SAN JOSE RACES.

The Third Day of the Summer Meeting.

Rank Outsiders Neatly Capture the First Two Contests.

The Favorites Win the Two Concluding Events — Results of a Day's Sport—To-Day's Races.

Special to THE MORNING CALL.

SAN JOSE, Aug. 12.—To-day was "bang-tail" day at the San Jose Fair races, the trotters and pacers giving up the track to the gallopers to let them show what they could do for the opening of the summer and fall running schedules. The track was rather hard for them to operate on, so much care having been given to it to prepare it for the best efforts of the harness division. It was harrowed some during the morning, but it was not in the best order for the runners.

When the number of horses with tender underpinnings that started is considered it is a wonder that most of them did not break down irretrievably. Out of the sixteen starters at least six were "ci-devant" cripples. None of the whole lot were as fit to run as they should be, and about Sacramento some startling reverses of the form shown to-day will be seen. The attendance was the best so far of the meeting and seems to show that running events are more attractive to the public than harness races.

THE FIRST RACE.

The proceedings commenced with a six-furlongs dash for all ages, the starters being Sentella, 3, 101, Morton; Inkerman, 5, 115, Bally; Daisy D, aged, 113, Jenkins; Initiation, 4, 113, Carillo, and Alfaretta, 5, 113, Appleby. The pool-box odds fluctuated considerably between Daisy D, Initiation and Inkerman, finally settling down to Daisy D $20, Inkerman $15, Initiation $15, and the field of Alfaretta and Sentella $5, at which figure the short-enders laid in a good supply of pasteboard. The owner of Alfaretta publicly stated that the mare had only been worked once since Oakland's last meeting, that she had a strained tendon and could not possibly win. He only, as a Director of the association, started her to fill the entries and with the almost certainty that she would break down when he could use her as a brood mare. All he had invested on her chances was one little lonely $5 mutual, but it paid him well, for after the mare won, it was worth just $59 10. Fred Carillo, the ex-jockey of Al Farrow, was granted permission by the blood-horse people to ride for the Elmwood Stable during the meeting only, and he got all out of Initiation that he could, but the mare was short of work and could not win.

AN OUTSIDER WINS.

After one breakaway Billy Donathan, who officiated as starter, got them off with Sentella and Daisy D in the lead, Alfaretta last. Sentella was beaten at the half, where the others bunched. Entering the stretch they were all mixed up, and Daisy D got so jostled that her game leg troubled her, and she was out of the race. Initiation was cut down badly, the tendons of both hind legs being laid open, an accident that undoubtedly lost him the race. However, he soon disposed of Initiation, and seemed to have the race won, when Appleby brought Alfaretta up on the outside and landed her a clever winner by a length from Inkerman, who beat Initiation as much for place. Time, 1:16.

The defeat of the favorites cost lots of money, which the judicious field-buyers gathered in at highly remunerative figures.

THE SECOND RACE.

Three two-year-olds came out for the next event, a five-furlong scramble. They were: Pescador, by Gano, 110, Roach; Gracie C, by Joe Hooker, 102, Hickey, and Esperanza, by Judge McKinstry, 102, Spence. A heavy plunge was made on Pescador at $25 against $5 for the other two in the field. They got the flag the first time. Pescador and Esperanza even up and Gracie C almost four lengths back. The leaders were on equal terms to the stretch, where the favorite was beaten, and though Roach rode him most vigorously Esperanza held him safe all the way and won neatly by a length in 1:02½.

The winner is a small but well-turned filly, and very speedy; but if Pescador had been ridden for a race he would have easily turned the tables on the winner. Esperanza is owned by the same gentleman who owns Alfaretta, and was also trained by Appleby. Both owner and trainer were warmly congratulated on their two consecutive victories. Again the short-enders won. They got $16 in return for $5 invested at the mutuals.

THE THIRD RACE.

John Treat, aged, 117, Roach; Cheerful, 3, 97, Marton; Mamie C, 3, 102, Ward; Ledon, 3, 112, Slocum, and Wild Rose, 3, 102, Appleby, started on the mile and an eighth run. Treat was the first choice at $65, Mamie C brought $22 and the field $23. After Wild Rose had run away for a quarter of a mile, Donathan sent them off on good fair terms. Treat was nearly knocked over in a jostle near the gate, but picked himself up cleverly and went on after Mamie C and Cheerful, who showed the way to the half pole, Wild Rose trailing. Then Treat went to the first place when Cheerful gave him a hard run to the mile, where Mamie C took a hand, but soon fell back. Treat going on under a drive. Appleby, on Wild Rose, now made a run for him, but timed it too late and Treat won a good race from him by a long neck in 1:57. Cheerful was half a length back of Wild Rose. It was the first win for the favorite, though the field buyers nearly repeated their former victories and had a good run for their money. Mutuals paid on Treat $10 30. Wild Rose is owned by the possessor of Alfaretta and Esperanza.

THE LAST RACE.

The six furlong heat race brought out Nerva, aged, 104, Ward; Vinco, 6, 93, Slocum, and Fannie F, 6, 98, Spence. Pools sold: Nerva $30, Vinco $12, Fannie F $10. The first heat was an easy win for Nerva. After letting Fannie and Vinco make the running she came through and won handily from Fannie in 1:16. Mutuals paid $8 80.

Pools stood for the second heat $25, field $6. Nerva lead all the way and won at will, Fannie F second. Time, 1:16½. Mutuals paid $6 80.

TO-DAY'S RACES.

To-day will be harness day again. The pacing race for the 2:15 class for a $1000 purse will be a hot one and should draw a large gate alone. Palo Alto will present against the world's stallion record by Marvin, with good chances of breaking it.

WILLOWS RACES.

Tuesday's Unfinished Event Won Easily by Our Jack.

WILLOWS, Aug. 12.—The second day's races started in with the finishing of yesterday's three-minute trot, which was postponed on account of darkness. Our Jack won easily. Time, 2:40.

The second race was running, mile and repeat, between Canny Scott, Dave Douglass and Wild Oats, Wild Oats winning the second and third heats. Time 1:44 and 1:46.

The third race was for two-year-olds, trotting, between Lucky B, entered by Hogoboom, Woodard's Violet, Smith's King of the Ring and Haine's Hera. Lucky B won easily in 2:45½ and 2:46.

The 2:30 trot between Waldstein, Bay Willes, Laura Z and Ed Borgs was won easily by Waldstein. Time, 2:25¼, 2:23¾ and 2:27½.

The crowd was much larger to-day than yesterday and pools were more brisk.

BASE-BALL CHANGES.

Sale of Franchise and Reorganization of the Sacramento Club.

SACRAMENTO, Aug. 12.—Manager Sam Ginsberg to-day sold the franchise of the Sacramento Base-ball Club, and ex-Manager McCloskey and "Beesie" McGuirk were the purchasers. It is said the price paid was $2000. The new owners of the club immediately discharged Sunday, Work, Hutchison, Peeples, Stapleton, France and Hulin. McCloskey stated this afternoon that they had signed McHale and Roberts, and that they would retain Spies, Hoffman and O'Day. McCloskey is negotiating with five players of the Duluth (Western Association) Club, and states that he will soon have Bowman here.

BURNING OIL.

Destruction of a Refinery and Broom Factory in Portland.

PORTLAND, Aug. 12.—A fire occurred early this morning in the oil refinery and store-house of Kelly, Dunne & Co., Eleventh and K streets, completely destroying the building and contents. When the fire had almost burned out flames issued from the broom factory of Zan Bros., one block away, and soon this building was a mass of flames. Fortunately there was no wind and the fire was confined to the factory, which was also destroyed. The total loss will reach $70,000.

A later estimate places the loss at $120,000. Kelly, Dunne & Co. estimate their loss at $40,000, and Zan Bros. report a loss of $75,000. It is supposed that the fire was the work of an incendiary. Oil was found on a wood-pile at St. Vincent's Hospital, and it is supposed some one was preparing to fire the hospital, which contains 150 patients, one-third of whom are helpless. Several houses in the vicinity were badly damaged. Oil from the warehouse flowed through the streets like water. Kelly, Dnune & Co.'s insurance is $22,500, and Zan Bros. were insured for $41,000. The risks were distributed among twenty different companies.

GIRL DROWNED.

The Body Recovered With the Face Badly Cut and Bruised.

NAPA, Aug. 12.—On Sunday last Barbara E. Tachado, a young woman 22 years old, went down the river fishing in company with a Portuguese friend. About 1 o'clock the man returned hurriedly to town and said the girl went down the river from where he was fishing, and soon after he heard a splash, whereupon he rushed down to where he supposed she was, and no one was in sight. To-day the girl's body was found four miles south of town, and the face is badly bruised and cut. Some thoughts of foul play are entertained by the officers, but another theory is that the wheel of one of the river steamers may have struck the body and mutilated the face. The affair has created quite an excitement here.

THE STATE FAIR.

Arrangements Being Perfected to Insure a Fine Exhibition.

SACRAMENTO, Aug. 12.—The State Board of Agriculture held a meeting this evening and prepared a list of the entries for the eleven days of racing during the fair. All the events of importance have filled, and the prospect is that the meeting will bring together the finest field of runners, trotters and pacers ever seen on the fair grounds. The board arranged for a number of special features for the fair, including athletics, balloon ascensions, concerts by a celebrated Eastern band, play-ground for children adjoining the pavilion and others. Applications for space for exhibits are coming in by every mail, and everything indicates a fine exhibition.

Seizure of Unstamped Opium.

STOCKTON, Aug. 12.—Last evening James H. Borland, Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue, and H. W. Whitelaw, United States Gauger for this district, made a tour of Chinatown and seized seventeen tins of unstamped opium in one store and nineteen in another. At the first place the opium was displayed openly, the Chinaman apparently not fearing trouble. The Chinamen claimed that they bought the opium in San Francisco prior to October 1, 1890, when the present law went into effect.

Distribution of School Funds.

SALEM (Oregon), Aug. 12.—The State Treasurer has completed the distribution of interest arising from the Common School Fund among the various counties. The total amount of funds subject to distribution was $153,000. The total number of persons in the State between the ages of 4 and 20 years is 105,622. This gives to each county the sum of $1 45 per capita, the same ratio as last year, although the number of school children has increased over 6000.

Damages by the Redlands Storm.

REDLANDS, Aug. 12.—Damages from yesterday's storm are estimated as follows: Settlers on the Barton tract $4000, Redlands orchardists $2500, merchants $2000, the street railway company $50, domestic water company $3:00, Southern Pacific motor line $1000. A result of the storm will be more improvements of a more substantial character, more of which are now under way than was ever known in Redlands.

Fire at Healdsburg.

HEALDSBURG, Aug. 12.—The dwelling of Rev. H. Wallace, together with a fruit-dryer situated on the premises, was consumed by fire this morning. The loss will reach $5000, with no insurance. Mr. Wallace and wife departed on the morning train for their old home in Nova Scotia, and it is supposed that the fire originated from embers left in the cooking stove.

A Man's Body Found.

SACRAMENTO, Aug. 12.—A telephone message was received by the Record-Union to-night from Courtland announcing that the body of George Carr, a fisherman who lived much below that place, had been found in the river near there. It is not known how Carr was drowned, but the suicide theory is scouted. It is believed to have been accidental.

Found Dead.

AUBURN, Aug. 12.—J. G. Hubley, a prominent citizen of Colfax, was found dead near this place yesterday. He was last seen on Thursday, August 6th. His wife and child are at Tacoma. An inquest pronounces it a case of suicide. Deceased had been drinking on Thursday. No other reason is known for his suicide. He was a native of Pennsylvania, aged 42 years.

Solving the Chinese Question.

MERCED, Aug. 12.—The orchardists and vineyardists around Merced, including the great buhach plantation, have hired white labor to harvest this season's fruit crop, in consequence of which the Chinese have begun a regular stampede, numbers of them leaving by every train. At least 150 have gone from Fresno the past two days.

Kicked by a Horse.

NAPA, Aug. 12.—Lee Grigsby, a farmer living west of the town, was kicked by one of his horses in the stable this morning and lay for some time unconscious. He has a very ugly wound in the head and is suffering from concussion of the brain, but the physicians hope he may recover.

Admission Day Celebration.

STOCKTON, Aug. 12.—The Pioneers and Native Sons prepared last week for a notable celebration of Admission day here. There is now talk of inducing the Native Sons of San Francisco to join the celebration at Stockton.

Fought Eighteen Rounds.

SPOKANE (Wash.), Aug. 12.—Ed Cuffe to-night defeated J. P. Donner in eighteen rounds before the Spokane Athletic Club for a purse of $500. Donner's wrist was broken in the ninth round.

A Miner Injured by a Fall.

FOREST CITY, Aug. 12.—Dan Dever, a miner, fell forty feet from the top of an uprise in the Mammoth Springs gravel mine tunnel at 2 o'clock this afternoon and was injured in the breast and head, but not dangerously.

Body Recovered.

REDLANDS, Aug. 12.—The body of young Rogers, recently drowned in Bear Valley Lake, was recovered this morning.

Craig Homeward Bound.

LATHROP, Aug. 12.—Scipio Craig of the Redlands Citrograph passed through here at noon to-day homeward bound.

Portland's Business.

PORTLAND (Oregon), Aug. 12.—Clearances $290,000, balances $55,000.

A PROBABLE SUICIDE.

Strange Disappearance of a San Pedro Ranch-Hand.

Peter Pelligrino, better known as "Pego," an Italian ranch-hand, has been missing since August 2d. Up to that time he had been employed on the San Pedro vegetable ranch near Halfmoon Bay. On the day "Pego" disappeared he left behind his coat and several months' wages and he had no money with him at the time. G. Banducci, owner of the ranch, organized a searching party and explored the surrounding country, but could find no trace of the missing man.

He had been acting strangely for a few weeks, and on this a count Banducci thinks that "Pego" committed suicide.

Telephone Wires Burned Out.

A large force of linemen was busily engaged yesterday at the main office of the Pacific Bell Telephone Company in repairing the central switchboard, which was badly burned on Tuesday night. The cause of the fire was the crossing of electric light and telephone wires. Nearly 100 telephones were rendered useless until the damage was repaired.

The Alexine Case.

E. P. Alexine was subjected to another cross-fire in Police Court 2 last night. Attorneys Ames and Schell took turns in asking Mr. Alexine questions regarding his morals and the quality and quantity of food purchased for the Russian Seminary. Nothing of a startling nature was developed in the examination, which was continued until to-night.

There will be 106 county fairs in Kansas this year.

SWETT TALKS OUT.

It's Time to Call a Halt on Issuing Certificates.

The Investigation of Professor Knowlton Commenced—Mrs. McPherson Has Not Yet Been Removed.

Superintendent Swett made a special report to the Board of Education last night on the subject of issuing certificates, and if the same is heeded it will call a halt in many abuses at present existing in the School Department. Following is the full text:

I herewith submit a special report in the matter of teachers' certificates.

At a meeting of the Board of Education, held on July 29, 1891, a communication was received from the Board of Examination recommending that a certificate be issued to Mr. I. Leszynsky for teaching in a "Commercial Evening School." This was amended, on motion of Director Woodward, by striking out the word "evening," and a certificate was issued for teaching a "commercial school."

In this motion, it seems to me that the board exceeded its legal power, and that the certificate which Mr. Leszynsky now holds is null and void.

Under the circumstances I have withheld my signature to Mr. Leszynsky's salary warrant for the month of July, and have submitted the question involved to the State Superintendent and the City and County Attorney.

During the past two months at least five teachers have been elected who, at the time of election, were not the holders of legal certificates.

It would be altogether safer to refer all nominations to the Committee on Qualifications of Teachers to ascertain before their election if the nominees are holders of legal certificates.

I am fully convinced that the power of issuing certificates belongs, under the law, to the Board of Examination, and that the assumption by the Board of Education ordering the issuing of certificates is a usurpation of power.

Indeed this usurpation of power was begun only in 1887, by a board that was notable for its general disregard of law. Before that time teachers' certificates were issued and signed by the Board of Examination only. It is time now to return to a legal way of doing official business.

JOHN SWETT,
Superintendent of Common Schools.

STATEMENT OF FINANCES.

A statement of the department's finances, prepared by the book-keeper, E. B. Bullock, was read to the board, showing the condition of the fund on July 31st. Credits are placed to the several funds as follows: Teachers' salaries, $1041; janitors' salaries, $176 33; shop salaries, $10; rents, $22; buildings and grounds, $29 14; furnishing Girls' High School and building new schoolhouses, $2558 33; Census Marshal's allowance for July, $333 33; books for indigent pupils, $125; books for school library, $254 16; advertising, $50; water for outside schools, $16 66; insurance, $12 50. Total, $5307 99. Credit to all current funds for July $158.

Resignations were tendered and accepted from Mrs. Kate Crawford, assistant in Lincoln Grammar, and Miss Kate M. Hassett, assistant in the Horace Mann Grammar.

The average daily attendance during the month of July, as reported by Superintendent Swett, was 34,085, an increase of 2276 over the attendance for July in 1890. The total enrollment was 37,414.

The death of Miss Josie Lynch, an assistant teacher in the Lincoln Grammar, was announced by Superintendent Swett, who spoke of her in terms of praise and said the department had sustained a severe loss.

CITING THE EXAMINERS.

Decker moved that the Board of Examiners be cited to appear before the board at the next stated meeting to answer certain questions in relation to their acts in granting certificates.

President Sabin thought such a motion unnecessary. No doubt if the members of the board were requested to attend they would do so.

Decker insisted on his motion, but upon being advised that the better way would be to summon them before the Committee on Qualification and Credentials, of which he is Chairman, he said he would withdraw, if the board would give that committee such power. It was so agreed.

Decker intimated that he proposed to inquire into the process by which a certificate was granted to Miss Susie Montgomery, enabling her to assume a position in the Cogswell High School; also three or four others of a similar character.

The report of the Classification Committee provoked a long and bitter wrangle. It recommended that one class be consolidated in the Sutro Primary, and that another be opened in the Pacific Heights Grammar.

ASSIGNMENT OF TEACHERS.

The following assignments from the evening school substitute class were recommended: W. J. G. Williams to Washington Evening School and Miss Laura Daniel to the Commercial Evening School.

Assignments from the day school substitute class were recommended as follows: Miss Nellie Jones to James Lick Primary; Miss Annie F. Perkins to South San Francisco Primary; Miss L. W. Colton to South San Francisco Primary; Miss Nellie Garrity to Whittier Primary; Miss K. F. Nunan to Potrero Primary; Miss L. F. Harvey to Lafayette Primary; Miss Annie Wolf to Jefferson Primary; Miss Laura M. Blake to Potrero Primary, and Miss Helen Wright to Lincoln Primary.

The following transfers were recommended: Miss K. R. O'Leary from Sutro Primary to Spring Valley, Miss Rachael Valleau from Jefferson Primary to Irving Primary, Miss Jennie Dwyer from Crocker Primary to Lincoln Grammar, Miss Emelie Harby from Lincoln Grammar to Crocker Primary, Miss Mary G. Noon from Starr King Primary to Pacific Heights Grammar, Miss J. C. Flemming from Potrero Primary to Starr King Primary, Miss Emily Kallisher from John Swett Grammar to James Lick Primary, Miss M. Corkery from Pacific Heights Grammar to Hearst Grammar, Miss J. T. Banks from Hearst Grammar to Irving Primary, Miss C. Langley from Irving Primary to Lincoln Grammar.

Miss Alice N. Metcalf was recommended to the State Board of Education for a life diploma, Miss Lillie Kalmuk for State educational diploma and Miss Rose M. Claiborne for State educational diploma.

FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS.

It was recommended that the election of Miss S. McGorey as probationary teacher in the Whittier Primary School be confirmed by the board, she having successfully served the period of probation required by the rules.

That the action of the board taken July 29, 1891, by which the teaching of Spanish was discontinued in the Commercial School, and the teacher of Spanish in that school was dismissed, be rescinded, and that Miss M. J. Solcido be re-elected to the position of teacher of Spanish in that school.

That the Committee on Buildings and Grounds be authorized to fit up another room in the Pacific Heights Grammar.

That Mrs. S. W. McPherson, assistant teacher in the Girls' High School, whose services are not required at said school, be transferred to a grammar school awaiting a suitable vacancy for her in a high school.

That the action of the board taken on July 29th, discontinuing Spanish in the Lincoln Evening School, be rescinded, and that Mrs. C. K. Martinez be re-elected to the position of teacher.

That a new class be opened in the Commercial School, and that a new room be rented for such purpose.

That Charles H. Murphy be transferred from the position of vice-principal of the Franklin Grammar to the head of the commercial law department in the Commercial School.

That M. S. Sturges be transferred from the James Lick School to the vice-principalship of the Franklin Grammar.

The following nominations were made to the day substitute class: Gertrude J. Cutler, Josephine Downey, Edna Cottrell, Susie Farwell, Jennie T. Hatch, Gertrude l'Hommedieu; and to the evening substitute class, Veronica Harold.

SOME OBJECTIONS MADE.

All the above recommendations were approved except that proposing to remove Mrs. McPherson.

Harney said that if he had known the truth of the case he would not have voted in favor of it, and he insisted upon having the report amended so that she should be given the first High School vacancy.

The amendment was not approved, so he voted against the proposition and defeated it, the negative votes being Decker, Dunn, Woodward and Harney.

Woodward made a strong protest against the consolidation of a class in the Sutro School, maintaining that it would necessitate many pupils in the Point Lobos District either going many miles to another school or else not going to school at all. A long protest signed by Adolph Sutro and a hundred or two others was received against the change, but it availed nothing.

Woodward was the "cantankerous kicker" against nearly all the recommendations, and taking that cue for a weapon President Sabin read him quite a lecture, accusing him of shirking all committee work and then coming into the board to hinder the proceedings with trivial objections.

In the spat that followed the lie passed from Woodward to Sabin four or five times. The ruffled sea finally quieted down, however.

CHARGES AGAINST KNOWLTON.

The board resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to investigate the charges of incompetency against Professor Ebenezer Knowlton. Attorney William H. Jordan appeared as Knowlton's counsel.

The first witness was Professor Morton, principal of the Boys' High School, on whose report the charges appear to have been made.

The direct examination brought out simply what the charges state, and that he had witnessed two or three trivial things in Knowlton's class-room which were not exactly proper.

On cross-examination, which was distressingly rigid and searching, it was brought out that Morton objected to Knowlton being put in that school originally; that he had been trying ever since to have him put out, and that he had a friend whom he wanted placed in Knowlton's place.

The charges of incompetency were nearly all made on hearsay, and the attorney compelled the witness to confess, virtually, that of his own personal knowledge he knew very little against Professor Knowlton. He recited once having heard some marbles rolling on the floor in the professor's class-room, and took that to be an indication of poor discipline. He also heard some desks slammed on one occasion.

The investigation will be resumed on Wednesday night.

A PROTEST SUBMITTED.

A communication was received from W. T. Arnold protesting against the action of the board in revoking his permit to photograph the schools and leaving the sole privilege to do such work with L. C. Shilling, a Democrat, while the protestant is a Republican. The communication was ordered placed on file without being read. The privilege is valued at $2500.

DOWN TO HIS DEATH.

Pascal Scafoni Drowned Off the North Heads.

Gallant Attempt at Rescue by Boatmen Crowley and Pennie—Calling Out the Fort Point Life-Boat.

A drowning accident occurred off the North Head, at the entrance to San Francisco harbor, about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, by which a fisherman named Pascal Scafoni lost his life.

The unfortunate man left Fisherman's Wharf early last Monday morning and proceeded to Bolinas Bay on a fishing trip. What success he met with will never be known, as his boat capsized while returning to the harbor and in a very few minutes Scafoni sank beneath the waves.

The poor fellow was alone in the boat when the sad accident occurred and so far as known only four persons witnessed the accident. These were Mr. Stafford, keeper of the signal station at Lime Point, his wife and two boatmen, Dave Crowley and George Pennie, both well known along the water front.

The first news of the accident reached the Merchants' Exchange in the shape of a telephone message from Point Lobos stating that a fishing-boat had capsized and that Dave Crowley had picked up the craft and was towing it in. A CALL reporter was at Meiggs Wharf when the boat containing the boatmen reached the city and from them learned all that is known of the sad affair.

STORY OF THE DROWNING.

"We were out at the station on the look-out for ships," said Crowley as he tried to wring the water out of his hair, "and were talking to Mr. Stafford and his wife, when our attention was called to a fishing-boat that was heading into the harbor. There was a heavy sea on at the time and the boat, which contained only one man, was making very bad weather of it. The sea at times seemed to go clear over her and hid all but the sail from sight. After watching her for a few minutes my attention was drawn to something else, and I thought no more of the boat until Pennie exclaimed 'The fisherman has hauled down his sail!' I looked, but the boat had disappeared. Taking my glass, after a short search, I saw the boat bottom up and the man clinging to her bottom.

"'The boat has capsized!' I shouted to Stafford, and Pennie and myself ran to our boat, which hung in the davits, while Stafford ran to the engine and blew the danger signal to call out the life-saving crew at Fort Point. As soon as possible we had our boat in the water and started for the overturned craft.

HAD DISAPPEARED.

"Several times our boat was very nearly capsized by the heavy sea, but we hung on to the sail and soon got out to where we thought the boat was. I then stood on the seat, and to my surprise could see nothing of her. For over an hour we pulled around but could find no trace of the boat, and at last gave up the search and started for the city. A heavy blowing half a gale of wind and our boat flew through the water at a great rate, and as the tide was on the flood it did not take us long to get over the ground.

"All at once we caught sight of the fishing boat, which had been carried in by the strong wind and tide, and we immediately ran alongside of her, but the man had disappeared. The heavy ballast had shifted after the boat upset and slipped aft to the stern, and the boat was floating end up with only about a foot of her bow out of water. The sea was going clean over her, and no man could have held on for more than a few minutes.

"We got a rope fast to the bow and started to tow her in, but could make but little headway. The mast and sails were still in the boat, but no doubt everything else except the ballast had been washed out of her.

"Off the fort we met the life-boat and crew and turned the overturned fishing-boat over to them and they took it ashore to the station."

IDENTIFIED BY HIS COUSIN.

Furnished with a description of the boat THE CALL man was soon at Fisherman's Wharf, but it was some time before any one could be found to identify the boat. Several of the fishermen declared all knowledge of such a boat, and laughed at the story that a boat had upset at all.

At last in a saloon on Vallejo street, known as Fisherman's Home, which is frequented by Italian fishermen, a man was found who identified the boat from the description and with tears in his eyes stated that the man was one of his cousin. He also stated that Pascal Scafoni had only been in this country two years. He was a native of Italy and 32 years old. He was a single man and lived with his cousin at 11½ Vallejo street.

The boat in which he was drowned is regarded by the fishermen as a very unlucky one as the former owner of her lost his life by being washed out of her some time ago, and this is the third time that the boat has upset with Scafoni.

MEXICO'S CONDITION.

Suffering Caused by the Failure of Crops in Several States.

SAN ANTONIO (Tex.), August 12.—Advices from many points in the States of Coahuila and Durango, Mexico, are condensed in the following: Water is scarce, crops poor and there is no money. A good cotton crop has been gathered in but one settlement—the Colony of Tlahualilo, in which President Diaz and one of his ex-Ministers, are personally interested. These people have obtained water from the River Nazas, thereby depriving the planters of the Lerdo district and their hundreds of dependents. Riot has been narrowly averted. Corn in Durango is selling at $4 50 per venega, of 168 pounds. A deputation of citizens recently visited the City of Mexico to induce the Government to remove the duty on American corn, but they were not successful. Many of the poorer classes of Durango are destitute, and their needs have converted them into very dangerous characters.

CASH WANTED.

Indians Dissatisfied With the Mode of Payment for Relinquished Land.

CHAMBERLAIN, (S. Dak.), Aug. 12.—There promises to be considerable trouble when the Government begins to pay the Sioux Indians for the lands ceded to the United States one and one-half years ago. In all there has been about 11,000,000 acres that the Sioux relinquished to the Government, and in pay therefore the Indians are to receive various goods, such as plows, harrows, cows, horses and wagons. The Indians are not pleased at the prospect of receiving this sort of pay for the land and there is certain to be a protest made against paying them in goods that are of no use to the majority of red men. They want cash.

Regatta at Detroit.

DETROIT, Aug. 12.—To-day was the first day of the annual regatta of the Mississippi Valley Amateur Rowing Association. The course was a mile and a half. The junior events were only rowed to-day. The junior fours was won by the Wyandotte Boat Club of Detroit. Time, 9:40½. Tecumseh of Walkerville, Ontario, second. The junior singles was won by Edwin Durnan of Toronto, E. A. Thompson of Toronto second. Time, 11:57. The junior pair was won by the Medoc Club of St. Louis in 12 minutes, the Sunnyside Club of Toronto second. The junior double was won by the Owastanong Club of Grand Rapids in 11:53.

A Receiver Appointed.

CHICAGO, Aug. 12.—Edward A. Filking has been appointed receiver of the National Capital Savings Building and Loan Association of North America, in bonds of $10,000. Leave was granted to file a supplemental bill against Lewis F. Mortimer, William H. Mortimer and L. A. Wentworth, which asks for the winding up of the society in case it is found to be insolvent.

RING AND GLOVE.

Fitzsimmons Will Fight Pritchard for a Big Purse.

Two Finish Fights at the Pacific Club in One Night — Athletic Sports in Oakland.

Robert Fitzsimmons, the champion middle-weight pugilist, who arrived yesterday from St. Paul, intends to remain on this Coast until such time as Jimmy Carroll, his trainer and confidential advisor, makes up his mind to go East to prepare for his fight with Billy Meyer.

Fitzsimmons says that he is on the market to fight any man in his class for the largest purse offered by any American club. He thinks that his next meeting will be with Pritchard, the English champion, as Hall has no intention of fighting him for love or money. Fitz gives Hall an awful black eye, and placards him as the biggest fraud in America.

His alleged feeling against "Parson" Davies' protege is very bitter, and only a meeting between the two middle-weights will ease the champion's mind, which becomes very much troubled and excited whenever the name of Hall is mentioned. Fitzsimmons has already declared his intention of becoming an American citizen, and expects his first papers in May next.

After that he will prove an acquisition to the Democratic party in the event of a death blow being administered to prize fighting by "the powers that be." There is one thing about Fitzsimmons which many of the pugilists of the present day cannot boast of, and that is he has a normal sized cranium, which has in no way become enlarged since his advent in this country.

HE IS NOT SELF-CONCEITED.

It would not have been surprising to the sports of this city to have seen the champion wearing a rather large sized "tiler" when he arrived with the championship colors, but such was not the case. Fitzsimmons' self-conceit is not in it with other fighters, whose heads have become so frightfully inflated over alleged victories.

The California Club will most probably lay the matter of matching Fitzsimmons and Pritchard before the members to-morrow evening, when the monthly exhibition will take place. According to latest advices Pritchard has already signified his intention of coming to this country to fight the champion for the $6000 purse offered by the club. Fitz says that the amount is not enough, and his signature will not be attached to any document unless a purse of $12,000 is guaranteed.

The days of big purses have passed so far as the far West sporting organizations are concerned, and it is safe to say that Eastern sportingmen will very soon realize their folly, and eventually cut off the princely prizes they have been offering local pugs and foreign invaders, who are rapidly coming to believe that the earth cannot revolve on its axis without their assistance.

THE FINISH CONTESTS.

A meeting of the Directors of the Pacific Athletic Club will be held to-morrow evening to complete arrangements for the finish contests between Hawkins and Cathcart and Riordan and Max Fenner, which will take place on the 21st inst. The former will be a stubborn battle, and the latter may end in a surprise to those who have underrated Fenner's abilities.

Billy Woods, a clever and hard-hitting pugilist, who is matched to fight Jack Davis at the Pacific Club next month, is on his way to this city. This should prove a great battle, as both men are game as fighting birds and tolerably clever. The Pacific's programme for the future is a good one.

A meeting of young men interested in the formation of an amateur athletic club will be held this evening at 94 Stevenson street. All those who desire to join the club are invited to be present.

The Alert Club and members of the Young Men's Christian Association of Oakland will go on a five-mile run this evening along San Pablo avenue. The start will be at 8:30 o'clock.

The Directors of the Acme Club of Oakland have decided to hold a field day in the forenoon of November 25th. Besides the races there will be events for wheelmen.

MITCHELL-GALLAGHER FIGHT.

The following letter in reference to the Mitchell-Gallagher fight has been received, and speaks for itself:

Sporting Editor Call: Being a member of the Occidental Athletic Club I cannot understand why it is that the manager and proprietor of affairs in general, Young Mitchell, should be given a purse of $5000 to meet "Reddy" Gallagher in December. The Denver pugilist would be trimmed at an offer of $2000, which, in my estimation, is more than either man is worth.

The club, as I had been given to understand, was to be run so that lovers of the sport in the ordinary walks of life could afford to see monthly scraps at reasonable figures. Now the club is going to raise the initiation fee and tax its members so that it can make up the full amount of the purse which, in my humble opinion, is nothing less than a present to Mr. Mitchell, the chieftain of the organization. I for one will certainly object to being imposed upon by further taxation.

PUGILISM IN MINNEAPOLIS.

The Pioneer Press of St. Paul has the following concerning the death of pugilism in Minneapolis: Pugilism is certainly getting unfashionable in Minneapolis. The time-honored divinity that hedged the profession in seems to have been knocked higher than Gilroy's kite, and farther than Killen's curves on a cold day. All of the craft who had the wherewithal took flight to safer fields several days ago, and now Judge Elliot has added his contribution to the cause by sending away the local demi-god, the "Black Pearl," for a brief season of rest and retirement at the workhouse. The demoralization in the camp is further attested by the resignation of the Twin City Athletic Club's manager. At this rate the city can soon pass itself off as the scene of Sol Smith Russell's new play, "Peaceful Valley."

DR. CARVER AND HIS JEWELRY.

A cable from Berlin states that a jewelry firm of that city has instituted proceedings against Dr. Carver, the well-known American pigeon-shot, for obtaining credit for jewelry to the value of $3225 and then absconding. The doctor's whereabouts is unknown, but some sportsmen of this city have good reason to remember the doctor's visit to this Coast. He played a similar trick on a few of the unsuspecting sports who enjoy trap-shooting.

NEEDHAM IS WILLING.

Danny Needham has concluded to give Mr. Kimmic a fight, and if the latter will consent to meet him at 138 pounds in the Pacific or California clubs in October articles can be signed immediately.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Senator Goucher of Fresno is in the city.

T. H. Harlow, a Boston banker, is at the California.

L. L. Rankin of the Columbus Journal is at the Grand.

M. D. Foley, a mining man from Arizona, is at the Palace.

Judge Hoge was reported to be resting easily last night.

F. O. Downey, ship-owner of Portland, is at the California.

Newton Booth, ex-Governor of the State, is at the California.

T. W. Brooks, an orange orchardist of Pomona, is at the Grand.

J. H. McMonagle, owner of a silver mine at Butte, Mont., is at the Palace.

W. M. Dickinson, U. S. A., of the Walla Walla Barracks, is at the Occidental.

H. A. Heilbron, the proprietor of an extensive cattle ranch at Sacramento, is at the Grand.

Lord Connemara of the peerage of Ireland, ex-Governor of Madras, India, is at the California.

Lyman B. Goff of Pawtucket, R. I., National World's Fair Commissioner from Rhode Island, is at the Palace.

Dental Examinations.

The State Board of Dental Examiners are in session at Parlor A of the Palace Hotel, and a number of candidates are writing for certificates entitling them to practice. The subjects of examination yesterday were therapeutics, prosthetic dentistry, metallurgy and histology. To-day clinics will be taken up at the Dental Department of the University of California.

Bundled Off to Walla Walla.

First Lieutenant Alexander T. Dean, recently with Troop I of the Fourth Cavalry, at Yosemite National Park, and court-martialed, has been relieved from duty under the operation of the special orders assigning him temporarily with Troop B, at the Presidio. In pursuance of telegraphic instructions from Major-General Schofield, commanding the army, he has now been ordered to join his troop (D), stationed at Fort Walla Walla, Wash.

MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE.

The General Committee Decides on a Night Parade.

The General Committee which has in charge the arrangements for the annual celebration of Mexican independence met in Consul Coney's office last night, Vice-President J. C. Contreras presiding.

The committee discussed the subject of a night parade, and decided to make it an especial feature of the celebration. A resolution was passed to invite all of the foreign military companies in the city to participate in the procession. Special invitations will be issued to the three local French military companies, the Garibaldi Guards, the Bersaglieri and Alpine companies, Company H of the Third Infantry, N. G. C., and also to the Spanish and Chilean Benevolent societies.

The committee also considered the subject of fireworks, and concluded to make this an especial feature of the night parade. The opinion of all present at the meeting was that the parade was the most important part of the celebration, and the one which would be witnessed by the citizens at large. For this reason it was determined to devote all the resources at command to make the procession the best that has ever taken place under the auspices of the Mexican colony. It was decided to make the parade an illuminated one, and to use fireworks all along the line of march.

The committee next took up the subject of entertainment. It was concluded to have a grand musical programme, which will be arranged hereafter, to precede the ball which will be given at Odd Fellows' Hall.

At the next meeting of the committee the details of the entertainment will be arranged.

Grass Fire Near Gilroy.

GILROY, Aug. 12.—A grass fire broke out yesterday on the Hot Springs road, twelve miles east of Gilroy, burning over about 700 acres of feed. A gang of men subdued it late last night.

OBITUARY.

GEORGE JONES.

George Jones, editor, proprietor and publisher of the New York Times, died at Poland Springs, near Lewiston, Me., at 4 o'clock yesterday morning. Mr. Jones was born in England in 1812. He early entered the field of journalism in New York City, and on the 18th of September, 1851, in connection with Henry Jarvis Raymond, who had not only been associated with

Horace Greeley on the Tribune, and also on the Courier and Enquirer, but had had considerable experience in the field of politics, founded the New York Times, a paper which aimed to reach the conservative middle classes dissatisfied with the Tribune and the Herald. Mr. Raymond died in New York June 18, 1869, and from that time on the entire weight and responsibility of the con