THE BANJO ARTISTE.

IWAS a most delightful vision—
Yes, she played the banjo there,
None would tell it with derision,
Had he seen her charming air,
For her lovely eyes were dancing,
Till with gazing you were drunk;
There was actually entrancing
In that
Plunk!
Plunk!
Plunk!

What she played, I think, was "Dixie";
Or, perhaps, 'twas "Auld Lang Syne."
There were trills exceeding tricksie—
But the music was divine.
Though the chords were oft erratic,
Each one dropping in a chunk,
There was harmony ecstatic
In that
Plunk!
Plunk!
Plunk!

PHILANDER JOHNSON in Washington Post.

SYDNEY'S MISTAKE.

"DO let me arrange your tie, Syd. That's just like last night; every time I looked at you I thought it was trying to get behind your ear. There! That's better. Now I must run and get that tiny bouquet for your buttonhole, and then I'll have you off my hands for this day," said pretty Clara Leslie as she tripped out of the room.

"Sydney, why don't you propose to Clara?"

"Why don't I propose to Clara? Is that a conundrum, Aunt Martha? If it is I give it up. I never was any hand at conundrums."

"Now, Sydney, you needn't appear so mystified. I'm not blind to the love-making that is going on under my eyes every day."

"If there is any love-making I assure you it 'sall on one side."

"Sydney, that is a conceit. You imagine all the fair sex fall in love with that hand some face of yours. Now, I have no doubt Clara would be willing—"

"Yes, aunt, there's where the trouble is. She is too willing by half; and the fruit that will fall without picking is rather too mellow for me."

"Sydney!" and Aunt Maria gazed solemnly through her spectacles at her idolized nephew, as she said slowly: "You'll never get a better wife than Clara. The truth of the matter is she has spoiled you. You cannot afford to hire a valet, and how you are going to wait on yourself for the remainder of your life is a mystery to me. She attends to your slightest wishes, and as for your wardrobe, she has taken it out of my hands altogether; and I'm sure it ought to be held up as a model to all the wives in the country."

"I agree with everything you say, aunt. Your protege is the most charming little creature in existence. I do not know what I should do without her. But then, you know, one gets tired of being made love to all the time, and I always did think marriage a dreadful bore—something I couldn't think of, I assure you, aunt."

"Sydney, here is your bouquet, and it is time you were going," said Clara, entering the room.

Clara's fingers trembled as she fastened the flowers in his buttonhole, but Sydney was surveying himself in an opposite mirror and never noticed it.

"Clara, you are an angel. By-by," and Sydney Lehman stopped and touched the velvety cheek lightly with his mustached lips.

"Clara," said Aunt Martha, as the hall door closed after her nephew, "you should let Sydney wait on himself. He's like all the rest of the men—the more you do for him the less he cares about you."

"Do you think so, auntie?"

"I know it. You ought to have heard him just now."

"I did hear him," said Clara, quietly. "Yes, I was in the other room and overheard the whole conversation. But never mind. Sydney will change his mind before long; see if he don't."

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"I think Clara might have left everything ready for me. She knew I was going to the opera this evening," said Sydney Lehman, with an injured air a few weeks later.

"I suppose she thought she would get back before you wanted to go," remarked Aunt Maria.

"I don't suppose she thought about it. She is so taken up with Ed Campbell of late that I may go to the dogs for all she cares," and Sydney started to his room to make himself presentable, and an hour afterward was trying to enjoy the opera.

"I'm going to drop in at Mrs. Murray's. Will you come along, Lehman?" said Tom Hammond to his friend, Sydney Lehman, as they were leaving the opera house.

"No, Sydney thought he wouldn't. He didn't feel like himself to-night. But Tom urged and finally went.

He had scarcely entered the reception-room when his eyes fell upon Clara, looking lovely in a cloud of white tulle, hooped up here and there with water lilies, dancing the german with Mr. Campbell.

"Confound it all! Why didn't I go home? I hate to look at that fellow lately. Conceited fool! What can a sensible girl like Clara see in him?"

Such were Sydney's thoughts as he stood looking daggers at Mr. Campbell.

After a while his attention turned to Clara.

How lovely she looked in her dress and misty white!

"By George! I never knew Clara was so beautiful," was his mental comment when the day was over.

"Well, if I wouldn't stay at home forever before I would come out looking like that," was Clara's first salutation as he met Sydney. "What a color to wear at night," and she touched Sydney's tie with her fan. "Why didn't you tell me you were coming, and I would have left everything in readiness for you?"

"Didn't I tell you I was going to the opera?"

"Oh, so you did, and I forgot all about it. But you know I was out driving with Mr. Campbell all the afternoon. And oh, Syd! We had such a delightful time! We—"

"There, that will do; I'm not interested in the sort of a time you had. Here comes that dandy to claim you for the next dance. I think I'll go home. Good-night," and Sydney turned away as Mr. Campbell approached.

"Syd, you are growing bearish," said Clara next day.

"No wonder when a fellow can never find anything he wants."

"Well, you can't expect me to wait upon you at every turn. You are big enough and ugly enough to look out for your own things," and Clara laughed provokingly.

"Look out for my own things!" said Sydney, his color rising. "I should say I had looked out for them. I have turned everything in the room inside out, and the place is a litter of disorder."

"Clara, do run upstairs and see what you can do for him," said Aunt Martha, smiling.

Clara left the room followed by Sydney.

"Oh! Oh! Oh!" exclaimed Clara, raising her hands in horror as she entered Sydney's room. "Did any one ever see such a room?"

"No, I don't think any one ever did; it baffled description.

Sydney trampled on what had been the contents of his bureau, and, crossing the room, leaned his elbow on the mantel, while Clara looked around her in bewilderment, hardly knowing where to begin to straighten things.

"Clara," said Sydney, suddenly, "I don't believe you care for me any more."

"Who told you that I ever did care for you?" retorted she, saucily.

"I know you did at one time; but then I didn't know how to appreciate it. I don't see, though, how a sensible girl like you can care for such a coxcomb as Campbell. But there! I believe sensible girls always make fools of themselves in such much I love you.

"Then make an exception of me, Sydney, for I assure you I care nothing for Mr. Campbell."

"Is that true, Clara?" and Sydney had to step over the contents of his wardrobe to begin Clara's side. "I'm glad I thought you did, for I never knew how much I loved you until I thought I had lost you. I never can get along without you, Clara. Will you be my own little wife?"

"I—I thought you considered marriage an awful bore, Syd?"

"So I did, my love. But I made a mistake. Now I know that I need a wife, and there is only one woman in the world that I would choose for that distinction. She is my bewitching and incomparable Clara Leslie."

To prove the sincerity of his words he pressed her to his breast and imprinted upon her lips a number of kisses, that were received without the slightest manifestations of disapproval.

Three months from that day Clara Leslie was a bride and Sydney was the happy man.—Ex.

JUDGE SAWYER'S SUCCESSOR.

Judge Hawley of Nevada Said to Be Booked for the Place.

Judge Thomas P. Hawley, recently appointed United States District Judge for the district of Nevada, is said to be booked for the position of United States Circuit Judge in the place of Judge Lorenzo Sawyer. In order to accept the place made vacant by the death of the late Judge George M. Sabin it was necessary for Judge Hawley to resign the Chief Justiceship of the Supreme Court of Nevada, a position which he had held for eighteen years, and it is said that he was induced to make the change only on the understanding that he was to have Judge Sawyer's place when the latter retires. Judge Sawyer's health has been feeble for several months, and it is thought that he will soon withdraw from active service on the bench.

The fact that he has been improving physically within the past few weeks will, it is said, have no effect on his determination in this regard, and he will retire in time for President Harrison to name his successor.

FROM THE ORIENT.

Late Items of News from Japan and China.

The steamer City of Peking, which arrived at an early hour yesterday morning from Japan and China, brings exchanges from Japan to October 6th and from China to September 26th, and from these the following items of interest are taken.

Japan.

In consequence of the recent floods in Hiogo Prefecture 976 houses were destroyed in Akogun, 188 in Saye-gun, 604 in Shikito-gun and 97 houses in Shikisei-gun.

The Kiushu Railway Company was permitted by the Government on the 26th inst. to open the section between Hakata and Sekigo for traffic.

A report issued by the Sanitary Bureau of the Home Department shows that the number of persons attacked by cholera throughout the empire from the commencement of the epidemic to the 28th ult. was 30,591, of whom 19,830 died.

Owing to the recent stormy weather, various rivers in Tottori Prefecture have overflowed, causing great damage to crops and roads; 41 bridges were carried away, 64 houses were submerged, and 11 persons were drowned.

A violent whirlwind visited Narigiwamura, Chita-gun, Aichi Prefecture, on the evening of the 24th ult., destroying twenty-two houses and two telegraph posts. Two persons were killed, eight badly injured.

Mr. Iwasaki Yanosuke was permitted by the Minister of State for Agriculture and Commerce a few days ago to commence coal mining operations at Usumura, Kamagun, Fukioka Prefecture.

A telegram from Kagoshima announces that a violent gale visited the city on the 24th ult., and 764 houses were entirely destroyed, and 869 houses were partially destroyed, eight persons being killed.

On the 5th of October H. E. Ramsey, an Ensign on the United States ship Swatara, went bathing in Hemoku Bay, was seized with cramps and was drowned. His body was recovered and was buried in the Yokohama Cemetery. He was 26 years of age and had been in the service since 1882.

In the Japanese army there are now 3674 officers on the actual and 163 on the reserve list.

During the recent conflagration at Osaka one person was killed, three policemen, 127 citizens and seventy-six firemen were wounded.

The damage by the storms to the Nippon Railway will amount to more than $1,000,000.

During July the imperial mines at Sado produced 676.30 ounces of gold and 7275.39 ounces of silver.

The number of telegraph offices in the empire is to be increased.

In consequence of the cholera the price of carbolic acid advanced from $40 to $80 per 100 pounds.

The Naval Department is dispensing with foreigners. From 1873 to 1882 the number was thirty, now it is only six, and these will be dispensed with when their term of service expires.

The great fire in Osaka on the 5th of September lasted eight hours and destroyed 1893 houses, including the famous Shinmachiza Theater, schools, temples and teahouses.

China.

Piracy has been rampant in the Amoy district. Eleven pirates who were captured were beheaded, one in a very brutal fashion. On the other hand, a story is told of thirty-eight people on board a large junk being murdered by pirates.

There is great lamentation about the decline of the Foochow tea trade, which is worse than ever this year. Numerous failures have occurred and there is great distress in the tea districts.

S. Kriny of Wuhu, who disappeared recently in a rather mysterious way from Cheefoo, has been arrested at Chemulpo on a charge of fraud. He is said to have embezzled something like half a lakh of dollars belonging to Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co.

The Tongshan Railway Company have been granted permission by the Emperor to extend their line to a place called Mi Ki Yuen, near Shan Hai Kwan, which is on the way to Kirin. This will be the first section in the direction of the Russian frontier.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

C. Koopmanchap, insolvent (by assignee), to Desire V. T. Kenny (by executors), lots 7 and 8, Block 6, Excelsior Homestead; lot 8, Block 327, Golden City Homestead..... $50
William Sharp to Minnie H. Alderson, lot on N.E. cor. of Sacramento and Pierce sts., E. 29x137½..... 10
H. B. Sheldon and wife to Sydney J. Felton, Block 793, Outside Lands, and 6 other pieces..... 550
Bernard Stengel to William N. Carnall, lot on W. line of Sanchez st., 26:6 N. of Nineteenth, N. 25x105..... 10
Wendell Easton to Henry B. Shaw, Outside Lands 1149..... 10
Wendell Easton to Francis B. Wilde, Outside Lands 1148..... 10
Adolph Sutro to Mary A. Heritage, lots 1, 2, 3, 49 and 50, Block 2, Lakeview..... 5
Joseph M. Robinson to Thomas A. Robinson, lot on W. line of Castro st., 75 N. of Twenty-second, N. 25x114..... Gift
Thomas Bell to Charles H. Reynolds, lots 1349 to 1359, Gift Map 2..... 10
P. W. Halliden to Philip Mayer, lot on SE. cor. of Webster st. and Pacific ave., S. 30x90..... 20
Curt Roemer to Tillie Mayer, lot on SE. cor. of Webster st. and Pacific ave., S. 30x95..... 10
J. B. Lewis to J. M. Bradt, lot on NW. line of Stevenson st., 225 SW. of Fifth, SW. 20x65..... 10
John M. Bradt to Patrick F. Butler, same..... 5
George R. B. Hayes to Thomas Magee, lot on N. cor. of Sixth and Irwin sts., S. 24x75..... 20,000
Jacob Heyman to S. Lilian Marsh (trustee), lot on E. line of Forty-fifth ave., 225 S. of S st., S. 25x120..... 10
Louis Landler to Marie E. Doran, lot on W. line of Buchanan st., 115 S. of Sutter, S. 26:6x87:6..... 10
Annie Malone to A. G. Hawes, lot on E. line of Devisadero st., 109 N. of Haight, N. 25x87:6..... 10
Michael Landers (by administrator) to Louis Golder, lot on S. line of Bush st., 112:6 E. of Hyde, E. 25x137:6..... 8,200
Kate E. Sidenius and husband to Christian Taaffe, lot 9, Block 310, South San Francisco Homestead and Railroad Association, Victoria Tract; Taaffe to Christian Taaffe, same..... 1
Catherine H. Kohn to Louis H. Kohn, lot on S. line of Twentieth st., 150 E. of Alabama, E. 25x100..... 10
Jacob Heyman to Gustaf A. Lanlben, lot on W. line of Thirty-seventh ave., 175 N. of M st., N. 50x120..... 10
James D. Davidson to William E. Dubois, lot on N. line of Sixteenth st., 100 W. of Sanchez, W. 25, N. 134:3, NE. to point, S. 195:3..... 10

ALAMEDA COUNTY.

H. P. Moreal to A. E. Smith, lot 75x150, on W. line of Sherman st., 400 S. of Kings ave., Alameda..... 3,750
S. Jones to J. E. Kelsey, lot 65x130, on W. line of Channing way, 205 W. of Fulton st., Berkeley..... 10
C. A. Bailey to J. E. Kelsey, lot 55x130, on N. line of Channing way, 245 W. of Fulton st., Berkeley..... 600
M. P. Jones to Charles Bone, lots 7, 8 and 9, Block H; lots 8 and 9, Block J; lots 5, 12, 13, 15 and 16, Block K; lots 5 to 10, Block L; lots 9 to 12, Block R; lots 2, 10 to 13, Block S, Oakland Heights..... 41,150
C. H. Bee to C. J. McDermot, same..... 5
L. Griffin to M. W. Harris, lot 40x100, on N. line of Twenty-first st., 80 W. of Filbert..... 10
L. W. Fleming to A. Dubl, lot 50x100, on SW. line of East Twenty-second st., 384:8½ E. of Twenty-fourth ave..... 10
H. A. Moss to J. Allan, lot 50x100, on W. line of Park st., 106 S. of Encinal ave., Alameda..... 10
C. H. Richardson to C. S. Richardson, lot 50x150, on SW. line of East Twenty-first st., 150 NW. of Eleventh ave..... Gift
J. Nelson to C. Johnson, lot on E. line of Cypress st., 165 S. of Tenth, E. 169:9, S. 43:9, W. 169:9½, etc., Oakland..... 50

Music in the Park.

The following music will be rendered at Golden Gate Park this and to-morrow afternoons:

1. Hoch Konig Albert March..... Hauschild
2. Overture, "Masaniello"..... Auber
3. Ever Thine Gavotte..... Weiss
4. Selections, "The Black Hussar"..... Mollecker
5. Serenade, "Why Do I Weep For Thee?" Wallace
6. Presidential Polonaise..... Souza
7. Grand overture, "Semiramide"..... Rossini
8. Selection from Offenbach's operas, arranged by Meyrelles ..... Tobani
9. Sobre Las Olas Waltz..... Rosas
10. Descriptive fantasia, "A Trip to Coney Island..... Tobani
"Rush to the boat," "All Aboard, Whistle," "Life on the Ocean Wave," "Imitation of an Italian Band on Board Steamer," "Whistle, All Ashore," "Street Band Entering West Brighton Hotel," "The Greatest Living Cornetist is Heard," "Thunder Storm," "Gilmore's Band Playing the Anvil Chorus," "Signal for Payne's Fireworks," "Good Night."
11. Medley, "The Jolly Minstrel"..... Brooks
12. Galop, "Cosette"..... Wannemacher

A Wife's Petition for Support.

Mary E. Meagher and Andrew John Meagher have been married since 1882 and have four children. Mrs. Meagher has now brought action against her husband to force him to support her and also to secure the custody of the child. In her complaint she states that Meagher has blackened her eyes several times with his fist, has fired at her with a pistol, has vilified her and eventually driven her from home. She says he is foreman of the Cutting Packing Company, at a salary of $150 a month, and asks for $75 a month for the support of herself and children.

To Change His Name.

John Frederich Heunecke, 24 years of age, has petitioned the Superior Court for permission to change his name to John Frederich Pfaff, because his stepfather, Henry Pfaff, desires to have him legally adopt his name.

THE CHURCHES.

Items of Interest to Members of All Faiths.

Mrs. Stanford's Gift to the Sacramento Cathedral—California Missionary Work. Religious Personals.

The anniversary of Cardinal McCloskey's death was observed on the 10th inst. by a solemn requiem mass at which Archbishop Corrigan was celebrant. Sixteen hundred children from the parish schools attended the services.

Bishop Loughlin of Brooklyn, N. Y., celebrated his golden jubilee on the 18th inst. The anniversary was marked by religious services in the morning and a banquet in the evening, which was attended by all the church dignitaries and civic authorities.

The Archbishop of Brisbane, Australia, Most Rev. Dr. Dunne, is making a tour of Ireland. He was recently the guest of the Most Rev. Dr. Fitzgerald, Bishop of Ross.

The Archbishop of Alexandria has consecrated at Port Said the first Catholic Cathedral built in Egypt for thirteen centuries. It is dedicated to St. Eugenia.

The new Church of the Immaculate Conception, on Chestnut avenue, Trenton, was dedicated on Sunday, the 12th inst. Bishop Wigger celebrated pontifical mass, previous to which there was a procession of the parish societies. Bishop O'Farrell delivered the dedicatory sermon.

Very Rev. William P. Salt, Vicar-General of the diocese of Newark, died on Tuesday, October 7th, at Seton Hall College. He was stricken with a hemorrhage, on his way to breakfast, and expired before his physician, Dr. James Elliott of Newark, reached him. Father Salt had been suffering from consumption for three years.

Mrs. Stanford has ordered a full-size copy of the "Sistine Madonna" for the Catholic Cathedral of Sacramento. Permission had first to be obtained from the Emperor of Austria to make the copy, and was obtained on the condition that the Emperor might name the artist who should be commissioned to do the work. The picture is now so far advanced that it will probably be placed in the Cathedral before the close of the year.

There is an international movement in progress on the Continent to promote the recognition of the Holy See as a permanent Court of Appeal for the peaceful solution of disputes between Christian nations. The Governments of Belgium, Austria and Portugal are said to have non-officially given their approbation to the proposal.

Pope Leo XIII, now his eighty-first year, is the senior sovereign of Europe. The next in age is William III, King of the Netherlands, who is 73. The King of Denmark comes next, 72, and then Queen Victoria, 71. The youngest sovereigns are the King of Servia, aged 13, and the King of Spain, aged 4.

Bishop Levinhac, Vicar-Apostolic of the Lake Victoria Nyanza country, has arrived at Marseilles from Zanzibar. He says that the missions are prosperous and the black population industrious. The country between Uganda and Bagamoyo is peaceful, and he thinks that the Arab traffic will gradually die out for want of demand for slaves.

A movement is on foot to place a thorough exhibit of Catholic educational work in America before the Columbus World's Fair of Chicago in 1893. At a recent meeting in Chicago, Archbishop Ireland of St. Paul delivered an earnest address in favor of the scheme, urging that it be made thoroughly American as well as thoroughly Catholic. Vice-President Ryan of the World's Fair Directory, on behalf of the board, promised every possible assistance and ample space. Bishop Spalding of Peoria has been chosen to head the movement.

Among the Churches.

Rev. J. McL. Gardiner reports a large increase in the membership of the Presbyterian Church in Los Gatos.

Rev. W. H. Scudder, formerly pastor of the Plymouth Congregational Church in this city, has received a call to Windsor-avenue church, Hartford, Conn., and also to a Dutch Reformed church at Chelsea, Mass.

Rev. M. S. Hartwell, who has been filling the pulpit at Howard Presbyterian Church, will be followed by Rev. R. R. V. Hunter of Indianapolis.

The Rev. Gabriel Campbell, D.D., of Hanover, N. H., has been elected Professor of Evidences of Christianity in Dartmouth College.

It is understood that the Rev. Howard MacQueary of the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio will shortly be brought to trial before Bishop Leonard for heresy.

Rev. James Curry, a well-known Scotch evangelist, is doing acceptable work in the Second Presbyterian Church of Oakland.

The Presbyterians of Lawson, Ill., offer to give a sum of money and five acres of land to the Presbytery if it will establish and conduct a high school there.

At Albany, N. Y., lately, three Chinamen were baptized in the Emmanuel Baptist Church by Rev. Dr. Henry M. King. This is the first instance of the admission of Chinamen to the Christian church in that neighborhood.

Rev. J. K. Smith has resigned the pastorate of St. John's Presbyterian Church.

Jackson College, Mississippi, is one of seventeen institutions for the higher race sustained by the Baptist Home Missionary Society. It has a total attendance of 263, and all of the students pledge themselves to abstain from tobacco and alcohol.

Professor Max Muller, Ph.D., has accepted the chair of Biblical languages and literature in the Divinity School of the Reformed Episcopal Church, at West Philadelphia. He is an accomplished Orientalist, having taken his degree at Erlangen University, and is also a lecturer in the University of Pennsylvania.

The Brooklyn Presbytery has approved Rev. Dr. T. L. Cuyler's resignation of the Lafayette-avenue Presbyterian Church and adopted complimentary resolutions for his many valuable services.

The labors of Rev. Isaac White in Eureka during the past three months have borne good fruit. Under his ministration twenty new members have been added to the church in that time, a school established and large donations received for repairs to the church building.

Dr. E. T. Jeffers, late professor in Lincoln University, has been installed pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Oil City, Pa.

The estate of the late Newton Case of Hartford, Conn., is appraised at $750,000, which, with the exception of a few minor bequests, will go to the Congregational Theological Seminary at Hartford, Conn., on the death of his only child, to whom he left a life interest in the estate.

George W. Childs has made the Presbyterians at Wayne, Delaware County, Pa., happy by the gift of a $5000 lot as a site for their new church.

The will of the late Frederick Billings of Woodstock, Vt., bequeaths to the Congregational Church in Woodstock and to the American Board for Foreign Missions $15,000 each; the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society and American Home Missionary Association $10,000.

Among the candidates recently ordained by Bishop Paret to the ministry of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Baltimore was the Rev. Dr. T. S. Childs, formerly a prominent Presbyterian minister of Washington.

Frederick H. Page, editor of the Boston Advertiser, has resigned his position to enter Andover Theological Seminary as a candidate for the ministry.

The Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio, has secured subscriptions amounting to $65,000 for a new university building. The trustees have adopted plans for a structure which will cost, complete and furnished, about $90,000.

Mr. William Snyder, conductor on the Grand Trunk Railway, has become well known as an evangelist. Churches of different denominations gladly welcome him. He preaches morning and evening, and in the afternoon addresses railway men.

LOSING GROUND.

According to the Rev. Benjamin Parsons of Seattle, Wash., Presbyterianism is not in a flourishing condition at the present time. He says:

The Synod needs at least two missionaries who shall make it their business to foster the churches already organized and to organize new ones in the most promising localities. But, alas! with the Foreign Board falling behind in resources at the rate of $50,000 a year and our Home Board some $80,000 in debt and six months behind-hand in remittances to the hard workers on the frontiers of civilization, how can two, or even one, synodical missionary be supported?

The New York Observer takes a firm stand in support of those of the clergy who take active interest in politics. In a recent issue it scores the secular press for its adverse comments, defends the civil rights of ministers, and closes an editorial with the following words:

The clergymen of this city, without going beyond the sphere of their duty, can do a great deal to secure good government. One such speech as Dr. Mackay Smith made at Chickering Hall is of great value to the community. It will influence more votes against corrupt men and corrupt measures than a dozen utterances of professional politicians. It is not the talk of a man whom the lowest of the press would not dare to call a fool, and whom partisans would attempt to ridicule only because they dread his influence. We need more of this talk in every city and town, and the clergy should unite in alliances and unions to promote the common interests of good government throughout the land.

The Hebrew Faith.

The Jewish journals of the East are unanimous in condemning the conduct of their Russian coreligionists who glory in proclaiming nihilistic doctrines. They voice the opinion that such Jews are not wanted in America.

The question of the position of the Jews in Russia is about to be brought before a special commission which is to meet at St. Petersburg. It will be composed of several representatives of the higher administrative departments and the Governors of those provinces chiefly inhabited by Israelites. The commission, in its deliberations, will follow the lines pursued by the former commission, over which Count Pahlen presided.

The following gentlemen have been elected Trustees of the Congregation Beth Israel for the ensuing year: M. M. Feder, S. Levy, Simon Peckerman, Marcus Levy, S. Kragen, S. Harris, D. Michael, A. Lipman and Max Lewis. At an organization meeting subsequently M. M. Feder was elected President, Simon Peckerman Vice-President, S. Levy Treasurer and Marcus Levy Secretary.

SHARPENING THEM UP.

Fast Work at the Track by the Trotting Cracks.

The San Jose Blood-horse Association, finding that it has a handsome surplus on hand from the spring meeting this season, has decided to give a running meeting next month. At a recent gathering of the Directors it was concluded to give three days' racing commencing on Tuesday, November 11th, and continuing on the 13th and 15th. A good programme has been arranged for which entries will close on Monday, November 3d. Four thousand dollars will be offered in purses for the three days' racing.

As the local Blood-horse organization's racing will commence on the 22d, one week later, the San Jose races will enable owners to kill two birds with one stone and, instead of fitting their horses elsewhere, they can go to San Jose, train there and win good money besides.

Some sharp work has been given the trotting cracks now quartered at the Bay District Track and the fast halves and quarters shown augur well for the prospective trotting meeting next month. Matters are so far assuming shape that the managers of the meeting have agreed to offer a special purse open to Charles Derby, Lee, Washington, Emma Temple, Mary Lou and Maggie E. All six are close together and an excellent race may be counted on if it comes off.

Among the recent fast work done were halves by Sunol in 1:06¼, by Palo Alto in 1:06, and by Stamboul in 1:05¼, the latter working out the mile in 2:19. Freedom, the Corbett stable's crack yearling, was given quarters in 0:35 and a half in 1:12½. Vida Wilkes showed a quarter in 0:33. Hummer, Garretty's fast pacer, went to the half in 1:08. Regal Wilkes, Lee, Maggie E and Wanda also did some creditable work and are in good order. By the time the racing begins the horses will be in excellent order, as will also be the track, on which much care is being expended to make it as fast as it ever was.

To-day will be another work-out day at the track, and those who will be there in time will have an opportunity of seeing how the cracks move.

B. C. Holly will sell all his horses before next spring and leave for Montana to take charge of Marcus Daly's ranch at Anaconda.

THE STOCK MARKET.

There was a general decline in the afternoon session yesterday, Ophir dropping to $4 75, Potosi to $6 12½, Chollar to $3 15, Con. Cal. & Virginia to $4 40, and so on. The close appears below.

Local securities were only fairly active. S. V. Water declined to $54 25. Safety Nitro dropped recovered to $10 75. Hawaiian Commercial sold at $16 50.

The Humboldt delinquent sale takes place to-day. Mount Diablo has shipped $8755.

Justice mined last week 191 tons of ore, assaying $20 03; Overman, 800 tons, assaying $26; Crown Point 440 tons, $13 73; Belcher 328 tons, $23 12.

The Bannister Mining Company has declared a dividend of 2c per share, payable November 6th.

BOARD SALES.

Following were the sales yesterday in the San Francisco Stock Board:

REGULAR SESSION—9:20 A. M.

500 Alpha	2.00	110 Chollar	3.35	350 Occid	1.80
50 Alta	1½	25	3.40	30	1¾
100 Andes	1.55	100 C Point	2.85	200 Ophir	4.85
200 Andes	2.05	50 Excha	1.45	50	4.85
50	2.10	20 G Prize	.35	150 Potosi	.65
150 Belcher	3.05	200 Justice	1½	250 Savage	3.15
50 B Bell	1.00	100 Iowa	.01	100 E Sec	1.35
150 Bodie	2.40	150 Justice	1½	250 S Nev	3.20
100	2.36	300 Mono	1½	100 S King	.55
100 Bulwer	.42	200 Nev Q	.90	500 Syndicate	.10
150 Chal C	2.45	100	.85	100 Utah	1.20
10	2.35	200 N B Isle	.15½	150 W Com	.55
20 C C & V	4.60	100 Overm	2.30		

AFTERNOON SESSION—2:30.

300 Alpha	1.90	100 C Imp	.35	100 Ophir	4¾
100	1.85	200 Crocker	.35	450 Overm	2¼
100 Alta	1½	50 C Point	.2.80	50 Potosi	.65
200 Andes	2.00	50	2¾	600 Peer	.39
100 B & B	3.35	200 Eureka	.3¾	50 Potosi	6½
700 Belle	2.35	200	.3½	100 Sav	3.05
300 Bullion	3.05	100 G & C	2.30	100 S Nev	3.10
400 Caledon	.40	100 H & N	2.00	500 S Hill	.25
300 Central	.20	50 Milwaukee	.15	100 Syndicate	.10
400 Chal C	2.50	100 N B Isle	.15½	200 Utah	1.15
100 Chollar	3.15	50 Occidnt	1.80	300 W Com	.50
50	3.20	85	1.75	100 Yjacket	3.20
100 C C & V	4.40	150 Ophir	4.80	20	3¼

Following were the sales in the Pacific Stock Board yesterday:

REGULAR SESSION—10:30.

150 Alpha	2.10	100 Chollar	3.35	150 N Bisle	.15½
100	2.06	100	3.30	200 Occid	1.80
400	1.95	700 Crocker	.35	100 Ophir	4.80
150	1.90	200 Exch	1.40	100	4¾
650 Alta	1½	550	.01	50 Overm	2.30
100 Andes	2.10	200	1.35	200	2.20
200	2.05	150 G & C	2.35	700 Peer	.28
100	2.00	300 G Prize	.40	500	.30
200	1.85	200 G Prize	.40	500	.30
300	2.00	200	.38	200 Peerless	.30
100 B & B	3.40	20 H & N	.2.10	100	.34
300 Bodie	2.35	100 Julia	.32	700	.34
800	2.40	500 Justice	.1½	200	.32
100	2.35	100	.1½	100	.35
100	.2¾	200 Kentuck	2.10	150 Potosi	.6½
200	.2.30	100	.2½	100 Savage	.3.00
450	2.05	200	2.00	200	3.05
250	.2¾	100 Lady W	.45	100 Scorpion	.26
100 Bullion	.3.30	700	.43	200	.28
100	3.30	200	.42	200 S Nev	.3.20
300	.4.05	100 Mexican	3.10	200	.3.15
300	3.10	100 Mono	.1.30	200 Silver K	.50
100	.8.30	100	.1.15	100 Union	.2.95
800 Belcher	3.40	200 N B Isle	.15½	100 Utah	.1¼
200 Chal C	2.40	850	.2.50	200	.1¼
150 Con N Y	.33	250	.b 30	.1.55	100 Yjacket	.3¼

AFTERNOON SESSION—2:30.

100 Alpha	1.80	600 Caledonia	.45	100 Mono	.1¼
200	.17	100	.44	100	.8.30
200	1.90	200 C Imp	.37½	100	.8.30
150	.b 5	1.90	200	.37	200 N B Isle	.15
200 Alta	1½	50 Crocker	.37	100 Overm	.2.20
100	1.45	200 C Point	.2.80	700 Peer	.29
300 Andes	2.05	100	.2¾	1500 Peerless	.35
100 B Isle	.13½	50 E S Nev	.07	100 Potosi	.6¼
100	.8.30	100 Exchq	.1.30	50 Savage	.3.00
50 B & B	3.40	200	.1.35	100 S Nev	.17
50 Bodie	.2.30	b 90	.1.35	b 10	.3.15
200	2.45	200 G & C	.2.30	100 Union	.2.95
100 Bullion	3.00	200 Julia	.32	500 Utah	.1.15
100	3.05	100 Justice	.1½	200 Yellow J	.50
100 Bulwer	.40	200 Kentuck	2.00	100	.8.30
300	.41	200 Lady W	.43	50 Yjacket	3.20
50 Chollar	3.20	50 Mexican	3.05		

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

FRIDAY, Oct. 24—P. M.

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
Alpha Con	1.90	1.95	Hale & Norcrs	2.00	2.05
Alta	1½	1.40	Ophir	4.80	4.85
Andes	2.05	2.10	Justice	1.50	1.55
Belcher	3.00	3.05	Kentuck	2.00	2.05
Bodie Ste	.95	1.00	Lady Washington	.30	.35
Benton Con	....	2.00	Mexican	3.10	3.15
Best & Belcher	3.40	3.45	Mono	1.25	1.30
Bodie	2.45	2.50	Navajo	.40	.45
Bullion	3.10	3.15	Nev Queen	.80	.90
Bulwer	.45	.50	N Belle Isle	1.50	1.60
Caledonia	.45	.50	N Comstock	....	1.50
Central	.20	.25	Occidental	1.70	1.75
Challenge Con	2.35	2.40	Ophir	4.80	4.85
Choller	3.15	3.20	Overman	2.20	2.30
Commonwealth	2.50	3.00	Peer	.25	.30
Con Cal & Vir	4.45	4.50	Peerless	.35	.40
Con New York	.30	.35	Potosi	.6½	.6¾
Confidence	6.75	7.00	Savage	3.05	3.05
Con Imperial	.35	.40	S B & Mides C	1.25	1.35
Con Pacific	.25	.30	Scorpion	.25	.30
Cripple C	.30	.35	Sierra Nevada	3.20	3.25
Crown Point	2.75	2.85	Silver Hill	.25	.30
Del Monte	.80	.—	Silver King	.55	.60
Dudley	.15	.20	Syndicate	.10	.15
East Sierra Nev	.05	.10	Union Con	3.00	3.05
Eureka	3.75	4.05	Utah	1.15	1.20
Exchequer	1.30	1.35	Wellman	.15	.20
Gould & Curry	2.35	2.40	W Comstock	.50	.55
Grand Prize	.35	.40	Yjacket	3.25	3.25

MISCELLANEOUS SECURITIES.

FRIDAY, Oct. 24—2 P. M.

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
U S Bds 4's	121⅛	—	Pacific Light	.57	80
Cal Gas Con 1st	90	100	S F Gas Con	.57	57½
Dupnt st Bds	112½	130	Sikton G & H	.30	50
F & C Hel Yb	104½	—	Cal st R R	107	110
M & P Tel Bds	....	102	Central R R	....	100
Mkt st RR Bds	124¾	—	City R R	....	40
N P Coast 1st	100	—	F & C Hse Ry	55	100
N P R R Bds	113	115	Geary st R R	....	100
N Ryof Cal Bds	112½	114	N B & M R R	54