FAMILIAR SCENES.

The New England Pioneers at San Bernardino.

An Enthusiastic Reception Tendered the Argonauts of '49.

An Entertainment Terminated by the Sudden Death of General Chapin, One of the Visitors.

Special by the California Associated Press.

SAN BERNARDINO, April 18.—The New England Society of California Pioneers arrived here this afternoon at 6 o'clock, four hours late, the delay being caused by a broken rail on the Atlantic and Pacific road which damaged the dining-car. A most hearty welcome was tendered the pioneers by the society here. Five hundred school children were in line at the depot, each carrying a bouquet, besides the local Society of Pioneers, Native Sons and Daughters of the Golden West and about a thousand citizens with the Ninth Regiment Band. The Native Daughters had provided an abundance of flowers, including many orange blossoms, which were presented to the pioneers and ladies.

The speech of welcome was delivered by President Lord, who is 90 years of age, and responded to by Captain Thomas of Boston. An adjournment was then taken to the Opera House, where a good time was had and an interesting programme, consisting of addresses, music and poems, was rendered, old acquaintanceships renewed, and the days of '49 discussed by the argonauts, reminiscences of the past coming back forcibly to their minds.

The excursion consists of twelve Pullman vestibule-cars, including two dining-cars, and is well equipped. There are about 150 passengers in all, some sixty being ladies. When the train arrived at the depot it was stormed by hundreds of bouquets, and the pioneers were presented with a dozen boxes of oranges and a large amount of wine. The excursionists leave in the morning for Riverside and Redlands.

The pioneers were loud in their exclamations of delight and wonder at the remarkable changes in the country. The transition from the familiar barren waste of a desert in the days of '49 to the lovely orange groves and vineyards of to-day is to them like a fairy tale, and they are lost in admiration of the beauties of the Golden State.

SUDDEN DEATH.

General S. A. Chapin, One of the New England Pioneers, Stricken With Apoplexy.

SAN BERNARDINO, April 17.—General Samuel A. Chapin, one of the New England pioneers, died of apoplexy at 9:15 o'clock to-night, at the Opera House, just after making a very short but feeling speech. General Chapin was one of the heroes in the Black Hawk war, was a California pioneer, and served in the war of the Rebellion. He was enjoying the trip greatly, was in excellent health and anticipated a pleasant visit with his daughter in San Francisco. He is accompanied by his son, Samuel H. Chapin, who is connected with the Century Company. He will have the remains embalmed and taken East. General Chapin was 78 years of age. His death is a severe blow to the New England pioneers on the excursion.

CHARGED WITH SMUGGLING.

A Store on the Boundary Raided and Contraband Goods Seized.

SAN DIEGO, April 17.—Joe Messenger and his partner, William Lane, merchants of Tia Juana, were arrested last evening by Deputy United States Marshals Jenkins and Marsh, of Los Angeles, on a charge of smuggling. Messenger's place has been a landmark at the boundary line for the past eight years, and Joe has the reputation of having handled merchandise much to his pecuniary profit during the time, doing business on both sides of the line. On account of these reports and to satisfy the authorities if there was any truth in them, Messenger's place was raided by officers, who seized several hundred contraband cigars and a quantity of mescal. At another time Inspector Montgomery searched Messenger's premises and discovered 500 contraband cigars in some hay; and again, not long ago, Messenger was overhauled early one morning as he was driving to San Diego, and in his wagon contraband cigars were found neatly stowed away in shirt-boxes. These seizures indicated that they were doing a steady business with Mexico, regardless of the customs laws, and a warrant was issued for the arrest of Messenger and his partner. They were taken to Los Angeles this morning by the arresting officers to be arraigned before the United States Commissioner in that city.

TOOK POISON.

A Frenzied Farmer Ends a Protracted Spree by Committing Suicide.

SANTA ROSA, April 17.—John Krapf, a German farmer living near Occidental, was brought to this city yesterday and examined on a charge of insanity. He was adjudged insane by physicians. Last night about 12 o'clock he was arrested on a charge of being drunk and taken to the City Prison. While on the way to prison Krapf told the arresting officer that he had taken poison. The officer thought it was the whim of a drunken man, and locked him in the cell. About 5 o'clock this morning he was discovered in convulsions, and before medical assistance reached him he died. Deceased had been drinking excessively for the past week. He owned a farm of 140 acres, and leaves a family.

AN ARMY JAILED.

Los Angeles Salvationists Arrested for Violation of a City Ordinance.

LOS ANGELES, April 17.—Some time since the council passed an ordinance prohibiting the beating of drums and tamborines or the blowing of wind instruments in the streets without a permit from the Chief of Police. The Mayor signed the ordinance to-day, and to-night the entire Salvation Army was run in by the police, the army having failed to obtain the necessary permit. After a consultation Chief Glass allowed them to depart, after obtaining a promise that they would refrain from beating their drums to-night. A permit will not be issued to-morrow, and a repetition of the scene is expected, only it will not be allowed to go without prosecution.

JEALOUSY THE CAUSE.

A Mulatto at Tacoma Shot and Killed by a Woman.

TACOMA, April 17.—William Scott, a mulatto, was shot and killed a few minutes before noon to-day by Mattie Scott, his companion. Jealousy was the cause. For several weeks they have been quarrelling almost continually. Some time ago Mattie was told that Scott was paying attentions to a white woman. She became angry and accused him of infidelity. He denied the accusation. Later developments have seemed to confirm her suspicions. Scott and the woman came here from Duluth last summer, previous to which Scott was employed as a piano-player at a resort in St. Paul. The woman has not yet been arrested.

CONVICT KILLED.

A Folsom Prisoner Shot by Guards While Attempting to Escape.

FOLSOM, April 17.—Karl Weber, serving ten years, from Kern County for forgery, was killed while attempting to swim the river at 1 o'clock to-day. Weber recently came here from San Quentin and has frequently threatened to commit suicide. As the line came out from dinner to work on the canal, he deliberately jumped into the river about 100 yards below the dam and made for the opposite shore. Two guards opened fire on him. He was seen to rise out of the water and then sink, leaving a trail of blood behind him. The body has not been recovered.

WOUNDED AND UNCONSCIOUS.

A Prominent Citizen of Merced Found in the Road Insensible.

MERCED, April 17.—As E. J. Olds was driving on the Lone-tree road yesterday afternoon, and when about three miles west of Merced, he met one of Jeff Truit's fine stallions hitched to a sulky without a driver. He tied the horse to the back of his wagon and proceeded on toward Merced. About half a mile from where he captured the horse he found Mr. Truit lying in the road, horribly wounded and in an insensible condition. He put the wounded man in his carriage and brought him to town. Medical aid was called, but up to noon to-day he was still unconscious. Mr. Truit is President of the Merced County Agricultural Association.

BEYOND CONTROL.

A Portion of an Express Train Derailed on the Tehachapi Grade.

TEHACHAPI, April 17.—Express No. 20, Conductor Fillmore and Engineer Clifford, left Tehachapi Station at 6:30 o'clock this morning, bound north with fourteen cars, consisting of express, baggage, Pullman sleepers and eight coaches and emigrant cars. The engineer soon found that the air-brake did not work and that the train was beyond his control, and whistled down brakes. The brakeman had already noticed the speed of the train and was applying the brakes. Conductor Fillmore attempted to apply the air-brake, but found it would not work. Two men were placed at the hand-brakes, but the train could not be checked in its speed, which was still increasing.

After racing for two miles and a half and when within 200 feet of the point of the old Tehachapi wreck, in a shallow cut, which prevented the cars rolling down the bank, the train left the track, with the exception of the engine, mail, express and baggage cars and one sleeper, which broke loose and ran some distance before they could be controlled.

The principal injury to the train was the displacement of the trucks.

The passengers were promptly forwarded by Superintendent Urquhart (who was on hand with a wrecking train from Mojave), in box-cars fitted up for the occasion, to meet a train which had been started from Bakersfield for them.

There appears to be no doubt that every train-hand did his duty promptly and fearlessly, but the train was beyond control with its hundreds of passengers, and to look at the wreck it seems a miracle how anybody escaped.

STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY.

Charges Against Dr. McAllister Referred to a Board of Censors.

LOS ANGELES, April 17.—In the State Medical Convention to-day charges were preferred against ex-Quarantine Officer McAllister of San Francisco by Dr. Lawler, his successor, of unprofessional conduct in violating the code of medical ethics. Dr. Lawler filed a large amount of documentary evidence, consisting of correspondence with ships' captains. From these it appears that as soon as he retired from office Dr. McAllister offered to render medical services to ships for one-half the price they had paid him while he was Quarantine Officer. These have always been regarded as the Quarantine Officer's perquisites. Dr. McAllister is also charged with using old letter-heads of the Quarantine Office in correspondence. The charges were referred to a Board of Censors.

DRUGGED AND ROBBED.

Development of a Strange Affair at a Sacramento Lodging-House.

SACRAMENTO, April 17.—A curious case was developed here to-day. A woman named Annie Lopez informed the police that while asleep in a lodging-house the other night she was robbed of $25 and removed to another room. It turns out that while the woman was asleep parties entered and repainted all the woodwork, changing the color from white to blue, so that the woman did not recognize it when she awoke, which was not until the afternoon. The police think she was drugged and robbed by unknown parties.

Welcome Showers.

GILROY, April 17.—There was a light sprinkle of rain this afternoon with some prospects of a heavier shower during the night. A little rain is badly needed to loosen the top crust of the ground and facilitate the growth of crops. Fruits, excepting apricots and peaches, are looking splendid. Of these the crop will be less than last year.

SANTA ROSA, April 17.—A slight shower of rain fell last night, and to-day at noon it commenced raining again, and still continues. About 0.30 of an inch fell. The rain is beneficial, as the surface of the ground was baked from the last few days' hot weather.

SACRAMENTO, April 17.—There was a light shower of rain here this evening, but hardly enough to lay the dust.

WOODLAND, April 17.—Rain commenced falling this afternoon and the prospects for its continuing are good.

HORRIBLY MANGLED.

Probably Fatal Fall of a Workman From a Bridge in Oregon.

EUGENE, April 17.—A workman named Allen, engaged in rebuilding the Eugene bridge, fell to-day a distance of about thirty feet below the bridge among the rocks and gravel and was horribly mangled. His head is smashed so that his recovery is not deemed possible.

Accident to a School-Teacher.

MADERA, April 17.—Miss Stella Bagnelle, teacher in the intermediate department of the Madera School, was seriously injured yesterday. She was on her way to school, and when driving across a bridge over a flume the horse became frightened and ran down the incline. The young lady was thrown out, her head struck a heavy timber with great force, and a deep gash was cut in her forehead. It is feared she has sustained a severe concussion of the brain.

An Appointment and a Pardon.

SACRAMENTO, April 17.—The Governor to-day appointed R. D. Stephens of Sacramento a member of the Board of Viticultural Commission, vice William S. Manlove, term expired.

A pardon has been granted to Patrick Morrisey, convicted of assault to murder in Humboldt County in February, 1886, and sentenced for eleven years.

An Unfortunate Kick.

CHICO, April 17.—Joseph Silva, a Portuguese farmer near Chico, while working two of his horses yesterday, became angered at one animal and kicked it in the flank. The horse kicked back, mashing Silva's face, tearing off his nose and knocking out a piece of his skull, from which his brains oozed. He was brought to Chico for treatment. Recovery is almost impossible.

Population of Tacoma.

TACOMA, April 17.—A census of Tacoma, taken to determine the right of the city to form a new charter, was completed to-day, and shows a total population of 28,481 within the present limits. The United States census in June will embrace some adjoining territory and will probably show a total population of 30,981, or an increase of 6791 since 1889.

Feather River Freighting.

MARYSVILLE, April 17.—D. E. Knight has sold or leased to the Southern Pacific Company the barge fitted up by him last year with a paddle-wheel, boiler and engine for use in the freighting of wood upon Feather River. This leaves the railroad company in complete control of the freighting business on the river.

Fire at Chico.

CHICO, April 17.—A fire this afternoon consumed the lime-house and blacksmith-shop of Robbie & Bruce, granite-workers. It looked like a bad fire at first, and a brisk wind was blowing from the south, but the Fire Department soon had it under control, with only about $500 loss. There is no insurance.

Fire in Dixon.

DIXON, April 17.—A fire broke out in the building occupied by J. Heinmann as a variety store at an early hour this morning. The flames were soon checked, but the building and stock were damaged to the extent of $1500. They were fully insured. The fire is supposed to be of incendiary origin.

Fatal Accident.

SEATTLE, April 17.—This afternoon, Charles McCallum, a laborer on the Colman Block, on Front street, was standing on the elevator when the rope broke and he fell a distance of thirty feet. He was terribly cut in the back of his head and sustained internal injuries from which he will die.

Murder in the Second Degree.

UKIAH, April 17.—Frank Lownes was today convicted of murder in the second degree for the killing of one Carter, in Potter Valley in December last. He will be sentenced Monday.

Arrest of a Justice.

SAN DIEGO, April 17.—J. F. Walker, Justice of the Peace at Perris, was arrested on a charge of bribery to-day and bound over to the Superior Court in the sum of $1000.

ROBBED THEM ALL.

A Pennsylvania Lawyer's Wide Swath.

Unsavory Record of Shellenberger, the Doylestown Fugitive.

Widows and Orphans Made to Suffer as Well as Bankers and Merchants. On His Trail.

Special by the California Associated Press.

TACOMA, April 17.—In the press reports yesterday was a telegram from Doylestown, Pa., to the effect that a man named Shellenberger, a noted fugitive lawyer of that city, had been seen in Tacoma. The person who is alleged to have seen him is a young man named Howard Fries, who has his eye on the $1000 reward offered for Shellenberger's arrest, and who wired the Doylestown authorities the information. Telegrams have since been pouring in upon Fries from Doylestown, and he is acting as an amateur detective on the trail of Shellenberger. Fries preserves a mysterious silence concerning the case. He was in consultation with certain police authorities of Tacoma last night, and at the present time is raising a good deal of dust on Shellenberger's trail. A special from Doylestown says that Shellenberger is wanted there for forgery. He has defrauded citizens of Bucks County out of from $125,000 to $200,000 and robbed widows and orphans of every cent they had. Even the blind were not spared, their small earnings having been stolen by him. All classes are affected; farmers, lawyers, butchers, bakers, hotel-keepers, tradesmen, bank officers and even servants suffered alike. As a lawyer settling up estates, or when acting in some merely nominal capacity, he was always urging investments. He is now a member of the State Board of Charities, as well as a Director in Bucks County Trust Company. Not only are his victims numbered by hundreds, some losing their all, but he has done the community and especially the bar of Doylestown incalculable injury, from which it will take a long time to recover. It is considered one of the boldest steals of the time.

GATHERING OF VETERANS.

Grand Army Posts on Their Way to the Reunion at Red Bluff.

REDDING, April 17.—The activity of the soldier boys in their new uniforms, the brass band, the veterans of the Grand Army and Mexican Veterans, with a drum corps, and so many civilians hurrying to and fro, preparatory to joining the G. A. R. reunion at Red Bluff, reminded old settlers of the time when the Shasta Guards marched forth to help put down the rebellion. The day is lovely, and on the departure of the train three cheers were heartily given to Redding's representation.

MARYSVILLE, April 17.—A large number of members of Florinth Post left this morning for Red Bluff, to take part in the G. A. R. reunion at that place. Captain Colford also went with his battery. To-morrow evening Company C, N. G. C., will go up, forty-six strong, and go into camp at Red Bluff. The advance guard of the company departs this evening with blankets and other equipments.

CHICO, April 17.—Governor Waterman and staff had a fine reception here on their way to Red Bluff last night. A large number of citizens were present with a band. There was plenty of hand-shaking. Halleck Post leaves to-night and Company A and the Eighth Battalion to-morrow night, to be present at the grand parade on Saturday.

G. A. R. REUNION.

Enthusiastic Reception of Veterans and Their Friends at Red Bluff

RED BLUFF, April 17.—The first day of the Grand Army of the Republic reunion opened very favorably, but about noon the sky clouded, and at 3 o'clock rain began to fall and destroyed all the decorations in the town. At night it was still cloudy, but hopes are entertained of clear weather tomorrow. The town is rapidly filling with visitors.

Last night Governor Waterman and staff arrived and were given an informal reception at the pavilion. The address of welcome was made by District Attorney McCoy and responded to by the Governor, who thanked the people for the honor shown him and addressed some laudable words to the Grand Army. The pavilion was filled with people.

This morning the Redding delegation arrived with a band of music, and this afternoon a special train from Woodland came in. The day was generally spent in receiving the various societies and guests arriving and assigning them to quarters. Most of the visiting veterans are accompanied with ladies. This evening the Marysville freight train brought a special car from that city, filled with Grand Army men. The streets are full of blue uniforms, and brass bands are parading everywhere. The old boys are imbued with the spirit of having a good time. To-morrow there will be an excursion to Vina, but those who prefer will be driven about this city.

To-night a grand ball is being given, which will be repeated to-morrow night. Everything is free, and, if the weather clears up, the veterans will have a very enjoyable reunion.

There are three candidates for Governor here: General N. P. Chapman, Governor Waterman and John Boggs. The latter is a Democrat.

Delegations have been arriving all day, the first being Winslow Post and Company E, accompanied by their band from Redding, who were received by Sherman Post of Oroville and Mansfield Post and Company D of this place, followed by a reception and address of welcome by L. V. Hitchcock in the Kingsley House. Governor Waterman and staff occupied seats on the stage, and California's Chief Executive responded briefly to calls for a speech. He said he was no speaker, but a plain common-sense business man, and he came here to see and get acquainted with the people of this beautiful town.

The band discoursed music for half an hour, when the assemblage gradually dispersed to their respective places of abode.

The Woodland delegation arrived in special cars on the afternoon train, 150 strong, and were welcomed in the rain. Dozens of carriages were in waiting and carried the visitors to headquarters, where they were assigned quarters for the reunion.

Marysville Post arrived in a special sleeping-car to-night, bringing with them their cannon, which will send forth its salutes morning and evening. Large delegations arrived from Chico to-night, but Company A, with its band, will not arrive until to-morrow night. The ball is a grand affair and has quite a military aspect.

The citizens are extending every courtesy to the visitors and are doing everything in their power to make the reunion a memorable occasion, though the rain has interfered to a great extent. Governor Waterman, Adjutant-General Orton, Colonel Kewen, Colonel Trumbo and Major Jones were driven about in carriages to-day and shown the beauties and resources of the town and surroundings.

To-morrow's programme includes a meeting of the Northern California Association in the morning, and an address by General Barnes in the evening in connection with a grand concert.

SOCIAL SOLDIERS.

Objects of the Northern California Association of Grand Army Veterans.

The National Encampment of the Grand Army at San Francisco in 1886 was the means of organizing social reunions of veterans in this State. Such reunions were held in the southern and central part of California, and in May, 1887, the first reunion of the G. A. R. Association of Northern California was organized and held at Chico. Its officers were: George Snook, President, and J. S. Davidson, Secretary.

The second annual reunion was held at Woodland, in May, 1888. The officers were: L. W. Hilliker, President; J. W. Fuller, Vice-President; H. Bennett, Secretary.

The third annual reunion was held at Marysville in May, 1889; the officers were: J. B. Fuller, President; John W. Powers, Vice-President; W. W. Holland, Corresponding Secretary.

The fourth annual reunion was appointed for April 17th, 18th and 19, 1890, at Red Bluff. The officers are N. P. Chipman, President; W. H. Ennis, Vice-President; John Clements, Corresponding Secretary.

The object is purely a social one. No rules or regulations are adopted for its government. The purpose is to meet and renew friendships and perpetuate memories of the past. Each recurring year has witnessed wider interest in these meetings, until they are now looked forward to as the most profitable and most enjoyable of the year's festivities.

The following posts comprise the Grand Army Association of Northern California: Sumner Post, No. 3, Sacramento; Halleck Post, No. 19, Chico; Warren Post, No. 54, Sacramento; W. H. Seward Post, No. 65, Woodland; Colonel E. D. Baker Post, No. 71, Newcastle; Eddy Lee Post, No. 73, Fall River Mills; J. K. Mansfield Post, No. 75, Red Bluff; Winslow Post, No. 79, Redding; Corinth Post, No. 80, Marysville; General Berry Post, No. 85, Truckee; Modoc Post, No. 91, Adin; W. T. Sherman Post, No. 96, Oroville; Champion Hill Post, No. 100, Plymouth; Belmont Post, No. 101, Auburn; Winchester Post, No. 105, Anderson; Placerville Post, No. 108, Placerville; General J. F. Miller Post, No. 110, Colusa; Monitor Post, No. 112, Willows; John W. Geary Post, No. 113, Dixon; Colonel Preston Post, No. 114, Winters; Chattanooga Post, No. 115, Nevada City; Williamsburg Post, No. 116, Williams; South Mountain Post, No. 117, Loyalton; Fair Oaks Post, No. 129, Sacramento; Ren Dixon Post, No. 122, Quincy; Kenesaw Post, No. 123, Orland.

Following is the programme of the fourth annual reunion of the Grand Army Association of Northern California, to be held at Red Bluff April 17th, 18th and 19th:

First day—Reception of comrades; evening, ball at Pavilion.

Second day—Meeting of association at 9:30 o'clock in the morning.

Afternoon, railroad excursion to Vina, tendered by Senator Leland Stanford; carriage drive for those not going on excursion.

Evening—Oration by General W. H. L. Barnes of San Francisco.

Patriotic chorus, 150 voices, introducing war scenes in tableaux-vivant. Entertainment to close with a dance.

Third day—Meeting of association at 9:30 o'clock in the morning.

Afternoon—Parade, 2 o'clock.

Evening—Camp-fire.

Projected Reduction Works.

REDDING, April 17.—There have been experienced miners and capitalists here for several days from Chicago acquiring a site for reduction works by the dry process. They are confident that they can reduce the most refractory ores. They have their machinery on the way. They propose to either reduce the ore for a percentage or purchase the ore right out.

Early Fruit.

SACRAMENTO, April 17.—Cherries and apricots are growing rapidly and the crop of the former will be very heavy. It is expected that there will be ripe cherries in the market in less than three weeks. Manager Buck of the Fruit Union was in the city to-day and said that he had no doubt they would begin making shipments of cherries to the East within a month.

Sensation in Court.

SACRAMENTO, April 17.—A man named John Wirtz created a scene in Judge Armstrong's court this afternoon by demanding that he be placed in possession of a fortune, of which he says Louis Napoleon robbed him. The Judge caused him to be locked up for examination as to his sanity. He is an Alsatian.

A Fractured Skull.

MISSOULA (Mont.), April 17.—Yesterday morning a man whose name was learned to be Robert Rog, a cigar-maker, recently from Salt Lake City, while on his way to Helena on a freight train, fell from a car and fractured his skull. He was brought to this city and died this afternoon.

Base-Ball.

BAKERSFIELD, April 17.—The Los Angeles Base-ball Club was not in trim to-day, the Bakersfields outplaying them at all points. Following is the score: Bakersfields 7, Los Angeles 4. Batteries—Hessinger and Sanders, Pier and Ward.

WILLIAMS' NOSE.

A Stage-Driver Identifies Him by That Organ.

The trial of Frank Williams on charges of stage robbery was resumed in the United States District Court yesterday.

Captain I. W. Lees was called, and related incidents connected with the capture of Williams, going to show that he was the robber.

During the afternoon F. K. Powell, the driver of the stage which was stopped near Forest Hill, was examined, and related the incidents of the robbery as already published. He also identified the accused as the robber by his long, thin nose, which he could see through the hole in the handkerchief that the robber had put over his head.

James D. Dodd, at whose house Williams stopped on the evening preceding the robbery, identified the prisoner, though at the time he wore a moustache.

S. R. Bradley, who had met him on the road and pointed out the way to Forest Hill, also identified the prisoner as the man he had seen.

A. S. J. Anderson, who was on the stage when it was robbed, also related the story of the robbery substantially as told by Driver Powell.

From the drift of the questions propounded by the attorney for the defense, it is evident that Williams will attempt to prove an alibi. The trial will be resumed to-day.

PERSONAL NOTES.

A. L. Veuve of San Jose is at the Lick.

State Senator Thomas Flint Jr. is in the city.

Ex-Judge A. P. Catlin is a visitor from Sacramento.

C. A. Buckley has returned from his southern trip.

Colonel T. M. Anderson, U. S. A., is at the Occidental.

O. A. Low, a Woodland banker, may be found at the Grand.

A. C. Hillman, a raisin-grower of Davis, is staying at the Lick.

J. W. Wilson, a cattleman of Sacramento, was in town yesterday.

Ben Steinman, the eating-house man of Sacramento, is in town.

John F. Moody, the banker, of Truckee, is at a downtown hotel.

F. E. Daingerfield, a druggist of Monterey, is up on business.

Dr. George W. Bird, a physician of Boston, Mass., is in the city.

C. O. Bennett, a merchant of Stockton, has quarters at the Grand.

H. J. Woodward, a distiller of Peoria, Ill., is a guest at the Occidental.

R. L. Knof, a New York merchant, came in yesterday on the overland.

Dr. E. T. Wilkins, superintendent of the Insane Asylum at Napa, is at the Palace.

George S. Nixon, a banker of Winnemucca, is making a short visit to the city.

Rev. C. A. Bartol of Boston, Mass., has arrived on the Coast and is at the Occidental.

J. M. C. Jasper of Wheatland is in town, and visited the Produce Exchange yesterday.

E. C. Harland, a grain-grower of San Ramon, is domiciled temporarily at the Grand.

J. C. Bull, a lumber merchant of Arcata, placed his signature on the Grand register yesterday.

F. C. Loomis, a merchant of Santa Rosa, impressed his autograph on the Lick register yesterday.

A. Manvel, President of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad, has arrived from Chicago and is a guest at the Palace.

J. B. Levison, Marine Secretary of the Anglo-Nevada Insurance Corporation, left last evening on a visit to the Eastern States and Canada.

Captain Attridge has resigned command of the British ship Aristomene at Liverpool, and is now returning to join his wife at Watsonville.

Arthur L. Levinsky, an attorney of Stockton, came down yesterday to aid in the prosecution of D. Perazzo, on trial for assault to murder.

A. A. Freeman, superintendent of the International Oyster Works of Cape Charles, Va., is in town on business connected with his house.

M. J. Crowley, who has been for a long time inspector on the sea-wall, will leave on the next steamer going south, to take charge of the building of a section of the Nicaraguan Canal.

William P. Smyth of St. Louis, and brother of J. R. Smyth of this city, has been appointed Consul to Huddersfield, England. Mr. Smyth was at one time city editor of the St. Louis Times, and has also contributed to the Post-Dispatch and St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Paid the Wrong Person.

Heinrich Gunther has brought suit against the Western Union Telegraph Company, alleging that by carelessness of defendants' agent, a sum of $1170 telegraphed from Braunschweig, Germany, was paid to some unknown party, who impersonated plaintiff in the transaction.

WATER FROM TAHOE.

Von Schmidt Explains His Plan to the Supervisors.

At the meeting of the Supervisors' Water Committee yesterday afternoon, A. W. von Schmidt, President of the San Francisco and Lake Tahoe Water Company, explained his plan for supplying this city with water from Lake Tahoe. He described the source of supply, and stated that the lake could be raised six feet, or a foot above high-water mark, by a dam.

The lake would give 136,000,000 gallons a day without interfering with the flow of the Truckee River when the water has been raised by a dam. It is intended to take 136,000,000 gallons daily to Auburn, the scheme being practicable, and the company willing to do the work. There is no ground for objection from the State of Nevada, and it would not interfere with the taking of water from the lake.

If the plans were adopted the city would obtain 100,000,000 gallons a day from the lake without lowering it one foot a year. He had made all the surveys and knew that the works could be built for $15,000,000. He was willing to give guarantees bonds to deliver water here for that sum.

In response to a question, Mr. von Schmidt stated that the company is composed of A. P. Hotaling, Robert Simpson, Nathaniel Holland, Mr. Breed and himself, all of whom are responsible. The delivery of the water at the bay did not include distributing reservoirs, which would cost $3,000,000. This would make the entire cost of the works $18,000,000. His supply would give the city 30,000,000 gallons daily and the city would save at the prevailing rates $753,000 a year.

A saving of 50 per cent would be afforded the people for a supply equal to that now being obtained. If necessary a Sinking Fund could be established from the profits of the works and in twenty years they would be paid for. Any pressure desired up to 300 feet would be afforded. The water is superior to any other system mentioned and the right to take it unquestioned, the company acting under an act.

Over $40,000 worth of work has already been done. There is no law that can prevent the company from taking the water and it is ready to go ahead whenever the Supervisors give them the contract. In concluding Mr. von Schmidt said the company would be able to put 5000 men to work within a short time and that all the pipe would be made here. The pipe would be steel fifty-four inches in diameter.

The matter was laid over for one week to enable Mr. von Schmidt to make a schedule of the cost of the work.

FOR HER DEATH.

Mrs. Basker's Husband and Dr. Sweany Are Held.

Solomon Basker and Dr. F. L. Sweany were held yesterday by Judge Rix on bonds of $15,000 each for trial in the Superior Court on a charge of murder. They are accused of having caused the death of Mrs. Tameny Basker, wife of Solomon Basker, by a criminal operation about two weeks ago at her house on Taylor street, near Turk.

The testimony adduced at the preliminary examination was similar to that given at the Coroner's inquest, only the defense had new witnesses on the stand to prove that the woman had performed the operation herself with the assistance of another doctor. One of these, Mr. Flood, a real estate agent from Los Angeles and a friend of Dr. Sweany, testified that he had accompanied the doctor to the sick woman's bedside, and though an entire stranger to the Basker family she had told him about her case.

According to the witness she made to him a full confession, implicating the doctor who subsequently reported her death to the police and city authorities and also herself in a great measure.

The Judge would not take this into consideration, it seemed so unusual on its face, and left it for a jury to decide.

PARIS SALON PICTURES.

How the Gump Collection Goes Under the Hammer.

There was an afternoon sale at 2 o'clock yesterday of the Gump paintings in Irving Hall, but the bidding was very dull, and, as in the evening, confined to six ladies, with an occasional exception. Only ten pictures were sold in the afternoon. Although these paintings are by most prominent members of the Society of French Artists, such as Schreileer, Lesrel, and professors of the Munich Art School, the whole lot brought but $2250. Some of the finest and more famous pictures were sold at night at what Parisian artists call after salon season prices.

Mrs. Tormey of Pinole bought the familiar picture (in photographic reproduction) of "Catching Herring," by G. Haquette of Paris, for $1300. "The Young Musician," by Paul Wagner, Munich, was knocked down to the same lady for $500. Mrs. Zimmerman bought "The First Lesson," by Wagner, for $875. "The Rural Trio," by Debat-Pouson, Paris, was sold for $2500. Some pictures had to be taken from the easel in the evening, as no encouraging bids were given, yet attractive-looking paintings, with magnificent frames, sold at prices varying from $475 to $1200.

The sale will be continued to-day.

The Siberian Exile System.

The Siberian Exile Petition Association has issued a circular to "the friends of justice and humanity," asking sympathy and co-operation in a movement designed to present to the Czar of Russia a monster petition asking for a revision and reformation of the Siberian exile system. The formation of local committees is urged and pecuniary assistance asked.

OBITUARY.

JAMES M. COLE.

James M. Cole, one of California's oldest pioneers, died at his residence in Benicia April 10th, aged 77 years. He came here from Boston in 1848, and was married in this city several years afterward to Miss M. B. Butter. He has resided in the State ever since. He was at one time one of the wealthiest men in Solano County. Deceased leaves a widow and six children, three sons and three daughters, all grown up. This is the second death in the family this year. His second oldest daughter, Miss Mary Cole, a young lady well-known in this city, died January 5th, after a long and painful illness. Mr. Cole's funeral will take place from his late residence in Benicia this morning, thence to St. Dominic's Church, where a solemn requiem mass will be celebrated for the repose of his soul, commencing at 10 o'clock.

MRS. R. SCHIEMAN.

The death of Mrs. R. Schieman occurred on Wednesday night at the residence of her son, J. M. Cohen, at 224 Twelfth street, Oakland, the immediate cause of death having been heart failure. Mrs. Schieman was within two months of her seventy-ninth year, and has been ailing for some time. On Monday last she was compelled to take to her bed, and rapidly failed until her death. She was a woman possessed of great energy for one so aged, and last Sunday walked from the home of her son to Thirteenth avenue in East Oakland without any apparent fatigue. The deceased was the mother of J. M. Cohen, Mrs. M. Gensler, Mrs. M. Wise and of Mrs. Kate Levy of San Francisco.

O. W. CHILDS.

At an early hour yesterday morning O. W. Childs, a well-known resident of Los Angeles, died suddenly of heart failure, superinduced by asthma. When he arose from his bed he was taken with a fit of coughing, fell to the floor and expired. Mr. Childs was a pioneer. Going to Los Angeles in 1850 he engaged in the hardware business and then in the nursery, having at that time the finest stock in the West. He was the owner of the Grand Opera House and other blocks, as well as a real estate in Los Angeles, San Diego and San Bernardino counties. The estate is estimated at $1,500,000. He leaves a widow and six children. He was 60 years old.

DR. CRANE.

Dr. Crane, the oldest physician in Petaluma, and one of the oldest in the county, died yesterday afternoon of Bright's disease at the age of 64 years. He was widely known and universally respected.

PROFESSOR RICHARD H. MATHER.

Richard H. Mather, professor of Greek at Amherst College, Mass., is dead.

MUNICIPAL STREETS.

The Mission Widening—An Exorbitant Bid Rejected.

At the meeting of the Supervisors Street Committee yesterday the protest of property-owners against paving the crossing of Twenty-sixth and Valencia streets with basalt blocks was overruled, as it had not been filed in time.

The committee referred the petition to change the grade of Mission street, from Napa to Butte, to the City Surveyor for his opinion as to its advisability and its effect upon contiguous property.

It was decided to report in favor of awarding a contract for constructing a sewer in Green street, from Hyde to Leavenworth, to J. A. Owen at $1000.

Bids for paving with basalt Eighteenth street, from Noe to Castro, and Prescott, from Pacific to Broadway, were rejected on the ground that the price bid (43 cents a square foot) is exorbitant, as the blocks are not on a concrete foundation.

After hearing property-owners pro and con the committee resolved to report against expunging Rose avenue from the official map.

The resolution of intention to grade and macadamize Point Lobos avenue, from First to Twelfth avenues, was acted on adversely, as the property-owners interested also wish to provide for a sewer and perform all the work in one job.

Acceptance of the streets in the Park Lane Tract was deferred for one week, to enable the club to file a description of them by metes and bounds.

At the request of Joseph Naphtaly the Commissioners agreed to report in favor of reconsidering and postponing further action on the resolution to open Amity alley, and referred the matter again to the City and County Attorney, to whom Mr. Naphtaly agreed to submit evidence that the alley has not for thirty years been a public street.

A delegation of Mission-street property-owners appeared and asked that the surveyor be required to run the lines of the new street as widened west of Twenty-sixth street. All the property, except four pieces, necessary for the widening has been acquired. The Commissioners decided to report in favor of directing the surveyor to make the necessary surveys and report the lines and grades to the board.

A report of the surveyor, estimating that the cost of grading Colusa street will be $100,381, was referred to the Superintendent of Streets to enable him to examine the district to be assessed, which has been submitted to the property-owners interested.

It is estimated that more than 25,000 colored people have emigrated during the past winter from the South Atlantic States to the Mississippi Valley.

LATEST SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

Foreign Ports.

DUBLIN—Arrived Apr 17—Br ship British Ambassador, from San Francisco.

Movements of Transatlantic Steamers.

NEW YORK—Arrived Apr 17—Stmr Bohemia, fm Hamburg.

QUEENSTOWN—Arrived Apr 17—Stmr Bothnia, from New York.

BIRTHS—MARRIAGES—DEATHS.

[Birth, marriage and death notices sent by mail will not be inserted. They must be handed in at either of the publication offices and be indorsed with the name and residence of persons authorized to have the same published.]

BORN.

VAN DERVORT—In this city, April 1890, 17, to the wife of W. A. Van Dervort, a son.

McNEIL—In Danville, Contra Costa County, April 15, 1890, to the wife of J. A. McNeil, a daughter.

O'CONNOR—In this city, April 13, 1890, to the wife of J. R. O'Connor, a son.

BUCKLEY—In this city, April 11, 1890, to the wife of Dr. Vincent P. Buckley, a son.

AUBERTIN—In this city, April 12, 1890, to the wife of Charles Aubertin, a son.

MARRIED.

BELCHER—FISHER—In this city, April 7, 1890, by the Rev. Dr. Foute, Edward S. Belcher and Grace M. Fisher, both of San Francisco.

BENGTSON—NILSON—In this city, April 15, 1890, by the Rev. J. Telleen, B. W. Bengtson and Hilma T. Nilson.

PETERSON—CARLSON—In this city, April 16, 1890, by the Rev. J. Telleen, John E. Peterson and Helen Carlson.

SUTHERLAND—PETERSON—In this city, April 16, 1890, by the Rev. J. Telleen, Thomas Sutherland and Hilma Peterson.

SCHWARTZ—HENSING—In this city, April 16, 1890, by the Rev. J. M. Buehler, John F. W. Schwartz and Johanna M. Hensing.

SCHMIDT—WIND—In this city, April 16, 1890, by the Rev. J. M. Buehler, Peter Schmidt and Petrine Wind.

THEE—HEEMCKE—In this city, April 15, 1890, by the Rev. J. M. Buehler, Henry C. Thee and Christine Heemcke.

KUNST—DIEDRICHSEN—In this city, April 12, 1890, by the Rev. J. M. Buehler, Henry Kunst and Theodora Diedrichsen.

DAVIS—WESTDAHL—In this city, April 16, 1890, Benjamin Davis of Auburn and Annie L. Westdahl of San Francisco.

STANLEY—ROWAN—In Oakland, April 13, 1890, Norvel Avery Stanley of Oakland and Annie S. Rowan of Bishop Creek, Cal.

ZIEGENFUSS—BUTTNER—In Sunol, April 16, 1890, at the residence of the bride's parents, by the Rev. Father Caraher, Thomas Ziegenfuss of Mission San Jose and Edith Buttner of Sunol.

DIED.

Bailey, Charles