of the week.

If any of our subscribers should fail to get a LEDGER this week they will confer a favor by notifying us immediately.

Miss McConnell entertained a few of her friends last Tuesday evening at her apartments in the New National Hotel.

The Epworth League of the M. E. Church will give a Valentine Entertainment at Webb Hall, February 14th. Further notice later.

Rev. F. A. Morrow gives his congregation strong food, eloquently served. His discourse last Sunday morning was indeed a powerful pulpit appeal.

Agents Wanted—To sell Boer War Book by Dr. MacKenzie, famous missionary; 500 pages; all battles illustrated; $1.75. Outfit free. American Publishing-house, Chicago. *

A. F. Peterson has a large stock of the very finest footwear possible to be secured. He is selling at marvelously reduced prices for cash. Call and examine goods and be convinced that his stock is the best and most extensive in town. *

McCall's Magazine.

By reference to our clubbing rates our readers will see that we furnish McCall's Magazine, an especial favorite with the ladies, and the AMADOR LEDGER, both one year for only $2.25. Each subscriber receives a McCall Magazine pattern, which is worth at least one-fifth of the price paid. If our people desire cheap and profitable reading we are prepared to furnish it. *

BOUGHT A HOME.

Excelsior Parlor of Native Sons Now Owns Its Own Building

The members of Excelsior Parlor, No. 31, N. S. G. W., of Jackson are progressing. Wednesday last the Parlor became the owner of the building on Court street heretofore owned by the Thomas estate. The price paid is $1000. The building will be extended several feet in the rear, a new front will be put in and another story added, which will be used as a hall for the Parlor. The lower story is to be fitted up for a gymnasium, clubroom and bathing apartments. The total expense, including the purchase price, will amount to about $2500 or $3000. The Parlor is to be congratulated.

Strictly First-Class Fresh Fish

Can be had every Thursday and Friday at Caminetti's Central Market. 6 2-'99

Jackson Suits Him.

Mr. Ferdinand Mayer, the popular candy maker of Jackson, has changed his mind about going to Alaska and will still continue to do business at the old stand, and is more anxious than ever to please his customers. Mr. Mayer says that Jackson is Alaska enough for him and that he purposes to remain right here and get the benefit of the prosperity that is now in sight and sure to come. He will keep pace with the demands of his trade and his customers will always find him fully up-to-date in all things pertaining to his business. He invites the public to call at his place of business when in need of anything in his line.

A nobby new line of fall and winter footwear at Peterson's, Webb block. *

Knights of Pythias Officers.

The following officers were installed in Rathbone Lodge, No. 166, K. of P., on last Friday evening:

Council Commander, James E. Dye Jr.
Vice-Commander, C. F. Kohler.
Prelate, Dr. E. V. Lonigo.
Master-at-Arms, John Lepova.
Master of Work, William Penry.
Master of Finance, William Sobey.
Master of Exchequer, George W. Brown.
Keeper of Record and Seal, B. R. Breese.
Outside Guard, Joseph Gregor.
Trustees, F. M. Pense and James Bennetts.

After the close of the lodge a fine banquet was had at the Central Hotel.

McCall's Magazine.

Sample copies of McCall's Magazine at the LEDGER office, without money and without price. Step in and get one. First come, first served. *

OF INTEREST TO MINING MEN.

An Able Young Editor Comes Among Us for Information.

Charles L. Calkins, one of the proprietors of The California Miner, a San Francisco newspaper now being published in the interests of the California Miners' Association and miners and mining in general, arrived in the county yesterday and will devote a few weeks' time in collecting valuable information covering Amador mining enterprises, to be published in his paper for the benefit of the outside mining world.

Mr. Calkins (who, by the way is a son of M. D. Calkins of the Record) ranks as a journalist of unusual ability, whose writings during several years past have gained for him the distinction of being one of the few young writers to be favorably commented upon by such men as Ambrose Bierce. Therefore the mineowners and mining men of our county will do well to cultivate Mr. Calkins' acquaintance and furnish him with any information, as it will cost them nothing but a little time, and in addition they can rest assured that whatever the visiting editor writes concerning our mines will be correctly reported and ably written.

NATIVE SONS INSTALL.

**Grand Trustee Sh