EVENTS IN THE SOCIAL WORLD.

Pleasant Reception Tendered to Bishop and Mrs. W. F. Nichols.

A Musicale at Mare Island—The Smith Fishing Party—Boyer Concert in Oakland—The Young Ladies' Institute Entertainment—A Surprise Party at Warm Springs. The Twilight Club Dance—Social Breveties.

The first complimentary entertainment and ball of St. Joseph's Assembly, No. 3, Y. M. C. U., will take place at Teutonia Hall, on Howard street, between Ninth and Tenth, this evening.

A bachelors' club has been organized at San Jose, with a membership of nine celibates, who have secured club-rooms and will dine together, signalizing admissions and apostacies with solemn rites. Their emblem is said to be an owl rampant.

Last Sunday evening a party was given in honor of Miss T. Detjens of Pleasenton by Miss A. von Rohn. The evening was spent in singing and dancing, after which refreshments were served. The guests departed after spending a very pleasant evening.

Mr. Martin McCue and Miss Millie McDonald of Vallejo will be married to-day.

Social Council, No. 46, O. C. F., will hold its usual monthly reunion at Red Men's Hall this evening.

The following were elected officers of the County Kerry Social Club last Tuesday evening at Irish-American Hall: Mr. John Hearn, President; Mr. E. McSwiney, Secretary; Mr. John Moran, Treasurer. Some twenty-five signed the roll of the club, which has mutual beneficial as well as merely social objects in view.

An entertainment and ball will be given at Mission Turn Hall under the auspices of Y. M. I., No. 78, this evening.

Mrs. Senator Stewart, Miss Maybelle Stewart and Mr. Romero have gone up to Carson. Mrs. Stewart will remain there until the beginning of the next session of Congress in December, when she will return to Washington. Mr. Romero, who has been transferred to the Secretaryship of the Spanish Legation at St. Petersburg, is so depressed by the death of his wife that he has lost all desire to go back to that distant city and will endeavor to be returned to his former post in Washington. He will remain about a month in Carson. Senator Stewart went down on Tuesday.

Reception to Bishop and Mrs. Nichols.

A pleasant reception was tendered last Tuesday evening at the residence of Hon. George E. Whitney in Oakland, by the members of the various Episcopal churches to the Right Rev. William Ford Nichols, Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of California, and Mrs. Nichols, who is a niece of Bishop Quintard of Tennessee. The Bishop and his wife are delighted with this part of the country, and especially with Oakland, and an effort is being made to induce them to make their headquarters there.

The spacious rooms of the residence were thrown open at 4 o'clock. From that hour until 8 o'clock friends swarmed into the parlors to extend greetings. A long line of carriages stood about the curbstone, and a vast throng came and went during the hours of the reception. The rooms were beautifully decorated with flowers, vines and hanging ivy. The Bishop and his wife were the center of a group that continually gathered about them to shake hands and to extend the well-known hospitality of the people of Oakland. In one of the rooms refreshments were served to the guests and there was music to increase the pleasure of the hours.

The names of the ladies on the Reception Committee were as follows: Mrs. Richard M. Sherman, Mrs. A. W. Bishop, Mrs. Patterson and Mrs. Chamberlain of St. Mark's (Reverly), Mrs. Captain M. Fredrickson and Mrs. H. H. Nagle of the Church of the Advent, Mrs. Robert Ritchie and Miss Eastland of St. Paul's, Mrs. Henry Taylor and Mrs. J. A. Emmery of St. Andrew's, Mrs. M. F. Bonnah and Mrs. J. J. Fish of St. John's, Mrs. J. E. McElrath and Mrs. Miller of Grace Mission. The Young Ladies' Committee was as follows: The Misses Katie, Klement and Bessie Wilsnach of St. Paul's, Miss Nellie Nichols, Miss Maybel Newton and Miss Dollie Stevens of the Church of the Advent, Miss Mamie Underwood and Miss Albertie Schreeder of St. Andrew's, Miss Weicker and Miss Easton of St. Mary's.

The following ministers were also present: Rev. Giles A. Easton of St. Mark's, Rev. Hamilton Love of Trinity, Rev. A. T. Fenlon of Christ Church (Alameda), Rev. Robert Ritchie of St. Paul's, Rev. J. A. Emmery of St. Andrew's, Rev. Benjamin Akerly of St. John's, Rev. F. D. Miller of Grace Mission.

A Mare Island Concert.

Colonel and Mrs. Forney arranged a pleasant soiree musicale for their friends of the Marine Barracks, Mare Island, on the first of the week. The feature of the affair was the reintroduction before an appreciative audience of Professor L. Planel, a native of this city, who has won considerable recognition in Paris, and his wife, Mme. Tekley Planel, who has been held a bright element of the stage in the French capital.

Among the selections were: Vocal solo, Mrs. Forney; duet, "The Crucifix," by Mrs. Forney and Professor Planel; recitations—"La Femme" (F. Bessier, music by F. Thomas), "Obsolete" (Armand, Silvestre, music by F. Thorne), by Mme. Planel, accompanied on the violin by her husband; vocal selection, Mrs. Carl Jungen, wife of Assistant Surgeon Jungen, accompanied on the violin by Mrs. Stone, wife of Passed Assistant Surgeon E. P. Stone; violin selections, "Vision de Jeanne d'Arc," from the "Jeanne d'Arc" of Gounod; "Clair de Lune," "Le Vieux Chalet," "Aubade" (Verdi; "Pizzicato," F. Thorne; "Last Rose of Summer," arranged by L. Planel, by Professor Planel. Such a musical feast was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience, who lingered over the pleasant material refreshments, served after the entertainment, in admiring comment regarding the harmonies so happily called into being for their delight by Colonel and Mrs. Forney.

The company comprised Admiral and Mrs. Benham, Captain and Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. James Howard Bridge of New York City, Chief Engineer and Mrs. Moore, Misses Minnie and Elsie Moore, Mr. Clarence Moore, Captain Ludlow, Miss Mary Ludlow, Miss Jackson and Miss Birmingham of San Francisco, Dr. and Mrs. Berry, Mr. Dr. and Mrs. Stone, Ensign and Mrs. Dewey, Captain and Mrs. Henry Clay Cochrane, Lieutenant and Mrs. Pendleton, the Admiral's Secretary, Mr. Montague, Civil Engineer and Mrs. Wolcott, Miss Cannon, Misses Beallman, Ensign Gibbons, Chief Engineer Kirby, Mrs. Lieutenant Lefavor, Mrs. Lieutenant Harris, Mrs. Ensign Hibbs, Pay Director Williams, Miss Williams, Miss Towles of Sausalito, Paymaster and Mrs. Colby, Stafford Colby, Miss Edith Benham, Miss Brouston, Miss Kate McDougal, Miss Bessie McDougal, Captain and Mrs. Mahan, Miss Cress and Mrs. Ensign Jungen.

The Ladies' Institute Entertainment.

The members of Young Ladies' Institute No. 10 gave a pleasant entertainment and social last evening at Irving Hall. There was a very fair attendance during the entertainment and several belated friends came in to enjoy the subsequent dance.

Following was the programme of the literary and musical selections prepared for the occasion: Overture, orchestra; recitation, "The Legend of the Organ Builder," Miss Sophie Eggert; vocal duet, "When the Wind Blows in from the Sea," Mr. J. H. Kelly and Miss N. Gallagher; piano solo, Miss M. Geishaker; vocal solo, Miss Bollinger; select reading (by kind permission of Alcazar Dramatic Club), Mr. W. O'Brien and Mr. G. Wenzell; vocal solo, Miss Manning. The hall was nicely decorated with streamers and flags, presenting an attractive appearance, especially during the dance, which pleasantly concluded the affair.

The officers of the institute are: Miss M. Fitzgerald, President; Mrs. M. Fitzgerald, First Vice-President; Miss E. Greaney, Second Vice-President; Mrs. L. B. Gordon, Treasurer; Miss A. E. Nyhan, Recording Secretary; Miss E. O'Neil, Financial Secretary; Miss N. Holleran, Marshal; Miss M. Taber, Justice Sentinel; Miss N. Gallagher, Outside Sentinel. Following composed the active committees of the evening: Committee of Arrangements—Miss N. Gallagher (Chairman), Miss A. E. Nyhan, Miss M. Daly, Miss L. Ahern, Miss M. McCloskey, Miss M. Fitzgerald; Reception Commitee—Miss T. Sweeney, Miss M. Joyce, Miss E. O'Neil, Mrs. Fitzgerald, Miss S. Boisliueuue, Mrs. M. Roetzky, Miss M. Foley; floor manager, Miss Marguerite Fitzgerald; assistant floor manager, Miss Annie E. Nyhan; Floor Committee—Mrs. L. B. Gordon, Miss L. Hayes, Miss J. Meany, Miss A. Rodgers, Miss B. Torsny, Miss M. Costello, Miss E. Greaney.

The Boyer Concert in Oakland.

Last Tuesday evening there was a notable attendance at the concert given by Miss Boyer, the contralto, formerly an Oakland girl, now a distinguished New York musician. It took place at the First Presbyterian Church, Oakland. Mr. Beel rendered the "Souvenir de Moscow" and an organ and violin duo with Miss Lowell, and Miss Boyer sang four ballads and Miss Lowell executed two organ selections. Among those present were: Miss Bessie L. Wall, Mrs. O. L. Shatter, Miss Theresa Sherwood, Miss Lily Sherwood, Miss Marie Barnard, Miss Ella S. Partridge, Mrs. T. L. Barker, Professor E. Werner, Mrs. H. Wadsworth, Mrs. Israel W. Knox, Mrs. W. C. Fife, Mrs. David Rutherford, Mrs. G. M. Stalp, Miss Julian I. Cook, Mrs. A. W. Bishop, Miss M. E. Millar, Mrs. Dickinson Millar, Mrs. P. J. Watkins, Mrs. M. W. Upton, Mrs. G. W. Wheaton, Mrs. Charles L. Watson, Mrs. Edna Snell Poulson, Mrs. W. E. Hale, Miss Snell, Mrs. C. T. Mills, Mrs. B. H. Wyman, Mrs. Samuel J. Taylor, Mrs. T. B. Simpson, Mrs. John A. Britton, Mrs. T. C. Coogan, Mrs. Sarah S. Barstow, Mrs. E. A. Trefethen, Mrs. A. A. Penhoyer, Mrs. F. B. Morrow, Mrs. C. W. Armes, Mrs. C. L. Crabtree, Miss Grace E. Barnard, Mrs. C. B. Parcells, Dr. C. I. Lane, Mrs. Joshua Barker, Mrs. W. C. Little, Mr. Harry O. Hunt, Miss Henrietta Kalman, Mrs. E. Eastman, Miss Sophie Newland, Mrs. Thomas Crellin, Mrs. Albert Miller, Mrs. Henry Wetherbee, Mrs. Henry Donnelly, Mrs. S. E. Heushaw, Mrs. Blanche M. Walkerley, Rev. Charles A. Caswell, Miss M. R. Fortin, Mrs. W. E. Dargie, Colonel George C. Edwards, Mr. C. E. Lloyd, Miss Ella S. Partridge, Miss Rosa M. Buel, Mr. William D. Armes, Mr. W. F. Partridge, Mr. A. R. Anthony, Mrs. J. Beatty, Mr. Isaac Wright, Miss Laura C. Moore, Mrs. R. T. Guard, Mr. R. Miller, Miss Irene Rutherford, Mrs. H. G. Parsons, Mr. Dan D. Barnard, Mrs. J. T. Marr, the Misses Perine, Mr. G. H. Wheaton, Mrs. Robert Gardner, Mr. Abraham Breece, Mrs. V. A. Stien, Mr. E. G. Knapp, Miss Constance Jordan, Miss Mattie Capell, Miss Sara Jackson, Mr. E. H. Hammond, Mr. S. C. Partridge, Mrs. A. G. Freeman, Mrs. Frederick Buel, Mrs. G. W. Armes, Professor and Mrs. Gustav A. Scott, Mrs. N. B. Fulton, Mrs. J. T. Carothers, Dr. A. F. Merriam Jr., Mr. M. D. Hyde.

A Pleasant Fishing Party.

A party of friends were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Smith on Sunday last. Fishing was the order of the day, and over 100 fine rock bass were caught. The party consisted of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Smith, the Misses Stella and Georgie Smith, Miss Emma Frieburg and sisters, Messrs. J. H. Bedbury, E. H. Davison, the Misses Mamie, Lucilie and Tessie Brown, Mr. A. H. Davison, Mrs. M. Desty, Master Robbie Desty, Mr. and Mrs. Abbott, the Misses Anna and Inez de Wolf and Miss Lucy Younger of Rochester, N. Y. All returned to their respective homes well pleased at their success in fishing. The neighbors and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Smith shared liberally of the fish caught.

A Sail on Lake Merritt.

The yachting party on Lake Merritt last Wednesday evening was very enjoyable. The party left this city on the narrow-gauge train and met their friends at the mole. The sail on the lake was continued for several hours. The party consisted of Miss Gussie Burgess, Miss Lou Knowland, Miss J. Risley, Miss Lillie Heidt, Miss Emma Russell of Oakland, Miss Carrie Seaton of Berkeley, Miss M. Cameron of Halfmoon Bay, Mr. and Mrs. Wonderlich, Mr. and Mrs. Sutton of this city; Messrs. Evan Morgan of Chico, Charles Heidt, Wesley Heidt, Joe Knowland, Richard Thomas of Nevada, Professor Eldridge, Dr. Tevis of this city and Mr. Clarence Wheeler.

The Twilight Club Party.

The Twilight Dancing Club gave its twenty-fifth social last evening at Ross Hall on Geary street. Some eighty couples were present on the floor and enjoyed a succession of dances to the music of Professor John Cassid's Orchestra until midnight. The floor manager was Mr. George Kolb, and the Floor Committee was composed of Messrs. L. Morgen, J. J. Gorham, A. Bettman, John Renauit, Charles Noe. The Twilights have succeeded in maintaining their attendances throughout the dull season, which speaks well for their popularity, and also augurs well for the success of their parties during the coming Winter.

Private Picnic at San Leandro.

A very agreeable private picnic was held at San Leandro Foothill Grove last Saturday by a party of young ladies from town. Dancing, singing and merry games were enjoyed, together with some choice refreshments. Those present were: Miss Emma Nathan, Miss Hannah Frohman of San Francisco, Miss May Smith of Oakland, Miss Sadie Doris, Miss Jennie Morgan, Miss May Barlett, Miss Lillie Doris, Miss Minnie Cotril, Miss Annie Morgan, Miss Mamie Doris, Miss Jennie Barlett, Miss Agnes Morgan, Mr. Charles Stern, Mr. Smith, Mr. Jones of San Francisco, Mr. Wambleton, Mr. P. Morgan of San Leandro.

Party on Norfolk Street.

Mr. T. J. Lyngreen gave a very pleasant dance on Sunday evening to his friends on Norfolk street, on the opening of Norfolk Hall, which was decorated with evergreens. Music was furnished by Mr. Fitzgerald's String Band. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. McCarthy, Mr. and Mrs. O. Day, Mr. and Mrs. Gilligan, Mr. and Mrs. Boll, Mr. and Mrs. W. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. T. Smith, Mrs. Madden, Miss Smith, Miss Lyngreen, Miss C. Hogan, Miss Mara, Miss Crowley, Miss A. Smith; Messrs. J. Morris, T. Casey, J. Casey, W. Casey, T. Eagan, J. Mara, F. Smith, W. Smith, J. Kelly, T. McCarthy, W. Crosby, W. Crosby Jr., J. Kane, J. Smith, T. J. Lyngreen.

A Surprise at Warm Springs.

Miss Lena Sherrett and Miss Ella Lunn were tendered a pleasant surprise party last Friday evening at the residence of Captain and Mrs. Harrison at Warm Springs. Dancing in the gayly decorated hall was the principal amusement of the evening.

About midnight the large party repaired to the dining-room, where a liberal repast was enjoyed. After supper the company adjourned to the dance-hall and kept up their festivities until a late hour, when all separated, bearing away the pleasant memory of a most delightful evening.

The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. Captain Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. C. Breit, Mr. and Mrs. Cushing, Mr. and Mrs. Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. Leach, Mr. and Mrs. Aschman, Miss Lena Sherrett, Miss Ella Lunn, Miss Lutie Twohig and Miss M. Cushing, of Irvington, Miss Angie Escheverria, the Misses Kate and Mary Power, Miss Maggie Brutwuser, Miss Annie Russell, Miss Mary Foster of Mission San Jose, the Misses Clara and Loretta Peralta, Messrs. Thomas J. Power, Frank Russell, John Scanlan, W. Forbes, S. Forbes, S. Goodwin, E. Steinmetz of Mission San Jose, H. Cushing of Irvington, N. Carter of Irvington, Walter Hewitt, G. Ross of Sunol, Frank Bates, F. French, Arthur Peralta.

Society Personals.

Mrs. F. G. Holden, daughter of Secretary of War Proctor, has taken up her residence in Alameda.

Among those who will leave Del Monte on the 1st prox. are Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Tevis and family, Mrs. Jeremiah Clark and Miss Lottie Clark.

Lieutenant and Mrs. Richard Clover and Mrs. John F. Miller will go east after a visit to their ranch in Napa County.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Dean and Miss Sarah Dean have left San Rafael for their Oakland home.

Mrs. Robert Graves and Miss Elma Graves will spend the winter season at San Rafael after the 1st prox. They are now at Santa Cruz.

Mr. A. McNally of Los Angeles is in the city for a few days. He is accompanied by his family.

Mrs. T. Detjens of Pleasanton is the guest of Miss Avon Roun of this city.

Mrs. A. W. Bogart of 501 Devisadero street and her niece, Miss Lillian G. Earle, of 428 Oak street, left on Sunday evening on an extended tour through the Eastern States and Canada. They expect to remain until the holidays.

Mrs. H. Greenebaum, wife of the President of the Bank of Alameda, and son, left last Sunday for Pacific Grove.

Miss Elma Lavezzari of this city, who has been traveling in Europe for the past six months, returned last week, and is at present sojourning in San Rafael.

Miss Mamie Brady is spending her vacation at the Del Monte.

Miss Katie Lange has returned to her home in this city after spending a few months in Santa Cruz Mountains.

Colonel Henry M. Benson, who has recently been retired from the regular army on account of ill health, has gone to Alameda with his wife and family to reside. He had recently been living in San Jose.

Miss A. Sullivan of this city is visiting Miss Arcadia Spence of Santa Clara.

Mr. Thomas Grant of St. Louis, a brother of Mayor Grant of New York, is visiting this Coast.

Mrs. R. N. Clarke of Carson City left on Monday for Portland, Oregon, on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Roundtree.

Mrs. James Farmer and Miss Clara Pendergast have returned from a visit to Mrs. M. Murphy of Santa Clara.

The Misses Hunter of Vallejo are visiting Mrs. Bowman, wife of Mayor Bowman of Santa Cruz.

Major R. B. Woodworth has returned home to Fresno. Mrs. Woodworth will remain some time longer here.

Professor Jackson will give up his position at the Berkeley University and go soon to New York. The family will remain in Berkeley for the present.

Mrs. C. I. Phelps has returned to Vallejo, after a visit to relatives in San Francisco.

Miss May Talbot has been visiting Miss Isabelle Donovan in Santa Rosa.

Miss Belle Center has returned to town from a visit to Woodland.

Miss Belle Widally of Santa Clara, who has been the guest of Mrs. T. W. Mather of Napa for some time, returned to this city Tuesday, accompanied by Mrs. W. S. Maclay, who will spend several days here.

Mr. James G. Mason of Menlo Park is visiting friends in Santa Cruz.

Miss Mamie Lefalvre has returned home to Vallejo from a visit to Bingham ton.

A Mixed-Up Trade.

C. F. Oner, who states that he lives in San Jose and there owns several pieces of real estate, was arrested last night by Officer J. J. Burnett, and charged at the Central Station with selling land twice. The warrant was issued on the complaint of W. J. Peall, a house and business broker, Oner claims that, acting under the advice of his lawyer, when he believed Peall had not acted in good faith in selling a lodging-house to a friend of his for whom he, Oner, had gone security, he deeded the land pledged as security over to a third party.

Transportation Census.

Thomas J. Vivian has been appointed special agent of the eleventh census to collect the statistics of water transportation on the Pacific Slope, the Territory of Alaska excepted. The vessels that come within his jurisdiction are such as are enrolled in customs collection districts 96 to 103 inclusive. All correspondence which managing owners of vessels have heretofore had with the Census Office has been turned over to Mr. Vivian and all further correspondence may be carried on with him.

Found in the Bay.

The body of an unknown man was found floating in the bay off the foot of Third street last night and taken to the Morgue, where it awaits identification. The deceased was about 40 years of age, weighed 140 pounds, had dark mustache and hair, and was slightly bald. The body, which had been in the water about two days, was dressed in dark striped trousers, blue shirt and gaiter shoes.

Gas, Light and Fuel.

The California Gas, Light and Fuel Company has filed articles of incorporation in the office of the County Clerk. Directors—H. B. Smith Jr. of Alameda, and W. H. Murray, George E. Barnes, Henry P. Cohen, George P. Heazelton, W. B. Ewer, John L. Boone, Francis Moore and W. C. Quimby of San Francisco. Capital stock $10,000,000, divided into 100,000 shares; $900 subscribed.

Behind the Scenes.

The divorce case of Ella Williams vs. J. S. Williams was tried by Judge Finn yesterday and taken under advisement. Mrs. Williams testified that she was married on April 5, 1889, and that her husband left her in March last, after having treated her cruelly for some time. She is an actress and a member of the Tivoli Opera Company.

The German Bank.

The German Savings Bank and Loan Society has elected the following-named as Directors: L. Gottig, F. Roedtig, Edward Kruse, George H. Eggers, O. Schoeman, N. Van Bergen, Charles Meinecke, H. L. Simon and Eugene Meyer. Mr. Gottig was re-elected President and A. H. R. Schmidt Cashier.

CONDITION OF TRADE.

The Outlook for the Balance of the Year Is Rosy.

Continued Gain in Bank Clearings—Collections Improving—Money in Steady Demand—Boots and Shoes Higher.

Things look encouraging. Trade is steadily increasing, and no complaints of dull times are now heard. Our local bank clearings last week were $17,250,928, against $14,794,994 for the same week in 1889. We are now only about $6,000,000 behind 1889, and if we keep up the rate or gain of the past two or three weeks we will be abreast of last year's business by September 1st. The most gratifying reports are received from the fruit districts. Grain and produce are bringing good returns, and, taken all in all, the outlook is rosy.

Collections are improving. Money is in good demand, and in sufficient supply to meet the inquiry without enhancement of rates.

THE CEREAL MARKET.

Cereals are not particularly active just now. Corn is lower under heavy arrivals. Oats are steady, but quiet. Feed barley is in steady demand, and firm. Old brewing barley is actively inquired for. Rye is dull.

Bran and middlings are higher than for months, and are marked up every day or so.

Flour is in fair demand and steady. Wheat is quiet at about last week's prices. The exports of wheat and flour reduced to a wheat basis in July were 945,000 centals, against 1,173,860 centals in July, 1889. Of the country's crops a Washington telegram says:

There is a reduction in the condition of all cereals reported to the statistician of the Department of Agriculture. The decline from the 1st of July to the 1st of August is from 9.31 to 7.33 in corn, from 94.4 to 83.2 in spring wheat, from 81.6 to 70.1 in oats, and from 83.3 to 82.8 in barley. The condition of potatoes is reduced from 91.7 to 77.4. A fall of twenty points indicates the disaster which has befallen the corn crop within thirty days. The cause is the abnormal high temperature of the central maize districts, with an insufficiency of rainfall. The returns of drought, which cover a broad area, and the severity of the effects, have been more general and depressing than the Signal Service record of temperature appears to indicate. One factor in the blighting of vegetation evidently is the hot winds that scorched the lower basin of the Missouri and Ohio valleys.

GENERAL COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Good hay is firm, being in moderate supply, while common descriptions are abundant and not over active. Beans are unsettled. Some dealers claim as high as $3 for whites while others give lower prices. The other varieties are firm by common consent and prices for Limas, pinks and Bayos have recently advanced. The rise is said to be due to Eastern orders. White beans are closely held in the hands of several houses.

Potatoes are in ample supply and weak as a rule. Onions are not in overstock and are bringing good prices.

The boom in butter seems to be over. Under the cutthroat struggle for the control of the Humboldt and Crescent City butter between a number of local houses the price has advanced from 25 to 30 cents and fancy brands sold even higher. As a natural result Eastern butter poured in and buyers are now running on this and picked roll, both descriptions being obtainable at 20 cents and under. This has weakened fresh roll and prices are now declining.

Cheese is quieter and prices show a weaker tendency.

All kinds of choice eggs are firm at higher prices, but common are quiet and not over strong. Honey shows the particular change. Choice white comb in one-pound frames is in good demand, but two-pound frames are not wanted. For water-white extracted there is a good demand, but the darker hues are quiet.

Fresh fruits are now in good supply. The canneries are working up to their full capacity on contract peaches and pears, and some plums are being used. Peaches and pears are lower, owing to heavier offerings, and some canneries have had to resell both varieties, being unable to handle all offerings. Prices, however, are still comparatively high. Grapes are in abundant supply. Wine grapes from the Capay Valley are sold at $15 to $16 per ton.

Dried fruits continue to fluctuate. Peaches and nectarines have advanced, and apples have recovered from their depression of last week and are now in better demand. The inquiry for apricots has fallen off, nobody seems to know why, and the price has declined from 17½c in sacks to 16½. Grapes and prunes rule firm, with a steady demand. More grapes will be dried this year than ever before, and growers hope that this will help the market for wine grapes.

Hides are strong at the advance and in good demand.

Wool is moving off more freely at steady prices.

Hops are very firm, and the tendency is still upward. The English and German crops are not in the best condition, hence the markets all over Europe are strong. The New York and Pacific Coast crops look finely. In Washington 21 cents has been refused, and some growers now ask 25 cents per pound.

Live hogs are firmer. Beef and mutton are abundant and unchanged.

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

Groceries show few changes this week. Sugar is in fair demand, but the general tone is one of easiness, as the total crop of raw sugar throughout the world will, it is estimated, exceed that of last year by 850,000 tons. The American Refinery has reduced its prices ⅛c per pound.

Coffee is moderately active and unchanged. Fluctuations at New York have not materially affected this market. The Government estimate of the Java crop, issued May 31st, shows a large deficiency for 1890. At the close of January the crop was estimated at 188,000 piculs, against 526,770 piculs for the corresponding date in 1889, while at the close of May it was figured at 171,810 piculs, against 537,430 piculs a year before.

Rice is somewhat easier, owing to a falling off in the demand.

Hams continue to tend upward in sympathy with strong Western markets. Bacon and lard show no change.

Almost all brands of starch controlled by the combination have been advanced ¼c per pound for the various kinds of packages.

Canned fruits and vegetables continue stiff. As to peaches and apricots, most canners still decline to name quotations. The demand for all fruits for the East is sharper than ever before, and the canners cannot possibly satisfy the demand at reasonable prices. Canned tomatoes for future delivery are again higher.

Rather more trade in Alaskan salmon is reported. The Columbia River pack is now estimated by the Astorian at 429,300 cases, against an output of 321,000 cases in 1889.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Dealers in dry goods report more activity. Receipts have been large of late and the inquiry shows signs of improvement. The import trade of New York is very large, amounting in July to $14,215,000, or more than $1,000,000 larger than in July, 1889. The imports for the first seven months of 1890 were $92,936,700, against $81,725,800 during the same time in 1889. The imports for the past two or three months have been a little in excess of the demand, so that there has been a slight accumulation in bonded warehouse.

Tobacco and cigars continue quiet.

In metals there are but few changes. Iron is nominal and dull. Lead is rather higher in all positions. Pig tin is firm. Spelter is weak at a fractional decline. Quicksilver is unsettled and dull. The receipts at this port during the first seven months of the year were 6957 flasks, against 9483 during the same period in 1889 and 15,930 in 1888. The exports during the seven months by sea were 1935 flasks, against 2154 in 1889.

Coal is firm, as will be seen by the following extract from a local circular to the trade:

The light arrivals have served to further strengthen spot prices, and some sales are reported at increased figures this week for cargoes here and nearly due. Light stocks on hand, the closing of the Wellington mines and the near approach of the winter demand, should combinedly cause an improvement of prices shortly. It is true the Australian list is swelling, but not over half of the vessels named can arrive here within the next three months, and all the early arrivals have long since passed out of first hands, hence are actually out of market. The Coast collieries are profiting by the present demand for their output, and are receiving full value for their products; the present rates asked for coal freights are somewhat against them, tonnage being scarce.

Custom-house duties collected during the first seven months of the year were $4,181,900, the smallest showing since 1887.

Exports of produce and merchandise by sea from San Francisco during the first seven months of the year were $22,307,700, against $21,968,000 for the corresponding period in 1889.

Boots and shoes are higher, owing to the advance in hides and leather.

A CRUEL HOAX

Perpetrated on George Thomas by Unknown Miscreants.

George Thomas, the well-known plasterer, received a telegram from Reno late yesterday afternoon containing the startling statement that his son, William, had both of his legs and one of his arms cut off through being run over by a train of cars on the Central Pacific Railroad, near Verdi. A short time after another telegram of the same shocking purport was received by Mr. Thomas.

The Virginia and Truckee express train had left for Reno and Mr. Thomas hired a livery conveyance, and, accompanied by J. Donworth, drove to Reno as rapidly as possible on the Geiger grade wagon road. On arriving there Mr. Thomas discovered that he had been the victim of a cruel hoax, as he found his son uninjured in the riverside town.

The telegrams received were placed in the hands of the Reno Constable, who, with the aid of the telegraph office attaches at that place, may be able to identify the contemptible fellow who was guilty of perpetrating such an infamous act.—Virginia Chronicle, Aug. 12th.

To Recover Damages.

James F. Chapman, administrator of the estate of the late Captain Alexander H. Nichols, has sued to recover $50,000 damages from George F. Marye, John H. Wilson and Samuel H. Kent. The captain fell into an excavation on November 28th last and was killed. Marye owned the lots where the excavation was made and his codefendants were the contractors.

The Gospel at San Quentin.

A number of ladies of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, under the charge of Mrs. A. B. Gove are doing much good work at San Quentin. The services are held in the prison chapel three Sundays of each month and the Rev. James Woodworth, the Evangelist, and the Rev. Father Lakan each hold services at the prison twice a month. As many as 750 convicts attend the services at one time, and the ladies of Sacramento are now arranging to carry on similar gospel work at Folsom. This work in prisons is much better carried on in the East than it is here, and the value of this line of Christian effort has been fully demonstrated.

ALONG THE RAIL.

A New Departure in Utilizing Empty Cars.

At a recent consultation of the traffic managers of the Union Pacific at Omaha, the question of a reduction of the mileage expense of hauling empty refrigerator cars from the Missouri River to the Pacific Coast was discussed at length.

It was decided to adopt the plan proposed by Assistant General Traffic Manager Y. A. N. Kee. By this scheme the empty cars on the west-bound trip will be utilized in effectively reducing the expense accounts, instead of hauling them 3000 miles empty, for which the road receives no revenue. The cars will be filled up with shelves on each side, so as to hold three tiers of terra cotta jars, each having an air-tight cover, to which is attached a tongue reaching nearly to the bottom of the vessel.

By an ingenious electrical contrivance connected with the wheels of the car, these tongues are made to oscillate and revolve alternately. Just prior to leaving Omaha the cars are stored with ice and each jar filled about two-thirds full of the very best cream.

The long trip across the continent and the electrical appliance, combined with the motion of the car, will churn the cream to butter, and upon arriving at Oakland the buttermilk is drawn off, leaving the finest of butter ready for the table. It is intended to commence this service August 15th by equipping four cars, and should the service prove a success, weekly trains will be run from Omaha, furnishing us the very best creamery butter at a price only a fraction higher than the cost of the home product.

While the company does not expect to make a large profit, they hope to reduce, in a slight degree, the expense of hauling empty cars westward, and at the same time, in a novel and comparatively inexpensive way, to advertise the route.

The last issue of the Railway Age contains an article on railway accidents in Great Britain. Some interesting statistics are furnished which show a remarkable degree of similarity in cause and effect to those occurring on American roads, which we are sometimes disposed to argue make a worse record for railway management than those of any other country:

On British roads, for the three months ending March 31st, there were 30 collisions, causing 7 deaths and 100 cases of injury, 6 derailments, 4 failures of machinery, 181 failures of tires, 74 failures of axles and 4 failures of couplings, these also causing a number of deaths and injuries. Accidents to trains caused the death of 9 persons and injury to 105, and by other than train accidents 1330 passengers were killed and 210 injured—a very serious record. Some of the causes of accident will seem in this country peculiar. Thus, 161 were injured "by falling on platforms, etc.," 32 were injured "by the closing of carriage doors," a peculiarity of the compartment-car system, which is evidently not an agreeable one, and 4 were killed and 3 injured "by falling out of carriages during the traveling of trains," which is also to be credited to the side-door plan in distinction from our end door and continuous platform arrangement. A large number of employes and others were killed and injured by various accidents not directly connected with the operations of trains, as, for instance, in handling freight and working on the line. The total number of personal accidents reported by the several railway companies for the year shows 262 persons killed and 2627 injured. The operation of railways in any country necessarily involves danger which cannot be eliminated by the most careful management or the strictest legislation.

TWO MEN KILLED.

They Succumb to Injuries Received in Street Accidents.

W. R. Knapp, an elderly man, was knocked down yesterday on Market street, opposite New Montgomery, by a wagon which turned the street corner at a lively rate and which was driven by a careless young man. The driver was hailed by Officer Y. Wilson and stopped his vehicle, but escaped in the crowd that collected around the scene of the accident. Knapp was taken to the Receiving Hospital to be treated for his injuries, from which he died late in the afternoon.

Although none of his bones were broken, Knapp could not recover from the shock to his nervous system. After he had removed from the hospital to his residence, 105 Stockton street, he sank into a comatose state and death ensued. He was a mining expert.

Michael McMenomy, Superintendent of the United Undertakers, who was knocked down on New Montgomery street, opposite Wells, Fargo & Co.'s building, Monday, by a runaway horse, died yesterday at his home on Natoma street from the effects of his injuries. He was also an old man and leaves a wife and nine children.

INSPECTING A STREET.

Mayor Pond Examining the Grade of Seventh Avenue.

Mayor Pond, Adolph Sutro and Herman Schussler, Chief Engineer of the Spring Valley Water Company, went out yesterday to inspect that portion of Seventh avenue now occupied by the water company's waste pond. Mr. Sutro made complaint to the Board of Supervisors some time ago that the water company intends to "gobble up" that portion of the city's domain and he for one objected. Mr. Schussler replied that the location is a natural reservoir and should be reserved for that purpose and that the water company had made good the street by giving to the city Serpentine avenue around the margin of the pond. The main point at issue and, in fact, the one that brought up the whole controversy is the petition of the water company to have the official grade at Seventh avenue, between L and M streets, raised several feet. Although this would make the reservoir site still more complete the neighboring property-holders are opposed to it.

HE WAS OUT TOO LATE.

A Small Boy Committed Without Notice to His Parents.

A serious complaint was made yesterday to Supervisor Noble, Chairman of the Industrial School Committee, by Michael Sexton of 118 Freelon street. He missed his twelve-year-old son on Friday last and did not discover his whereabouts until yesterday morning, when some friend told him the little fellow was in the Industrial School. It seems the boy was arrested on the night that he disappeared for violating the 8 o'clock ordinance, and was committed to the Industrial School without any notice to his parents. The father says the boy is not vicious and never committed any crime beyond perhaps a little carelessness about being under cover by 8 o'clock. Mr. Noble promised to look into the case, and if the facts are as represented the boy will probably be released.

DUST TO DUST.

Major Adams Laid to Rest by His Comrades in Arms.

The funeral of the late Z. B. Adams was held yesterday afternoon at Red Men's Hall, 320 Post street, under the auspices of George H. Thomas Post, G. A. R., of which deceased was a member. Dr. Stebbins officiated, and the pall-bearers were selected from organizations with which deceased had been closely identified for many years, as follows: George H. Thomas Post—P. R. Downer and B. F. Gedding; Nationals—Lieutenants Thompson and Woodruff; Loyal Legion—C. Mason Kinne and Michael Murphy; Veteran Association—F. A. Will and John Wyonan.

The above-mentioned organizations all sent handsome floral offerings. The interment was in Odd Fellows' Cemetery.

Receipts of Specie.

The report of the Custom-house authorities for the month of July gives the importation of specie by water at this port as having been $240,199, of which $206,916 came up from Mexico and $29,017 came from British Columbia. During the seven months ending July 31st the imports were, by countries, as follows:

Mexico, $1,930,044; British Columbia, $169,689; Australia, $29,859; Central America, $198,833; Society Islands, $8520; Japan, $15,163; miscellaneous, $13,809. Total, $2,365,917. Same time in 1889, $1,966,260.

There was a much larger amount received by rail, but there being no duty on specie, overland receipts were not reported to the Government officials. The receipts by water all pass through the Custom-house.

Isaac Davis' Estate.

An order of partial distribution was made by Judge Van Reynegom yesterday in the matter of the estate of the late Isaac Davis of the firm of Davis & Cowell. The estate is valued at about $1,000,000. One-half was distributed to Sarah A. Davis, and to Willis E. Davis, Gertrude Van Sicklen and Ethel A. Kohler one-sixth each.

Nicholas Luning's Estate.

Special letters of administration upon the estate of the late Nicholas Luning have been granted by Judge Van Reynegom to George Whittel and Marion B. Langhorne, executors named in the will. The bond was fixed at $1000.

DEATH HIS FATE.

A Chinese Mortally Wounded by Highbinders.

**Murderous Assault by Two Highbinder Assassins on a Domestic—"That Is the Man! Assault