TOOK MORPHINE.

A Butte Woman Puts an End to Her Career.

Nevada Republicans Demand the Free Coinage of Silver.

They Threaten to Bolt if This Congress Does Not Pass a Bill to That Effect—Attempt to Poison a Rancher.

Special by the California Associated Press.

BUTTE, April 7.—Della Scott, a young married woman, who had been too intimate with another man, committed suicide by taking morphine Sunday night to end her troubles. She and her husband drank all day Sunday. At night, when Scott went to bed his wife sent to a female friend for a teaspoonful of morphine, which she must have taken and then laid down beside her husband in bed. He awoke about 7 o'clock this morning and found her breathless form beside him. A Coroner's inquest developed nothing beyond the above facts.

SACRAMENTO.

The Election-Contest Case Dismissed—A Sudden Death—Store Robbed.

SACRAMENTO, April 9.—When the case of Nagle vs. Comstock for a recount of ballots cast for Mayor at the late city election was called before Judge Hunt this afternoon, Nagle's counsel read a letter from ex-Mayor Gregory addressed to Nagle stating that he would not accept the office of Mayor if the recount should show he was elected, and requesting Nagle to ask for a dismissal of the case. W. A. Anderson, plaintiff's counsel, moved that the case be dismissed, in deference to Gregory's request, and Grove Johnson, Comstock's counsel, consenting, the Court granted the motion.

At the ranch of William Dixon, near Cosumnes, to-day, his brother, Michael S. Dixon, died on horseback of heart disease while driving a band of cattle. He had reined in his horse as he felt the attack coming on, leaned forward and died. His body remained in that position until the deceased's nephew and another man approached and removed it from the horse.

The cigar store of J. J. Ginsberg, adjoining the Golden Eagle Hotel, was robbed of $60 early yesterday morning, while the proprietor had gone to close the rear door for the night. There is no clew to the thief.

FREE SILVER COINAGE.

Nevada Republicans Demand the Passage of the Bill.

CARSON (Nev.) April 7.—The Carson Appeal, the leading Republican paper of Nevada, advocates an open revolt in 1892 of all States west of the Missouri River, if a free coinage bill is not passed during the present session. It urges that these States should unite and demand absolute free coinage, or swing out of the Republican line in 1892, leaving the leaders to choose between the support of Wall street or the West. It says: "The silver bills now before Congress are becoming a mystery to the West, and the result is an uneasy feeling everywhere that the Sherman jugglery trick may be repeated. What the West wants is absolute free coinage and the Appeal believes that the West is strong enough to demand it and enforce it. The Republican party is in power now, and if the West does not get free coinage this session, the Republican party will be held responsible for the repudiation of its pledges, and in 1892 the West will be prepared to link its fortunes with the party that means business on the silver question. If the Republican party is not prepared to give us free coinage, Western Republicans are prepared to look elsewhere for a recognition of their rights."

HELENA.

Election of the Democratic Candidate for Mayor—Shooting Scrape.

HELENA, April 7.—The election to-day was quiet and the weather miserable. A blizzard struck the city at noon and again at 3 o'clock, interfering seriously with election work. Bradford (D.) is elected Mayor by 250 and Folk (D.) City Treasurer by 100 majority. The Republicans elect the Police Magistrate and two Aldermen out of eight. Importance is attached to the result, for the reason that it is taken as a vindication of the course of the Democratic party in the legislative controversy which caused the deadlock. While this claim is denied, it may be so construed. Dissensions in the Republican party is the real trouble, from the fact that the city was from 300 to 400 Republican on the State election.

This evening a shooting scrape occurred between two gamblers, named McCoy and Turner. The former fired three shots, one inflicting a slight flesh wound. The row was over Turner stealing faro chips.

DETERMINED SUICIDE.

A Despondent Young Man Blows His Brain Out.

WADSWORTH (Nev.), April 7.—H. M Geiger Jr., son of Dr. G. M. Geiger, who made himself famous by constructing the justly celebrated Geiger grade which connects with Virginia City, committed suicide here at 7:20 o'clock this morning by blowing his brains out with a 38-caliber Smith & Wesson 5-shooter. To make sure that the ball would range horizontally, he took a position before a large mirror and gauged accordingly. The bullet passed clear through his head, shattering the bones of the skull and lodged in the wall of the room. The body was found in a pool of blood by an employe who went to call him. When examined by the authorities $600 in gold was found in his hip-pocket. The Coroner's jury rendered a verdict of suicide. There is no evidence of any kind to show the cause for the act. His parents are highly respectable people residing in Virginia City, where the remains will be taken for burial.

FATAL POWDER EXPLOSION.

One Boy Killed and Four Others Seriously Injured.

PORTLAND, April 7.—An explosion of powder occurred near this city last night in which Richard Mills, a boy about 18 years of age, was killed and four others seriously injured. The boys went into a barn to spend the night. Mills lighted a cigarette and threw the match in a can of powder, which exploded, tearing the roof off the barn and blowing Mills several feet into the air. The barn took fire and was burned to the ground. Mills' body was taken out in a mangled condition and conveyed to the Morgue. The other four boys, while badly burned, are not considered to be in a dangerous condition.

BRUTAL ASSAULT.

A Young Man Sent to Jail for a Year and a Half.

FRESNO, April 7.—Charles Bond called on a young lady one evening last week at the residence of Mrs. Jennie Sweet, and while there became abusive in language. Mrs. Sweet took the part of the young lady, and remonstrated with Boud. He became furious, and beat and kicked her. His arrest followed, and to-day City Recorder Prince gave him 540 days in jail.

Just after the freight train pulled out of Selma to-day an axle of a car broke. The passenger train going north was following close, and the train men worked the freight train along at the rate of about a mile an hour to Towles, a distance of three miles.

A DASTARDLY DEED,

An Attempt Made to Poison a Rancherman.

MERCED, April 7.—On Saturday last, William Cook, living in a cabin on the line dividing Mariposa and Merced counties, returned to his home after an absence of a few hours and found the door of the cabin broken down, and upon looking around found there was something wrong with a pan of milk he had left upon his table. He then examined a piece of fresh meat and gave a piece to his cat, which she ate and died in a few moments. Mr. Cook had a quarrel with a neighbor who cut him, Cook, badly a few weeks ago. The man who did the cutting is out on $5000 bail.

A JAIL BREAK.

Twenty-three Prisoners Escape From the Spokane County Prison.

SPOKANE FALLS, April 7.—Twenty-three prisoners escaped from the County Jail last night, and all but eight are still at large. They sawed an iron bar in two, using old knives, and thus got into the corridor. They then made a lamp smoke and gave a cry of fire. When the night watchman came they overpowered and gagged him, took his keys and revolver and left. Three were captured during the day and five late to-night.

PIGEON SHOOTING.

A Large Attendance at the Opening of the Tournament at Traver.

TRAVER, April 7.—A large number of sportsmen from San Francisco and country towns participated to-day in the pigeon-shooting tournament open to the State.

The first shoot was a blue-rock sweepstake, $50 entrance, at twenty-six singles and twelve pairs. The participants were Martinez Chick, champion of San Diego, S. H. Crane of Turlock, H. T. Hopper, J. W. Beare and J. Sheill, of Traver.

Following is the score:

Chick.....1 1 0 1 0 0 1 0 1 1 0 1 0 1 0 1
1 0 1 1 0 1 0 1 0 0—14 01 11 00 01 10
10 11 10 01 01 10 11—14 } 28
Crane.....0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 1
1 1 1 1 0 1 0 1 0 1—12 11 10 10 01 10
11 01 10 10 11 10 10—15 } 27
Hopper.....0 0 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 1 0
1 0 1 1 1 1 0 1 0 1—12 00 00 11 00
11 10 10 00 10 11 11 11—13 } 25
Beare.....1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1—24 11 10 11 11
10 10 10 11 11 10 11 10—18 } 43
Sheill.....1 1 1 1 1 0 0 1 1 0 1 1 0 0 0 1
1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1—19 10 10 10 00
00 11 00 10 11 10 10 11—12 } 31

The next shoot called was a live bird shoot, $10 entrance, at twenty live birds, American Association rules. The entries were: Fay, Robinson, Organ and Eddy of San Francisco, Chick of San Diego, Hopper, Sheill and Beare of Traver, Haas of Stockton, Crane of Turlock and McCutchen of Hanford. The score and result was as follows:

Fay.....1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1—19
Robinson..1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1—19
Organ.....1 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 0 1 0 0 1 1 1 1 1 1—16
Eddy.....1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 0 1 1 1 1—18
Chick.....1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1—19
Hopper.....1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 0 1 (Withd)—12
Beare.....1 0 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 0 (withdn)—11
Haas.....1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1—19
Crane.....1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 0 1 0 (withdr)—12
McCutchem..1 1 0 1 0 1 1 0 (withdrew) — 5
Sheill.....1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1—19

Shoot-off at 5 birds each.

Robinson.....1 1 1 1 0—4
Chick.....0 1 1 1 1—4
Haas.....1 1 1 1 1—5
Sheill.....1 1 1 0 1—4
Fay.....1 1 1 1 1—5
Robinson.....1 1 1 1 1—5
Chick.....1 1 1 1 1—5
Sheill.....0 (withd)—0
Fay.....0 1 0 (w)—1
Robinson.....1 1 1 1—5
Chick.....1 1 1 1 1—5

Haas took first money, and Robinson and Chick divided second and third moneys.

Third shoot, at twenty birds, called for by the Selby Smelting and Lead Company, prize of $300, standard A. B. cartridges, kindly offered by Sheldon I. Kellog, with $250 entrance (sweepstake), divided in two moneys, 60 and 40 per cent, the following being the contestants: Chick, Johnson, Organ, Hopper, Beare, Crane, Sheill, Eddy, Hunt and Lewis. The score was as follows:

SELBY SHOOT.

Chick.....0 0 1 1 1 0 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1—16
Johnson ...0 1 1 1 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 (wndn.)— 6
Organ.....1 1 0 1 1 1 0 0 1 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 1 1—14
Hopper.....1 1 1 1 1 0 0 1 1 1 0 0 0 0 1 1 1 1—15
Beare.....1 1 1 1 1 0 0 1 1 1 1 1 0 0 0 1 1 1 1—13
Crane.....0 0 1 0 1 1 0 1 0 0 0 1 1 0 1 (wndn.)— 7
Sheil.....1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1—17
Eddy.....0 1 0 1 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 1— 8
Hunt.....0 0 0 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 0 0 0 0 1 1 0 1 0 0— 9
Lewis.....1 1 1 0 0 1 0 1 0 1 1 1 1 0 0 1 1 1 1 0—12

THE CITY OF ROSES.

Rain Over for the Season—A Base-Ball Protest.

SANTA ROSA, April 7.—The indications are that the rain is over. No water has fallen to-day. The total rainfall for the season has been forty-five inches, the heaviest fall in many years.

The Santa Rosa base-ball Club has protested against the game of ball played at Vallejo yesterday in the championship series, on account of Umpire Smith,s decisions in favor of the Vallejos.

A NEW YORKER KILLED.

One of Senator Stanford's Men Tries Jumping From a Train.

VINA, April 7.—Clint Preston, a native of New York, a man working on Stanford's ranch, was killed about a mile and a half north of here. He was about 35 years old, a small man, and weighed 150 pounds. He wore a light mustache. Coroner West held an inquest and the jury returned a verdict of death by jumping off a train and being struck by the same.

MARYSVILLE.

Arrest on a Charge of Forgery—Rainfall and Crops.

MARYSVILLE, April 7.—William Howard, agent for Adams & Co., Sacramento, who was arrested here last Saturday for obtaining money under false pretenses, has been taken to Sacramento to answer the more serious charge of forgery.

The rain Saturday night increased the total for the season to 35.30 inches. The crops will not be materially affected.

SANTA CRUZ ITEMS.

Arrival of Excursionists — A Young Man Killed.

SANTA CRUZ, April 7.—This evening a large party of Raymond excursionists arrived at the Pope House.

This morning Frank Huddleson, aged 19 years, was killed at Monte Vista by a rock falling on him.

A Drunken Engineer Thrashed.

VISALIA, April 7.—Henry R. Thompson, engineer of the Visalia Flour-mills, had a fight yesterday with Bob Banks, the driver of a mill-team. Thompson was terribly bruised around the head. He was under the influence of liquor and grossly insulted Banks.

Mistake Through Similarity of Names.

PORTLAND, April 7.—The reported capture here of Silcott, the Washington city absconding cashier, originated in the return of Silcox, the missing book-keeper of the First National Bank of this city. The similarity of the names no doubt was the cause of the mistake.

An Embezzlement Case Continued.

DIXON, April 7.—In the case of the people vs. Palmer, who was charged by Senator Fair with the embezzlement of $250, the proceeds of a sale of wood, the preliminary examination has been continued until the 15th inst. by mutual consent.

RANDALL IS DYING.

The Pennsylvania Congressman Sinking Rapidly.

NEW YORK, April 8.—A Tribune's Washington special says: "Samuel J. Randall is dying. Until to-day his wife, who has been faithful in her attendance upon him, has been strong in the expectation that her husband would pull through. Now she is prepared for the inevitable. Randall has been low all day. During the last eight hours he has failed to recognize his family and is sinking steadily. His death is imminent."

Mary Anderson's Engagement.

WEASTBURY (N. Y.), April 7.—All doubt concerning the engagement of Antonio de Navarro to Miss Mary Anderson is at an end. Letters received from Navarro by a friend in this city formally announce the engagement. They will be married in London.

The Bear Club.

At a meeting last evening of the Bear Club twelve new members signed the roll and fifteen applications were received. A constitution and by-laws were reported and consideration of them laid over for two weeks to permit of the printing and distribution of 200 proof copies.

The Committee on State Organization reported that it expected to arrange for a meeting of Oakland Republicans with a view of forming a club, also that within two weeks a meeting for the same purpose would be held in Sacramento County.

Speeches were made by Police Judge Joachimsen, District Attorney J. D. Page, Sigismund Bettinan, Otto Belau, D. H. Martins, Census Supervisor J. F. Sheehan and George D. Collins.

Banks Examined.

The Bank Commissioners have examined the Farmers' Savings Bank of Lakeport and report assets and liabilities $223,518 50. A report was also made on the Bank of Lakeport with assets and liabilities footing up $109,664 77.

The Cloverdale Banking and Commercial Company has also been examined and assets and liabilities being found to be $122,004 28.

John Johnson Is Missing.

John Johnson, a consumptive who was discharged from the City Receiving Hospital last Thursday, has been missing since that time, and no trace can be found of him. When he left the hospital he was dressed in a check suit and wore slippers and red socks. He is about 51 years of age and 5 feet 2 inches in height. Andrew Bangs, a friend of the missing man, is very anxious about his whereabouts.

TEMPORARILY ORGANIZED.—The Forty-sixth Assembly District Democratic Club was temporarily organized last Sunday evening by the election of the following officers: F. McDermott, President; George H. Thomas, Secretary.

SPORT AT SAN JOSE.

Second Day of the Blood-Horse Meeting.

An Excellent Programme That Brought Out a Small Attendance.

Daisy D Captures the Santa Clara Stake Without Difficulty—Faustine and Muta Win Their Races.

Special by the California Associated Press.

SAN JOSE, April 7.—If they had been made to order to-day's weather and track could not have been improved for the second day's racing of the San Jose Blood-horse Association. The attendance was smaller than on the opening day, last Saturday, only about 500 visitors being present at the track. Some increase was noticed in the presence of the San Francisco division, many of the regular race-goers coming down on early trains.

The favorites captured the two first events, then the short enders came in ahead, thus equalizing things, though many who had won on Daisy D and Faustine dumped themselves on Muta and got deeper into the mud trying to square themselves on Sunday. The officials were: Judges, S. S. Montgomery, W. Buckley and Jesse D. Carr. The timers were Messrs. Jefferson, Parkhurst and Barnes; Secretary, C. A. Braggs, and starter, W. H. Coombs. Before the races commenced Hazlett bought Jou Jou for $500, and now has the horse in his stable.

THE FIRST RACE.

The first event on the card was the Santa Clara stake, a sweepstake for all ages, $25 entrance, with $175 added, seven furlongs. W. L. Appleby's b. f. Raindrop, 101, Murphy; Miller & Owens' b. m. Daisy D, 115, Hennesy; Ross' b. g. Oro, 117, Monahan, and C. Peterson's b. g. Jubilee, 114, Hazlett, faced the starter. Daisy D was a strong favorite in the betting at $35 against $9 for Oro and $14 for the field. Oro's followers based their hopes of winning on Monahan more than on the horse, but they were disappointed, as he was out of the hunt at the three-quarter pole. Jubilee ran a strong race, but Daisy D was in great shape, and had no trouble in landing the money.

After one break-away, Jubilee and Daisy acting cranky at first, they got the flag, with Daisy well back. Raindrop made the running, with Oro second, to the one-eighth pole. Daisy was still last. At the half Raindrop was led by Jubilee a length, Daisy last and running well within herself. Round the turn Daisy moved up, and at the three-quarter pole led Jubilee by a length. On the upstretch Daisy came away, and won as she pleased by a length from Jubilee, who was very vigorously hustled along by Hazlett. Oro was three lengths back of Jubilee, and Raindrop last. Time, 1:29¼. It was a good run. Mutuals paid $860.

THE SECOND CONTEST.

For the Laurelwood stake, a sweepstakes for all ages, $25 entrance, with $200, one and an eighth miles, Palo Alto's b. f. Faustine (112), Narvice; Welcome (126), Morton, and Jack Brady (131), Monahan, came out to do battle. On Faustine's recent form the race looked like a gift for her, and the plungers did not hesitate to put up $25 for her against $5 for the field. The two ladies of the party were very unruly at the post, Welcome hurting herself. Faustine also followed Welcome's bad example, and running into Jack Brady nearly knocked him off his feet. After some delay they were caught in a happy mood and all got off at once. Passing the stand there was no choice between the three and they ran in this order to the one-quarter pole, then Faustine opened half a length and the mare led by a length with Brady and Welcome on even terms. Round the turn Brady was stirred up by Monahan and drew away from Welcome. From there on it was an easy thing for Faustine, who, coming on, won easily by a length from Brady, who was the same distance in front of Welcome. Time, 1:59. Mutuals paid $6, an interest of only one dollar on an investment of five. This made a procession of five straight favorites in two days' racing, and it was about time for the McGinty epidemic to set in. It arrived on time for the seventh race. Down went the Muta and the Baggage holders to the bottom of the coal hole.

THE FAVORITE IN THE THIRD BEATEN.

The starters—Palo Alto's ch. f. Muta, 113, Narvice; Kelly & Samuels' b. g. Pliny, 118, Monahan; and George Hearst's ch. c. Baggage, 115, Morton—came out for the third race, the La Molle House stakes for three-year-olds, $25 entrance, with $175 added, one mile. His backers reasoned that Pliny, having apparently had enough of it with 99 pounds up, at seven-eighths last Saturday, his mate running with Faustine, to-day with 19 pounds up more he was out of the race. As to Baggage, last Saturday he ran a good second to Racine, defeating Muta, and when he came out he looked in grand order, corveting and dancing around in the best of spirits. It looked as if the colt had a good chance to win. Muta's friends reasoned that on Saturday in Racine's race she was ridden by a minor jockey, and that having no chance to best Racine, she was not persevered with. To-day, however, she had five pounds the best of weights, and with Narvice to ride her, her winning was considered most probable. So Muta and Baggage believers had a regular set-to in the pool-box, Muta bringing $45 and Baggage $28, with Pliny retailing to not very enthusiastic friends at $16. A great deal of money went into the pool-box at this.

The first attempt saw the trio off on good terms. Then Muta and Baggage went like a double team up to the quarter, with Pliny rating along easily behind. Just past the quarter Baggage's tail went up and down went the hopes of his backers who in this generally infallible sign of having had enough of it was seen, but Baggage drew up again, after falling back a length, and the leaders were even again at the half, with Pliny still a length behind. They turned the bend in the same order, and then Monahan took Pliny up and they were all bunched at the three-quarter pole, with Baggage whipping and just getting ready to retire. Into the stretch Pliny came along fast and led by a length, Muta whipping. Narvice did his best, but Pliny, running very gamely and well handled by Monahan, went handily, and won by half a length from Muta, who was ridden out. Baggage was three lengths back. Time, 1:43½.

The result is the first defeat of the year for the Palo Alto stable, and it came from a quarter least expected, as through Faustine it was thought that a clear line on Pliny's chances with Muta had been obtained. The mutuals paid $9 on fields against Muta.

AN EXCITING CONTEST.

The next, the Milpitas stake, $25 entrance, $175 added, half-mile heats, a class of race that generally is a surprise or an event that causes much dissatisfaction, was the concluding number in the day's programme, and for it G. Lyman's b. h. Painkiller, 115, Newell; W. L. Appleby's ch. m. Carmen, 110, Murphy; and J. Dowd's b. g. Sunday, 112, Hazlett, faced the flag. An extra copper-rivited, double-distilled tip on Sunday as a dead sure winner was strewn two feet deep all over the track, and all the talent, to their sorrow, hastened to get some of the good thing. They paid $40 for Sunday and got $12 against it for the field.

After one breakaway they were sent off with Carmen and Sunday in the lead. Before they had gone fifty feet Carmen led by a length. They were even around the turn and went to the quarter-pole with Sunday slightly in the lead, in the fast time of 24½, Painkiller two lengths back. On the upstretch it looked as if Sunday could not close with Carmen, being under a heavy drive, with Murphy whipping for all he was worth. Hazlett took things rather easy, never thinking Carmen would stand it, but she did, and coming again just ripped Sunday on the post, and made a dead heat of it in the hot time of 48½. Painkiller was three lengths off. The mutuals were divided and paid the field $7 and Sunday $350. Thus if a player had bought both ends in the mutuals he was a winner of 50 cents.

The judges were not satisfied with Newel's riding, and took him off Painkiller and put Narvice on. In went money into the pool-box for the second heat at $20 for the field, Carmen and Painkiller, against $10 for Sunday. The start was a straggling one, Painkiller slipping his horses by three lengths. Carmen and Sunday, jostled as the flag fell, and Carmen was nearly thrown down. Painkiller had no trouble in going to the quarter in 24½—more fast time—and winning, hands down, from Sunday by two lengths in 49, Carmen two lengths back. Hazlett pulled Sunday hard at the finish, when he saw Painkiller had the race in hand, and was called up by the judges for an explanation. He satisfactorily cleared himself by showing that he had bet $350 of his own money at the long odds on his mount, and he was exonerated from any suspicion of fraud. The mutuals on this heat paid $9.

For the third heat Painkiller brought $20 and the field $7. There was a long delay at the post, caused by Carmen and Painkiller's anxiety to be off and Sunday's prolonged fit of sulking. Finally they got away, with Painkiller in the lead and Sunday second. It was nip and tuck all the way home, and whips flew like flails. Painkiller, however, stood his drive best and won by a length from Sunday in 0:49, thus getting the race. Carmen was three lengths back of Sunday. The Mutuals paid $6 95. It was 6 o'clock before this last race was concluded.

RACING STOCK.

A String of Promising Runners on the Way to San Francisco.

LOS ANGELES, April 7.—A string of runners left Agricultural Park yesterday for San Francisco, where several will make their initial appearance on the American turf. After the blood-horse meeting the string will be taken to New York, where several are entered at the Brooklyn meeting. Rico will make his debut in the East in the great Brooklyn handicap. He is handicaped at 100 pounds and should be well up at the finish, as he has shown himself to be a great colt. The string consists of Rico, Tycoon, Mikado, Rover, Conrad, Oscar, Masrico, Fairy, Flight, Blanco and Peri. The seven latter are two-year-olds and the two fastest will be sent to capture the great American stakes, which are worth $20,000 to the winner.

NATIONAL GUARD NOTES.

The Demands of Company F of the Third Stopped.

For some months the Adjutant-General has been unable in orders to give the figures of merit of the National Guard because of the delinquency of some company. For January and February the delinquent company has been F of the Third Infantry. A letter has now been received from Captain Smith of the company saying that the returns were not forwarded because of some disagreement regarding them with the Colonel commanding. General Orton declares that the excuse is not accepted, as the returns should have been forwarded notwithstanding, with explanatory statements. Furthermore, and as punishment for the dereliction, the demands of that company will not be audited for one month after the receipt of the delinquent returns.

The Red Bluff Sentinel of Saturday last, in a description of what it calls "one of the handsomest armories in the State,"—that of Company D at Red Bluff of the Eighth Battalion of Infantry—exhausts its stock of adjectives upon a room 30x40 feet in size with a 16-foot ceiling, not forgetting that "a full-length mirror occupies the only position of the wall not filled by the lockers." Captain Bruce B. Lee of the company is well known in this city as a former member of the Board of Harbor Commissioners.

The figures of merit for February, with the word "merit" italicized by the Adjutant-General, show that three companies in the N. G. C. with the largest membership are C of the First Infantry (100), A of the Ninth (85), and G of the First (82), the latter being, by the way, the only one in the Second Brigade which sent in the returns for five assemblies during the month.

The N. G. C. as now organized is constituted of eight regiments, one of eight companies, two of seven each (not including cadets), and five of six companies; two battalions, one of five and the other of two companies, an unattached company and three brigade signal corps.

The only foundation for the report that the veterans desire, or would like to be at the division encampment is in the communication of such a desire by one member to one of the Generals. The matter will, however, be brought up at the meeting of the association on the 16th inst.

Victor Hugo Paris has been elected bandmaster of the Third Infantry Regiment Band, N. G. C., according to a notification sent him on Friday last by H. Kropp, who signed himself "Director of the Third Regiment Band."

THE COLUMBUS CENTENARY.

It Will Be Celebrated by a Grand Italian-American Exhibition in Genoa.

"I desire," said Mr. J. Calegaris, President of the Italian Chamber of Commerce, to a representative of THE CALL, "to inform, through the medium of your journal, the producing and manufacturing public that in the fall of 1892 a grand exhibition of American and Italian products will be held in Genoa, Italy, in honor of the fourth centenary of the discovery of America by Columbus. Extensive preparations are already being made by a committee especially appointed, composed of most influential and responsible citizens of Genoa, who entertain for America and for the American people the warmest friendship and the greatest admiration.

"Genoa being the birthplace of Columbus, whose matchless discovery has benefited mankind more than any other event in the history of the world, the occasion will certainly attract to the superb city of marble palaces millions of visitors from all parts of Italy and of Europe, unable to cross the broad Atlantic to admire the splendor and inspiring genius under the magnificent pavilions of the greatest international exhibition at Chicago, in that same year and in honor of the same centenary.

"The Italo-American exhibition in Genoa will thus be no ordinary event. Premiums will naturally be awarded to all deserving products of the soil, of manufactures and of arts and science. The production of all American nations will, we trust, be represented by selected and carefully prepared samples. The noble object being to exchange knowledge, to foster trade and to promote more and more the existing ties of friendship and commercial intercourse between the Italians and the people of all American nations, we hope the producers, manufacturers, etc., of California and the rest of this Coast will also be represented. It will be a charming and admirable embrace between the most beautiful and inspiring country in the Old World and the most beautiful and inspiring land in the New World—an act worthy of each other. Our chamber will gladly furnish to intended exhibitors all information desired. A suitable committee will soon be nominated for the purpose."

HE DREW A KNIFE.

A Peanut Peddler Resents a Painter's Interference.

There was a prospect of war at Fourth and K streets shortly before noon to-day. Men are engaged in painting the awning about Hammer's drug-store, and it seems that one George McManus has the contract for doing the work.

A peanut vendor named La Shells pays for the privilege of doing business on the the corner, and McManus desired that the roaster, etc., should be removed that he might put up a scaffolding.

La Shells insisted, it is said, that his articles were not in the way and McManus threatened to throw them into the street. There was a war of words, attracting a large crowd, and La Shells finally drew a knife. He was induced to put the weapon away and removed the artticles as desired, but still McManus was not happy. He returned to the attack, slapping La Shells, who is an invalid, several times. The peanut peddler drew his knife again and would doubtless have used it had not Coroner Clark, in total disregard of his own business, stepped between the men and stopped the row.—Sacramento Bee, April 7.

A BIG FIRE.

The Explosion of a Lamp Causes a Heavy Loss.

From San Jose Herald, April 7th.

An alarm was rung in from Box 37 last night for a diastrous fire at the corner of First and San Fernando streets. The fire was occasioned by the explosion of a lamp in L. A. Theal's cigar-store, just south of San Fernando street, on the west side of First street.

The adjoining stores, in which were located the Casino Saloon, B. Lenz's barber-shop, George Spencer's store of musical instruments, John Harker's art materials and F. Peterson's shoe-store, were gutted. The building may be considered a total loss. It belonged to Luis A. Arguello of Santa Clara, and the loss is estimated at $6000.

The other losses were: Peterson $500, insured for $500 in the Lion Company; Theal $1000, insured for $500; Harker & Spencer $3000, insured for small amounts; H. Jeantrout and Mr. Johnson, Casino Saloon, $3000, insured for $1000.

The Hare Still Lives.

A correspondent, writing from Antelope, in this county, under date of April 4th, says: L. Daly was out hunting a week ago last Saturday and killed a hare. On dressing it he found a litter of young hares, one of which remained alive after being removed. He at this time had a cat with some kittens. He put the hare with the old mother cat, and she immediately adopted it, and now thinks more of it than she does of her own kittens. The little hare is thriving and doing well and has become quite a curiosity.—Sacramento Bee, April 7th.

The First Strawberries.

Two firms in this city claim to have received yesterday the first consignment of strawberries of this city.

McPherson & Rucker say they received the first for the season from the garden of J. W. Boulware, Mayfield, and sold the lot to D. R. Avery at $2 per pound.

Eveleth & Nash also claim the first consignment. They say they received a lot from the ranch of George G. Hall at Monrovia, which they disposed of at 50 cents a basket.

LABOR MEETINGS.

One Union Declines to Boycott Meat Peddlers.

The efforts of the Butchers' Union to have all the labor organizations of the city boycott meat peddlers have not been successful in every case. The matter was brought before the meeting of the Harness-makers' last night, and after a long discussion they decided to have nothing to do with the boycott.

They give as their grounds for refusing to boycott the peddlers that the organization requesting them to take such action is not a bona-fide labor union, and that it is an association formed for the purpose of crushing men of small capital.

The Boycott Committee reported that during the week it has induced nine country and eleven city firms to withdraw their patronage from W. Davis & Son, the firm which, it is alleged, is abusing the apprentice system.

Among the local firms reported as having withdrawn their custom from the boycotted manufacturers are W. Cosbie and Herman Gray.

"Colonel" Willey's Latest.

"Colonel" Willey's industrial army met last night in a little room at 1153 Mission street. A series of resolutions were passed requiring all officers to be honest, truthful and sober, and enjoining the Treasurer to receive no money for the organization save at such times as the members of the Auditing Committee are present. The Secretary was instructed to ascertain how many men can be given employment on the Southern Pacific Railroad and to inquire of the Secretary of State whether Italians have been imported under contract to work on farms in this State.

Coast Seamen.

Five new members were added to the Coast Seamen's Union at last night's meeting. A communication was received from the Secretary of the Sailors' and Firemen's Union of New York, saying that a movement is on foot in that city looking toward an amalgamation of all seafaring unions in the country. The New York union announces that it will recognize the card of members of the Coast Seamen's Union of this city and of the K. of L. Seamen's Assembly at Chicago.

Box-Sawyers' Union.

The Box-sawyers' Union received a copy of a resolution of the Tanners' and Curriers' Union strongly indorsing the Hobbs & Wall boycott. The Boycott Committee reported that it had taken the patronage of one firm from Hobbs & Wall during the week, and it will call upon the country customers of the interdicted firm next week.

Stevedores' Union.

The Stevedores' Protective Union decided last night to purchase 100 tickets for the core-makers' benefit ball. The union's picnic on Sunday was a financial success. Gate prizes designated by the following numbers are uncalled for: 497, 748, 898, 185, 669, 143, 644, 641, 502, 645, 674, 896, 145, 211, 740, 714.

The Park Laborers.

There are only 250 of the laborers given employment in the park still at work and before the end of the week all of these will be dismissed. The Relief Committee is satisfied that most of the distress that prevailed among the working classes of the city has been relieved.

Cigar-Makers' Union.

The Agitation Board of the Cigar-makers' Union held a meeting last night, at which the Custodian reported that he had distributed twenty-three certificates since the last meeting. The Boycott Committee reported that the fight against Liebes Bros. and H. Heyneman is being pushed.

Cooks and Waiters.

The new directorate of the Cooks' and Waiters' Union was installed last night. Five candidates for membership were initiated and four propositions registered.

CALIFORNIA PIONEERS.

The Question of Delinquent Members Is Discussed.

A meeting of the Society of California Pioneers was held last evening at their hall in Pioneer Place. President Edward Kruse presided, with H. T. Graves as Secretary.

On motion of Mr. King it was voted to suspend the regular order of business and proceed at once to the discussion of the amendment to Article 2 of the Constitution, as proposed at the last regular meeting, which reads as follows:

Any member stricken from the roll of membership for the non-payment of dues shall cease to be a member of the society, and shall not afterward again become a member except by an election in a manner prescribed by the constitution.

N. Holland was the first speaker. He thought that the amendment could not be adopted without serious injury to the organization. If adopted it will give the Board of Directors too much power.

Mr. Highton answered Holland in a long address. He had formulated an amendment, to take the place of the one proposed, which he thought would cover the ground, and he read as follows:

No person, herefore thus stricken from the roll of membership, can be restored to membership except by election in the manner prescribed by the Constitution and By-laws for the election of new members; but any member stricken from the roll of membership after Monday, April 7th, 1890, upon payment of all arrearages, shall by that act be restored.

The President announced that the members would vote on the amendments as proposed by Mr. Highton. Such a vote was taken, which resulted as follows: ayes 70, noes 85.

Before the result was fairly announced William Swasey jumped to his feet and demanded a vote on the original amendments, saying that the other vote had been out of order and unconstitutional.

Before he had ceased speaking he was interrupted by A. Thompson, who said he desired to explain to the members the amendments on which they were to vote.

The President tried in vain to call the gentlemen to order. Several others arose to speak and a scene of general confusion ensued.

Finally the President left the chair and forcibly seated several members, and by this means secured order.

The vote on the original amendments was then taken, which resulted as follows: Against the amendments, 103; for the same, 42. The meeting then adjourned.

AFTER THE HONEYMOON.

A Marriage in Haste With a Swift-Following Repentance.

On the 10th of last March, says the Oakland Daily Evening Tribune, the papers recorded a romantic marriage—Cora, aged 17 years, the daughter of Mrs. Bell of 2206½ Fillmore street, San Francisco, being united in matrimony on the tug-boat Etna, beyond the heads, to Thomas Smith, a real estate dealer of 1028 Market street. The reason for this unusual mode of procedure was because Cora was under the legal age and a license could not, therefore, be obtained without the consent of her parents, and as she was very much enamored of Smith she consented when he proposed the scheme of being married on the high seas.

On their return to land they went to San Jose, and it would be expected that, considering the circumstances, the union would be an exceptionally happy one, at least during the honeymoon. But such was not the case, according to the young bride's story, for her husband, she charges, ill-treated and half-starved her, acting more like a brute than a man. On Wednesday last he brought her to this city and placed her at the DeMille House, on Eighth and Washington streets, keeping her in custody almost as strictly as if she were a prisoner. But she managed to communicate with her mother, and on Saturday afternoon Mrs. Bell came over from San Francisco.

She interviewed the Chief of Police, asking by what method she could obtain her daughter's release. Officer Howlett was detailed to go to the hotel and see what was the case, and on arrival there there was a tableaux vivant, Smith refusing to allow his wife to go, and resenting any intrusion from his mother-in-law. His young wife pleaded so hard, though, to be allowed to go with her mother that Smith was finally induced to relent, and the young bride went back to her old home in San Francisco, happy at the termination of her married experience of a month, and declaring that she will not live with her husband any more.

A Virtual Settlement.

Judge Sawyer yesterday rendered a decision confirming the report of the Master in Chancery in the case of Frank Newlands as executor of the Sharon estate against David S. Terry and Sarah Althea Terry. This virtually settles the case, as the decision will have the effect of granting the bill of revivor asked by Newlands.

L. D. Stone's Ranches.

David Bush, assignee of the estate of L. D. Stone, in insolvency, was yesterday granted authority by Judge Lawler to dispose at private sale of the real estate, consisting of an undivided interest in a ranch at Santa Barbara and ranches in Sacramento, Colusa and Santa Clara counties. Those in Santa Barbara, Santa Clara and Sacramento are heavily mortgaged in the total sum of $75,000, and the mortgagees have already begun foreclosure proceedings. The unsecured indebtedness of L. D. Stone amounts to about $30,000.

ORDER CHOSEN FRIENDS.

Assembling of the Ninth Regular Session of Grand Council.

The Grand Council of the Order Chosen Friends of California will convene in ninth regular session this morning at 10 o'clock in Washington Hall, 35 Eddy street.

Since the last annual session six new subordinate councils have been instituted, as follows: Orange, No. 189, at Concord; Angels, No. 187, at Angels Camp; C. M. Arnold, No. 185, at San Francisco; Allemania, No. 184, at San Francisco; Drytown, No. 181, at Drytown;