PERSONALS.

BOOK-KEEPER, HAVING SURPLUS TIME, wants a set of books to post, or willing to do any kind of writing. Address A. R., Box 159, CALL Branch Office. my8 3t*

INFORMATION WANTED OF GEORGE ROBINSON, who left Denver with his wife a short time ago; his brother JAMES died recently in Lincoln, Neb., and GEORGE is wanted in Cheyenne, Wyo., to take charge of his interest there. E. L. TOMLEN, Alameda, Cal. my6 3t

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INFORMATION WANTED OF SARAH JANE LARKIN, a native of Townland Linnay, Parish Desertmartin, County Derry, Ireland, who left Ireland about the year 1853 and sailed from New York City for San Francisco in 1859 or '60, or thereabouts, and to our knowledge has never been heard of since. Her share or portion of the Rosanna Moss estate is now held in trust for her by the executors. Any information will be gratefully received by FELIX LARKIN (brother of the above-named Sarah Jane Larkin) and JOHN KEENAN, 7 Ninth Ave., New York City, Executors estate Rosanna Moss, deceased. my5 18t ex Su

IF YOU DON'T THINK WE ARE SELLING first-class groceries and provisions cheaper than any grocery house on the Pacific Coast, give us a call and see for yourself. Best Point Reyes fresh butter, 35c a roll, or 3 rolls for $1; best Petaluma butter, 35c a roll, or 2 rolls for 55c; good table butter, 25c a roll; fresh-laid Mission eggs, 20c a dozen; fresh ranch eggs, 17½c a dozen; Dupee's best sugar-cured hams or boneless bacon, 14c a lb; Whittaker star boneless shoulders, 12½c a lb; Whittaker star picnic hams, 10c a lb (warranted); snow-white flour, $1 a sack; Starlight coal-oil, $1 10 a can; new raisins, figs or prunes, 6 lbs for 25c; 1-lb cans pure baking-powder, 15c; new jams and marmalade in glass, 10c a glass; new jams in 2½-lb cans, 3 tins for 25c; new California mild cheese, 15c lb; Young America cheese, weighing 9 lbs each, only 90c, warranted full cream; 54 fresh soda crackers, 10c; 6 lbs Eastern rolled oats, 25c; 5 lbs cracked wheat, 25c. We defy any first-class grocery or tea house on the Pacific Coast to offer you as good a value in teas and coffees. ROBINSON & KNOX, 1910 and 1912 Market st., cor. Rose ave., and 900 Valencia st., cor. Twentieth. my4 3t SuTuTh

CHEAPER THAN EVER—LINCOLN & GAGE are selling 5-lb pails or stone jars of mincemeat, 25c; ½-lb goblet of best yeast powder, 10c; eggs, 15c per doz; butter, 25c per roll; 5 lbs coffee, $1; 20 lbs sugar, $1; 15 lbs granulated sugar, $1; 13 cans sardines or tomatoes, $1; 9 large bars soap, $1; flour, 90c per sack; best Eastern hams, 12½c per lb; 10-lb pail lard, $1. LINCOLN & GAGE, cor. Valencia and Twenty-second sts. my4 SuTuTh 3t

15 CANS TOMATOES, $1; 11 CANS SUGAR corn, $1; 12 cans sweet peas, $1; 10 cans table fruit, $1; 20-lb box raisins, $1; good flour, $1 a sack, $3 75 a barrel; 6 lbs. ground coffee, $1; 25 lbs prunes, $1; assorted dried fruit, 5c a lb; tea and coffee a specialty. LINCOLN TEA CO., Temperance Grocers, 1801 Polk st., corner Washington. my6 SuTuTh tf

FOR DRESSMAKERS' FINDINGS GO TO LIPMAN & CO., 26½ Kearny st., Room 13; goods at wholesale prices. mr23 eod 3m

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CHEAPEST AND BEST PLACE TO HAVE your carpets cleaned and relaid. JONES' Perfect Carpet-cleaning Works, 25 and 27 Eighth st.; telephone 3424.

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MACHINE WHITEWASHING IS BETTER than with brushes; contracts taken, 3c per square yard. Circulars 1103 Jackson st. ap29 tf.

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ADVICE FREE; DIVORCES A SPECIALTY; privately; 15 days; legal everywhere; no charges unless successful; probate, collections, etc.; responsible attorneys; all courts; business established 10 yrs. G. W. HOWE, 30 Kearny st. 19 tf

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DR. NEWTON'S EVENING DENTAL PARLORS, 123 Grove st., near Pavilion; all dental operations performed till 10 p. m., Sundays 4 p. m. ap27 tf

DR. J. MILTON BOWERS MOVED RESIDENCE to 14 Eddy st.; office 1 Eddy st. ap27 tf

MISS HOGG, 526 GEARY ST.; FUNERAL AND natural flowers of all kinds preserved. ap26 12m

DRESSMAKING, 1228 MARKET, ROOM 6; stylish suits made and a perfect fit guaranteed for $6 and upward. MME. LA MONTAGNE. ap26 tf

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MARIE HALL'S MUSIC PARLORS; PIANO harp and vocal lessons. 120 Eddy st. ap19 12m

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HIGHEST PRICE PAID FOR CAST-OFF CLOTHing, gold, jewelry, books. KLEIN, 109 Sixth st.

WINDOW SHADES MANUFACTURED TO ORder by WILLIAM McPHUN, 1195 Market. 24 tf

FOLDING BEDS—EXAMINE OUR NO. 1001 mirrored with large plate 18x40; walnut, oak and cherry; each piece carried by 25c; our installment price only $50. M. FRIEDMAN & CO., 228-230 Stockton st., cor. Post; open evenings. ap16 tf

MILLINERY—DON'T PAY EXORBITANT prices; try 27 Sixth st.; hats press-d, 35c. a16tf

ON THE INSTALLMENT PLAN—DRESS-GOODS, silks, sealskin and sealette cloaks, also carpets, furniture, lace-curtains, blankets and folding-beds at M. FRIEDMAN & CO.'S, 228 and 230 Stockton st. Why pay ready money when you can buy just as cheap by making a small cash payment down, balance weekly or monthly? An inspection of our stock is respectfully solicited; orders by mail for goods or samples promptly attended to. 228 and 230 Stockton st., cor. Post; open evenings. ap12 tf

A GREAT BUSINESS PROPOSITION—WE CAN save you 50 per cent by purchasing a merchant tailor-made business suit for $15; merchant tailor's price $30. ORIGINAL MISFIT CLOTHING PARLORS, cor. Post and Dupont sts.

PIONEER CARPET-BEATING MACHINES DO the best work. J. SPAULDING & CO., 353 Tehama st.; telephone 3147. ap12 tf

EYEGLASSES CUT ENTIRELY; GENUINE EYEglasses, specs, 15c; no humbug. DR. LEVY, next to bakery: Sundays 728 Market st., in Celebrated Ladies' Glove-store, 1 door from men's hat-store. 9 tf

ANDREW—MEET ME CORNER POST AND Dupont, to select a spring suit made to fit by a merchant tailor for $30, our price $15. ORIGINAL MISFIT CLOTHING PARLORS, cor. Post and Dupont sts.

CARPET CLEANING; 3 TO 5 CTS. PER YARD; the best work guaranteed or no pay. Telephone 2228. S. STRATTON, 1211 Market st. ap6 6m

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BE ADVISED IN TIME TO PURCHASE A MERchant tailor-made spring suit in 3 or 4 button cutaway for $20; merchant tailor's price $40. ORIGINAL MISFIT CLOTHING PARLORS, cor. Post and Dupont sts.

ALL FLESHY PERSONS CAN BE REDUCED in bulk by the use of Dr. Ball's Anti-Obesity Tea, warranted harmless and pleasant to take; also an infallible cure for constipation. Kept by all druggists. Depot, 4 Sutter st., Room 33. mr20 6m

WILLIAM R. GALE, JR., HAS REMOVED HIS furniture business to 1241 Market st., near Ninth; cheap rent makes low prices. ap2 tf

CARPET-CLEANING, 3C PER YARD; CHEAPest best in the city. J. E. MITCHELL & CO., 230 Fourteenth st. ap21 tf

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FIRST-CLASS CARPET BEATERS; CITY Steam Carpet Beating and Renovating Works, 1 and 3 Eighth st. Largest works in the city; work guaranteed. Address W. MANNING, proprietor; telephone 3250. mr6 tf

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WE HAVE A NUMBER OF FULL DRESS SUITS to hire for balls, parties, receptions at reasonable price. ORIGINAL MISFIT CLOSHING PARLORS, cor. Post and Dupont sts.

WAISTS CUT, FITTED, STITCHED, COLLARS; sleeves in; skirt cut, stitched, lined, bias drapery, belts put on; $3. MME. MICHAUX, 116 McAllster.

DIVORCES—FEE AFTER DECREE. JNO. J. COFFEY, attorney, 619 Montgomery st. fe19 tf

CARPETS THOROUGHLY CLEANED WITHOUT beating; refitting carpets a specialty. CONKLIN BROS., 1545 Golden Gate ave.; telephone 2126. 13 tf

MCKENNA'S RIDING-SCHOOL, 1537 MISSION near 14th; lessons given daily, Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7 to 9, by the well-known instructor, J. McKENNA; road horses for hire. 13tf

HOWARD H. DAVIS, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, 429 California st., Rooms 3 and 9; ADVICE FREE.

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PRIVATE HOME IN CONFINEMENT. 961 Folsom st. MRS. M. E. ROGERS. Midwife. a8 12m

YOU CAN BUY YOUR FURNITURE ON INstallments; easy terms. BARE BROS., 322 and 324 Hayes st., bet. Franklin and Gough. mr15 tf

DRESSMAKERS.

SUITS MADE REASONABLY; TAILOR SYSTEM taught. MISS GILLIGAN, 115 Kearny. 20 SuTh 1y

DRESS-CUTTING TAUGHT THOROUGHLY BY authentic French tailor system. 610 Post. 4 7*

MISS A. E. GRIFFITH, DRESSMAKER AND MILliner, Room 317 Phelan Building. ap19 1m*

MISS AGNES KELTER, 119 STOCKTON, NEAR Sutter, has removed from Kearny st., cutting and fitting a specialty; 75 cents; perfect fit. ap7 tf

NEW BOOKS.

BRET HARTE'S NEW NOVEL, "A SAPPHO OF Green Springs"; also "Two Soldiers," a military love story, by Captain Charles King, author of "The Deserter," "Dunraven Ranch," etc.; 25 cents each, of all book-sellers and news-dealers. my1 15t

THE LEAF OF WOODRUFF.

I FOUND a leaf of woodruff in a book.
Gone was its scent, and lost its pristine
Glory;
Even slender bladelet wore a dingy look,
And all was blanched and hoary.

And yet this withered leaf a spell possessed,
Which worked upon me in mysterious measure,
And sent old memories thronging through my breast
Of mingled pain and pleasure;

Of childhood's days that knew no thought of care,
Of hours that passed on wings of rainbow fleetness,
Of odors floating on the wanton air,
Sad from their very sweetness;

Of woods that wore a garb of summer green,
Of knee-deep ferns, and nooks of shady stillness;
Of streams that glimmered in the full moon's sheen,
And mirrored back its fullness;

Of lazy baskings on the lone hillside
In the fierce glow of July's sultry weather;
Of twilight wanderings where the enamored tide
Crept up to kiss the heather;

Of voices still beneath the church-yard sod,
Bright eyes that glistened from behind long lashes;
Warm beauty early given back to God;
Red lips that now are ashes!

—WILLIAM LEIGHTON.

THE WEST INDIAN PIONEER.

A ROMANCE BY A. F. DUNLOP.

I.

THE sturdy pioneers who a generation ago went into the wilderness and reclaimed the prairies of the West are fast disappearing. Scarce a day passes by without a report of the death of one of these heavy hitters who, through great hardships, dangers and toil, accumulated wealth and with it opened territory for the advance of civilization. Heroes they were, although rough both in manner and speech, and their fame will undoubtedly last as long as American civilization. About the men who with the same spirit and bravery sought homes in the West Indies as soon almost as it had been discovered nothing has ever been written, and the great work they performed in opening up and cultivating fields whose produce gave to the world almost a new trade has been lost, partly because their work was done on small islands isolated from the rest of the world, and partly because they lived in a time when newspapers were scarce. Yet every one of the beautiful and fertile islands that dot the Caribbean Sea like a necklace of emeralds from Antigua to magnificent San Domingo could furnish good specimens of pioneers who at first fought the Caribs—as bloodthirsty savages as any of our Indians—and then cultivated their fields in a climate for which they were entirely unprepared, and which as a rule has paralyzed the ambition and the efforts of the white men.

The environs of these West Indian pioneers were of course entirely different from their ilk of North America; they came also from an entirely different race, and had been fighting their way into the dense hardwood forests before the Mississippi had been reached and crossed by adventurous backwoodsmen, and, moreover, they did not belong to what in Europe is called the common or middle class, but were members of the best families of France and Spain. It was only after the revolution in France in the way that immigration by the workingman began.

Many of the smaller islands are yet uninhabited, or furnish transient homes for vagrant negroes, who do not cultivate the soil, but make a living by cutting wood to sell to the people of the larger neighboring islands, where the forests have long since made room for sugar, cotton, tobacco and coffee fields.

The last of the islands in the West Indies to be recovered by the Spanish was a single volcanic and brave man was Vieques, a colony of the Spanish Crown at present, but not many years since known as Crab Island, and, with St. Thomas, St. Croix and St. Jean, one of the possessions of the Danes in America. It is but a small, rock-bound plat, not over fifteen miles square, and divided from the west side of Porto Rico by a sound at its point of nearest approach of less than a mile. Unlike the rest of the West Indies, it has no high hills, and the approaching mariner often mistakes the mountains of Porto Rico on the other side of the sound for the elevated portion of this island.

In 1820 four officers sat at a cosy dinner in Trois Freres Provencaux in the Rue des Petits Enfants in Paris. All had been graduated from the military academy of Saint Cyr, had been gazetted, and had met for the last time before joining their regiments. During the dinner two of the party began to quarrel over a lady loved by both, and the third, who was unmarried, replaced the weaker swordsman fell. The rest were soon bending, pale and trembling, over the prostrate form of their comrade, and a hoarse whisper broke from the lips of the one who was feeling the fallen man's heart;

"Make for a seaport, Marquis! You have killed the Duke."

II.

Three years later a sailor called on the Governor of the French island of Martinique with a strange request. He had carefully compiled a list of the names of the negro murderers and other criminals on the island, and the cost of their maintenance to the crown. He also showed that the prisons were overcrowded, and requested that the Government would give him permission to provide and care for all these prisoners during their terms of imprisonment. He also stated that he purposed utilizing control of an uninhabited island, at that time claimed both by Spaniards and by Danes, but which could be brought under French flag if occupied by a Frenchman. His request was granted without much trouble, and Captain Cherlot soon sailed from the beautiful bay at Martinique with sixty-two desperate blacks on board, the majority sentenced for life. He was the only white man on board the schooner La Fontaine, and alone managed the vessel as it glided out of the harbor and sailed before the trade winds toward Vieques. During the two days and nights of the voyage he stood constantly at the wheel, never permitting any of the shackled blacks to get near him. Not a morsel of food was taken by any one during the voyage, and when the schooner put into the roadstead of Porto Mulas ten desperate negroes made a dash at him with their handcuffs. Three of these were killed.

When the vessel was rounded into the wind and the sails flapped on the mast Cherot's only servant boarded the schooner in a small canoe and at once pulled toward shore and dropped the anchor. He then lowered the sails, the convicts looking at him, but none attempting to hurt him, as he was quite as black as any of them. When everything was in proper shape Captain Cherot addressed the crew as follows:

"We are in shallow water. You can all wade ashore. Your feet are free. You are all hungry. Walk in yonder forest and you will find plenty. I shall not liberate your hands. When you get ashore come to the hut for food and shelter. As soon as I feel I can trust you I will come ashore, but the first sign of slightest attempt at revolt I will shoot you down as I would dogs. Now take your choice, but mark well what I say: He that does not sleep under my roof before morning, he shall hunt for it in the morning and kill as sure as the sun rises! That is all."

After this plain speech Jean Baptiste, the servant, climbed down the wooden side of the vessel and jumped overboard. The white officer received only to his shoulders, and he waded ashore. Cherot, pistol in hand, stood quietly by as each of the blacks followed his servant. Not one word did he utter, nor did he make any threats. After they had all landed he went ashore in the canoe. Cowed and hungry the blacks followed the footsteps of Jean Baptiste, Cherot bringing up the rear. Not one of the blacks made for the swamps. That night every one slept in the large hut, and Cherot slumbered as peacefully as a child, guarded by the faithful Jean Baptiste. At daybreak Cherot again addressed them.

"When one of you is willing to work and be obedient?" he asked.

One man stepped forward. He was at once liberated and led by Jean Baptiste to the washhouse, where he was given a new white blue-checked shirt and trousers and then set at his day's task.

When a man had been once given his liberty, he found Cherot a kind master, but he was never permitted to leave the land on which the first. Every day one convict was set free, unless some of them made trouble; for Cherot had carefully explained that at the slightest sign of difficulty among the free men the three days would pass before any more would be unshackled, and thus the free men would be forced to do more than their share of work.

III.

In less than three months all were free and busy cutting into the dense tropical forest, clearing the land or building houses. Before six months enough of them had proven trustworthy to permit of Cherot's sailing from the island for the last time. He went sixty miles to windward, to the Island of St. Thomas, where he bought provisions. All later voyages were made by Jean Baptiste as captain, so it came about that Cherot never saw a white face again or received a letter until 1855. By that time his sugar and cotton fields yielded so large a crop that Jean Baptiste and his wife Antoinette could not market it. More than 1000 acres of land had been cultivated, and 800 hogsheads of sugar were nearly manufactured, each weighing as much as 1300 pounds, the value of the sugar crop alone sometimes reaching $40,000. The blacks had increased meanwhile to 230 in number.

In 1855 Cherot had built a village which he had called Porto Mulas. He was an old man then, clean shaven and straight as an arrow. For some reason his face and hands—the latter always covered with thick gloves—had not become as red from exposure to the sun as those of Europeans generally get, but his complexion was clear, and at times he blushed like a girl. His hair was like silver in color, and hung in curls over his shoulders and down over a wide rolling collar, made of the roughest of white linen, but scrupulously clean. His eyes were shaded by long, silky eyebrows, and a thick growth of hair covered his chest, which was always exposed. In dress he looked like a cavalier cut out of an old French picture, and, although ill-made, his old-fashioned clothing was of the best material. In manner he was as courtly as a grandee, lifting his sombrero whenever he rode into the sugar-field and passed by a gang of negroes at their toil. He knew scarcely anything of the world outside of what he made since he left it, and only lamented the fact that men did not wear knee-breeches, as every gentleman should.

His home was commodious, with large verandas surrounding it, and on these he remained all day listening to the trade winds sighing through palm tops, and watching the working gangs. His furniture was all antique and of French manufacture, quite worm-eaten, with tiny golden streaks. The whole establishment bore marks of the refinements of generations past.

During the last twenty years the land on the island has been taken up by wealthy sugar-growers of the neighboring colonies, and, save for acre, the little spot of ground produces as much sugar as any in the West Indies. Old Cherot died years ago, seated, as was his daily wont, in his comfortable arm-chair, overlooking the island which he had made prosperous, and the busy mass of humanity around him. For whom he had created a home and a living. But the last pioneer of the West Indies never opened to the world the sealed book of his early career. And no line from his pen remains behind to throw strong light on such an experience which must have rivaled, in real life, the most thrilling effects of drama or romance.—From Kate Field's Washington.

BLYTHE OR WILLIAMS.

Attorney Taylor Traces Blythe's Career From the Cradle.

Edward R. Taylor, attorney for the Williams claimants to the Blythe estate, resumed his argument yesterday, and contended that their case is the only one presenting a family Bible with the date of birth as given; also, the only original photograph and the only original letters. The proof shows that Thomas Williams and Thomas Blythe were born on the same date.

He then traced Blythe's career from the cradle up to the time he stood on the deck of the Antelope, bound for America. The counsel created unfeigned astonishment among his fellow-attorneys by saying: "Our case is really so strong as to prove itself, and its only out of abundant caution and out of a sense of duty to the Court that we present argument in closing. It is so clear that the probation leaves not a hinge to hang a doubt upon. We desire to so present our case as to furnish a ratio decidendi for the Court."

BERNER'S DEATH.

The Reticent Saloon Man Censured—Doctors Quarrel.

Coroner Eaton held an inquest yesterday on the body of Gustave Berner, the shoemaker who was killed recently outside Horstman's saloon, corner of Thirty-first and Mission streets, it is said, by Michael Dolan and William Sullivan. Detective Robert Hogan's story was made stronger by the evidence. Berner went to the saloon for beer, and, after leaving the place, was struck on the head by Sullivan. He went home, took sick and died shortly afterward. Detective Hogan was given the case for investigation and placed the accused young men under arrest.

The following verdict was returned:

We, the jury, find that Gustav Berner came to his death on the night of April 28th, from a blow on the head with some hard substance, given by the hands of parties unknown to us; and we furthermore censure Henry Horstman for keeping back testimony believed to be beneficial to the Coroner's jury.

Although Dr. Estes, the Coroner's assistant, who made the autopsy, gave as the cause of death meningitis, from fracture of the skull, Dr. B. H. Baumeister, who attended Berner and signed the death certificate, firmly maintained yesterday that the man died from pneumonia. Baumeister furthermore gave out at the Morgue that the action of the Coroner's assistant was an attempt to injure his reputation. He was satisfied that Berner suffered from pneumonia.

The result of the autopsy was then stated by Dr. Estes. A fracture, which could be felt without removing the scalp, was found in the decedent's head. The lungs were congested, which was undoubtedly caused from meningitis through failure of the heart.

"May I be permitted to ask the doctor some questions?" said Baumeister to the Coroner.

"I have no objection," was the reply.

"Nor I," said Estes, and the quarrel began.

"Dr. Estes, how long have you been practicing medicine?" asked Baumeister.

"About a year and a half."

"Who was your professor of pathology at college?"

"I attended the autopsy," interrupted Coroner Eaton, "and the man undoubtedly died from the effects of the fracture of the skull."

"You are not on the stand," said Baumeister.

"The fact of the matter is he is attempting to make one think I don't know what I have been talking about," said Dr. Estes, displaying his rising anger.

"I want to find out whether you are capable," replied Baumeister quite as angrily.

"If I am not as capable of making autopsies as you are of treating as a physician I would never make another," retorted Estes as he left the witness-chair, refusing to answer the doctor's questions.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Horace M. Woolley to William F. Lewis, lot on S. line of Grove st., 137:6 E. of Lyon, E. 109:4½x137:6 ..... $10
Daniel Rogers to Anna V. Waseman, lot on N. line of Haight st., 165 W. of Baker, W. 27:6 x137:6 10
Emily E. Barstow to Minnie W. Schmidt, lot on W. line of Third ave., 250 S. of Lake, S. 25x120 10
Julius L. Franklin (by attorney) to James Comisky, lots 31, 32, Block 46, Excelsior Homestead 10
George M. Robertson to O. C. Pratt, lot on S.W. cor. of Twenty-sixth st. and Treat ave., W. 112:7x73:9 100
William G. Fookes (by administrator) to M. C. Walton, lot on E. line of Chattanooga st., 260 N. of Twenty-second st., N. 25x125 ..... Gift
L. Seligman (by attorney) to Robert C. Meyers, lot on N. line of Page st., 131:3 E. of Cole, E. 31:7x137:6 1,500
David Jacobs and wife to Constant Richart, lot on N. line of Washington st., 120 W. of Central ave., W. 23:9x127:8½ 2,750
Giuseppe Risso to Joseph Cuneo et al., lot on S. line of Sacramento st., 79:6 E. of Powell, E. 23:7x84:9 10
William B. Swain to Clara Kappeler, lot on S. line of Twenty-sixth st., 98:1½ E. of Treat ave., E. 24x125x100 10
Daniel Sullivan to Jerter J. Kalk, lot on SW. cor. of Twenty-fifth and Castro sts., S. 80x114 10
Louis Autholne to William B. Swain, lot on S. line of Twenty-third st., 75 E. of Hampshire, E. 25x95 10
Frederick Ries to William B. Swain, lot on S. line of Twenty-third st., 50 E. of Hampshire, E. 25x95 10
Joseph Newman to John Stuart and wife, lot on NE. cor. of Athens st. and Persia ave., E. 75x100 10
E. R. Lilienthal to V. A. Sauer and wife, lot on W. line of Bryant, William st., 50 S. of McAllister, S. 25x86 10
C. Walter to Ellen Mitchell et al., lot on E. line of Douglass st., 155 N. of Seventeenth, N. 25x148 10
Fernando Nelson to George Walkmeister, lot 41, Gift Map 1,850
John C. Spencer to Carolina Hulten, lots 98, 100, 102, 104, Gift Map 3 10
Isaac Lieloes to John Roberts, lot on W. line of Twenty-ninth ave., 275 N. of O st., N. 50x120 10
George S. Waite to Patrick Prior and wife, lot on S. line of Hidalgo st., 202:6 W. of Cherry, W. 28:5, SE. 3:4, SW. 112:2¾, SW. 20, E. 52, N. 134:5, to beg. 10
George Heaver to Pacific Rolling-mill Company, lot on NE. cor. of Sierra and Georgia sts., N. 433x100; also lot on W. line of Mariposa st., 433 N. of Sierra, W. 148, N. 62, E. 140, S. 99:2; also lot on E. line of Louisiana st., 433 N. of Sierra, E. 100, N. 33, W. 100, S. 33, E. 40:7, to beg. 10
Sarah E. Fabian et al. to Victor D. Dubois, lots 925 to 930, Gift Map 3 10
James W. Wiggington to Benjamin F. Wiggington, lot on S. line of Clement st., 101:6 E. of Fourth, W. 25x100 10
F. J. Martin et al. to Thomas Barnet, lot on E. line of Eighth ave., 100 S. of C st., S. 25 x120 10
F. J. Martin et al. to Laura H. Wells, lot on SW. line of Seventh ave., 25 S. of C st., S 25x100 10
La Societe Francaise to Edgar Mills, lot on SE. cor. Pine and Jones sts., E. 55x137:6 1
James B. Haggin (by attorney) to William Ferry, lot on S. line of Sacramento st., 234:1 W. of Cherry, W. 25, S. 133:11½, E. 44:1, N. 132:7½ 1,250
James B. Haggin to Louise Streck, lot on S. line of Sacramento st., 209:1 W. of Cherry, W. 25x132:7½ 1,200
William A. Magee to J. G. Klumpke, lot on N. line of Broadway, 128 E. of Polk, E. 75, N. 275, W. 42, SW. to point, S. 137:6, to beg. 10

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N. Benedict to J. D. French, lot 50x125, on NW. line of Magnolia ave., 100 SW. of East Twenty-second st. $10
L. H. and W. F. S. McGeorge to W. F. Myers, lot 50x83:6, on NW. cor. of Division and Wood sts., Oakland 10
Joseph Vignois to George Kramer, lot 50x150, on N. line of Clinton ave., 100 E. of Walnut st., Encinal, Alameda 10
Joseph A. Leonard to Ellen M. Metzger, lot 49:6x189, on E. line of Regent st., 277:10 S. of San Jose ave., Alameda 10
J. L. Scotchler to A. Jansen, lot 50x130, on N. line of Blake st., 41:36 W. from NE. cor. of Blake st. and Grove ave. 10
S. Carle to M. S. Carle (his wife), lot on E. line of Peralta st., 104.20 N. of Fourteenth, N. 101.20, E. 86.50, etc.; also lot 75x100, on W. line of Peralta st., 29 N. of Thirteenth; also lot 50x127, on N. line of Fourteenth st., 100 E. of Adeline, Oakland ..... Gift
R. Rowland and wife to George Kramer, lot 50x150, on N. line, of Clinton ave., E. from Walnut st., Alameda 10
W. D. Hooker to Charles F. True, lot 79:10x185, on SE. cor. of San Jose ave. and Regent st., Alameda 1,400
A. D. Cameron to Annie L. Cameron, lot 60x100, on SE. line of Twelfth st., 125 E. of Th. Teenth ave. 10
D. S. Sheldon to C. Galiez, lot 4, Block 2, Ryer Tract, Berkeley 10

Builders' Contracts.

Jacob Schleicher with E. V. Kern, carpenter work, on N. line of Geary st., 137:6 E. of Laskie, E. 47:6x137:6; $10,590.

Jacob Schleicher with O'Brien, plastering, same; $1884.

Jacob Schleicher with Fritz & Keane, plumbing, same; $1297.

J. G. and I. N. Day with Duffy Bros., plumbing, on NW. cor. of McAllister and Larkin sts.; $11,350.

Didn't Buy.

A few weeks ago a number of ladies, with Mrs. General Bicknell at their head, reached this city from Nevada. They came here for the purpose of going into orange culture on a large scale. They represent quite a large sum of money, and are able to take care of themselves, as the following story will show:

Soon after their arrival here they heard of a tract of land on the Surf line of the Santa Fe near San Juan. They examined the land carefully, and were about to purchase it at the rate of $100 an acre. Just before the trade was completed they learned that the land had been selling for $25 an acre, and can be had at that price now. The ladies became quite indignant, and declared that they would not touch the land at any price. They are now looking for another location, and will steer clear of land that is increasing so rapidly in value.—Los Angeles Times, May 6th.

Granted an Appeal.

Judge Hoffman, sitting in the United States Circuit Court, yesterday granted an appeal to the United States Supreme Court in the case of W. D. Lawton vs. J. G. Eagleson to recover damages for alleged infringement on a patent for seaming shirts, in which judgment was rendered against him.

Demented From Epilepsy.

August Wahmuth, aged 26 and residing at 53 Park avenue, imagines that he is the Creator and is consequently capable of doing everything. He is demented from epilepsy, and Judge Levy yesterday sent him to Napa.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Annual Convention of the Diocese of California.

The annual convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of California assembled at 11 o'clock yesterday morning at Grace Church. The convention was opened with religious services conducted by Rev. W. W. Davis of St. Luke's.

A letter was read from the wife of the Bishop, Mrs. W. I. Kip, stating that the condition of the Bishop's health would not admit of his attendance, and asking that Rev. W. H. Hill of Berkeley preside in his stead.

The latter was immediately and informally called to the chair by his associates, and having had a partial call of the roll of delegates, enough to see that a quorum was present, he adjourned the convention for lunch, which the ladies of Grace Church had prepared in the basement.

At 2 o'clock the convention reassembled, and the nominees of the Chairman for a formal vote he was elected to preside. In returning thanks for the honor conferred the ex-Chaplain of San Quentin alluded feelingly to his long acquaintance with Bishop Kip, recalling that just fifty years ago they had first given each other the hand of church fellowship.

The rolls of clergy and lay delegates were called separately. Rev. William S. Neales declined a renomination for Secretary; Rev. H. B. Lathrop of Oakland was unanimously elected to the office, and the Chairman appointed W. M. Cubery of San Francisco assistant. Rev. Mr. Holmes was admitted to membership.

The Chairman appointed the following committees:

Finance—Rev. F. W. Reed, Rev. A. G. L. Trew, Rev. T. G. Haskins, Rev. J. A. Emery, C. V. S. Gibbs, H. H. Hewlett, D. Cleveland, C. H. Graves and J. Wigmore.

Constitution and Canons—Rev. R. C. Foute, Rev. C. L. Miels, Rev. Dr. H. D. Lathrop, W. T. Weicker and A. N. Drown.

Credentials—Rev. Dr. Lathrop, H. E. Osborne, A. H. Phelps and F. C. Selfridge.

To Audit Treasurer's Report—C. E. Gibbs, W. L. Chalmers and Mr. Rixford.

Church Charity—Rev. C. L. Miel, Rev. J. Gray and T. A. Smith.

Christian Charity—Rev. E. B. Spalding, Rev. E. J. Lion and G. W. Gibbs.

A letter from Assistant Bishop Nichols was read, in which he expressed regrets that his consecration could not have taken place at this meeting. He thought it premature to speak of his plans just now, but would come to the diocese with a full consciousness of the business responsibility attending the office to which he was called, for he believed in a churchmanship of the same kind and quality with statesmanship.

The Chairman announced that all matters relating to the revision of the constitution and canons should be referred to the committee under that head.

Rev. R. C. Foute announced that, in accordance with a canon which required one day's notice, a new constitution and set of canons would be presented by that committee to-day. It being generally known that these had been gotten up in a printed pamphlet by Rev. R. C. Foute and Rev. C. M. Miel, there was a general call for them to be submitted for consideration of the Whole and then referred back to the committee before presenting them for ballot.

The pamphlets were distributed and read aloud. Some slight changes were voted, and it is thought that in their present shape they will pass the house to-day, to go into effect one year hence.

Considerable debate was had as to the naming of the diocese, the objectionable paragraph being: "The church shall be known and distinguished as the 'Diocese of California.'" There was a motion to amend the name to read, "Diocese of San Francisco"; another, "Diocese of Central California"; but it was finally referred back to the committee in its original shape.

Resolutions were adopted to prevent voting on motions to appropriate funds before referring the same to the Committee of Finance.

Ten o'clock was named by the Chairman as the hour for beginning business this morning. The ladies were invited to a lunch and conference at St. Luke's Church at 8 o'clock P. M. to-morrow and also by the lady managers of St. Luke's Hospital came an invitation to visit the Orphanage one day this week.

A STAMP ON LETTERS.

The Bitter Curse of the Postoffice Clerk Upon H s Enemy.

"Spat, spat, spat!" with an effective regularity descended the stamp in the hands of the posto