MARRIAGE BUREAU WIDOW.

She Relinquishes All Claims to Her Late Husband's Estate.

THE MERCED HOG-STEALER ACQUITTED.

A Playful Stockton Portuguese and His Pistol. A Trench-Digger Caved Upon. Fatal Shooting Affair.

MARYSVILLE, Feb. 26.—A deed was recorded here to-day wherein Mrs. Susan Hoskins released any or all claims which she may have had against the estate of her late husband. The sum of $10 was paid her. This was to avoid further litigation or trouble. When Richard Hoskins, the inventor of one of the world-famed hydraulic monitors, died some months ago he left an estate of $50,000, but cut his wife off with a few hundred. He had married her under the protest of his children and through a matrimonial agency. Since his death his married daughter has had a detective traveling through the East searching for Mrs. Hoskins' antecedents. It was ascertained that her proper name was Gordon, and that she had a husband living at Washington, D. C., whom she deserted, and from whom she did not secure a divorce.

ACQUITTED OF HOG-STEALING.

The Prosecuting Witness Refused to Come In and Testify.

MERCED, Feb. 26.—The grand larceny case against Julian Lamarie was finished in the Superior Court to-day, and much indignation is manifested over the result. Lamarie was accused of stealing twenty-eight pigs from Miller & Lux, and the prosecution relied upon Henry Miller to prove the ownership of the hogs. Miller, while a witness in a former case, told the District Attorney not to subpena him, that he would appear whenever notified by telegraph that he was wanted. He was notified yesterday, but his only response was that it would inconvenience his business to come here. The prosecution was compelled to rest, and the defense submitted the case without evidence or argument. The Judge instructed the jury to acquit the defendant.

THE HAWES MURDER TRIAL.

Evidence All In and the Case Is Being Argued.

SALINAS, Feb. 26.—The Hawes murder trial is still going on here and the evidence is all in. The prosecution summoned two experts from San Francisco for the purpose of showing the effect of ball and powder on the vest of the deceased. The plea of the defendant was that the pistol was accidentally discharged while the deceased was trying to take it from him. The experts' testimony showed that. Assistant District Attorney Seabaldi made the opening argument, and will be followed by the attorney for the defense to-morrow, then District Attorney Sargent will close the argument.

SENATOR FAIR'S STABLES.

He Will Shortly Erect Extensive Training Quarters Near Sonoma.

SONOMA, Feb. 26.—A costly race-track is now being constructed by Senator Fair on his ranch between Sonoma and Lakeville. It is the Senator's intention to shortly erect extensive training stables where will be quartered some of the finest horses in the State. The race-track has already been surveyed, and the work of grading will commence immediately.

A Saloon Man Shot.

STOCKTON, Feb. 26.—A Portuguese stranger in town went into a saloon here tonight and playfully pulled his pistol to practice a bit. The saloon is run by two worthy sons of Portugal and both objected to shooting in the place, so the stranger pulled his little pistol at one of the proprietors and struck the other, John Succi, on the forehead a glancing shot. The bullet cut the skin and caused a headache, but no damage more serious. The shooter was jailed.

Ex-Senator Booth's Health.

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 26.—A telegram from Washington, published this morning, to the effect that ex-United States Senator Booth was dangerously ill in New York, had no foundation. Mr. Booth and wife returned here yesterday from the East, and, when seen at his place of business, he was shown the Washington telegram. It caused him to smile. He is not strong, but is fully as well as when he left here for the East a few weeks ago.

A Laborer Seriously Hurt.

SAN RAFAEL, Feb. 26.—Louis Noletti, laborer, while employed this afternoon digging a deep trench met with what may prove a fatal accident. He had dug some eight feet deep, when, without warning, the bank caved in on him. He was soon after extricated from his perilous position, when it was found that he had his collar-bone broken, besides receiving internal injuries.

The Northern Citrus Fair.

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 26.—In the meeting which organized the Northern California Citrus Fair Association, a committee was instructed to apply to T. L. Thompson, the World's Fair Commissioner, for half of the five acres allotted to California for horticultural exhibits and growing trees. The Directors adjourned to meet in Sacramento Saturday, March 19.

Cattle-Smuggler Arrested.

TUCSON, Ariz., Feb. 26.—M. F. Shaw, ex-Sheriff of Pima County, was arrested by United States Marshal Paul this morning, charged with smuggling cattle bought from Mexico and evading the payment of duty at Tres Bellotes. He was released on bail of $2000.

The San Juan's Speed.

SANTA BARBARA, Feb. 26.—The steamer San Juan, on her way to Panama, arrived here at noon to-day. Captain Kempff, U. S. N., came ashore and reported her speed at 12.27 knots an hour, which places her in the fourth-class mail service.

Sewage Pumping Contract.

STOCKTON, Feb. 26.—The contract to furnish engines, boilers and pumps for the sewage-pumping station of the Stockton sewerage system was awarded to-day to the Risdon Iron Works of San Francisco for $9850.

A Fatal Shooting Affair.

TACOMA, Feb. 26.—George Richardson of Wilkeson was shot to-night and probably fatally wounded near there by George Callo, an Italian miner. The cause of the shooting is not known. The Sheriff is looking for Callo.

Contraband Opium Seized.

PHŒNIX, Feb. 26.—Collector of Internal Revenue Eyster has made a seizure at Tucson of eleven five-tael cans of about six ounces each of opium. The contraband article was smuggled in from Sonora.

An Electric Railway.

STOCKTON, Feb. 26.—The contract to build and equip eleven miles of electric street railway in this city has been let to the Thomson-Houston Company. The road is to be finished by July 15th.

Redondo Shipping.

REDONDO, Feb. 26.—The steamer Santa Rosa went north with eleven tons cargo and thirty-nine passengers. The steamer Eureka leaves for San Francisco this evening.

Southern Pacific Surveyors.

PHŒNIX, Feb. 26.—The advance corps of the Southern Pacific survey party on the line of the Maricopa extension railroad has reached Prescott.

A PILE OF MONEY

Said to Be Buried Somewhere on a Farm Near Stockton.

Stockton Mail.

Does $15,000 lie buried in Peter Clapp's farm?

That is the question which has been worrying the administrator of Clapp's estate for over a year, and now that the estate is being closed up the question arises afresh.

Peter Clapp was an eccentric old bachelor who died a year ago last December at his home nine miles south of Stockton, where he owned a large ranch. He was a tall, smooth-faced, white-haired man, known by sight to most people in this city, but to few by name. His eccentricity showed itself in many ways, but most pronouncedly in his penchant for buying junk. He would attend every auction of old stuff and buy articles of every conceivable description, for which he had not the slightest use, present or prospective. The junk thus obtained was hauled out to his farm and dumped in piles there under old sheds.

Another of Clapp's peculiarities was his decided distrust of banks. He would never deposit a dollar with any banking institution, preferring to keep his money hidden at home. When bills were to be paid he would be seen sometimes to go into one room of his house after the needed money, sometimes into another room, at other times into the granary, and then again into some old shed or barn. It was thought by his neighbors that, to guard against losing all his ready cash in case thieves descended on the place in search of his hidden treasure, he divided the money into six or eight piles and concealed the several sums in different spots.

When Clapp died only $75 was found on his person. Only a short time before his death he had said in conversation with a friend concerning taxes that he had on hand money enough to pay his taxes (which amounted to over $500) and all his outstanding bills. How much more he possessed he did not say, but from what could be learned about his business transactions it was thought there must be about $15,000 concealed somewhere on the farm.

The deceased left no will. His brother, Noah Clapp of this city, was appointed administrator of the estate, which was valued at $50,000. The administrator, accompanied by two other persons, began a search for the hidden money. They ransacked all the buildings on the place and hunted over the ground itself for indications of a "pocket," but although the search was continued for several weeks not a cent could be found.

The estate is now being closed up and the farm is to be sold, together with the hidden treasure it contains, if there is any.

NEWS OF THE COAST.

Oregon.

Charles Wesley Clark, a pioneer who had lived in Lane County since 1853, died recently.

Two new rolling-mills, to be operated on a large scale, are soon to be established at Portland.

A number of Hood River fruit-growers met last Saturday and organized a horticultural society.

The lumber business around Beaver City is flourishing and it is predicted with the opening of spring trade generally will be lively.

Cook County stockmen are still feeding their stock, and the Ochoes Review predicts that if a Chinook does not come within the next two weeks cattle will have to starve, as the supply of dry feed is nearly exhausted.

Several car-loads of peach-stones have recently been received in Oregon and planted by nurserymen. Most of the young trees will be used for budding prunes on. The prune industry promises to be a leading one in Oregon before many years.

Leonard Combs of Albany undertook a day or two ago to build a fire under the boiler of the Pacific Wire Factory, that being one of his duties. The fire not burning fast enough to suit him he picked up a five-gallon can of benzine, punched a hole in it and dashed some of the fluid into the furnace through the door. The benzine ignited at once, the flames pouring out the furnace-door, and enveloping him and his can. Fortunately help was at hand and he was rescued, though badly burned, and the building saved from destruction.

Washington.

A Methodist church was organized at Bucoda last Sunday.

The Alameda Evening News has suspended publication.

The total rainfall for this season at Red Bluff has been 12.47 inches.

Spokane's steam-motor railway is to be converted into an electric road.

A general advance of 4 cents on the price of wines is reported from Santa Clara.

A portion of the second story of Tacoma's new $300,000 Court-house is completed.

The town of Whatcom proposes to expend $200,000 in building new sewers this year.

Yakima County claims to have more land under irrigation than all the rest of Washington.

In boring for coal oil in Snohomish County a stratum of the finest gray sandstone has been found.

The snow in the foothills of Mount Baker has all disappeared, and farmers have begun their spring planting.

The white waiters and Chinese help at the State House Hotel, Sacramento, have had a row, and the waiters have walked out rather than to serve with Chinese.

Red Bluff wants a cannery, and it is proposed to establish a joint stock concern in which every clerk, merchant and fruit-grower in the town and adjoining country shall be a shareholder.

Hollan Parker of Walla Walla has been so impressed by the performances of Karl King, the mind-reader, that he has offered him a $4000 farm if King will devote his power to the aid of suffering humanity.

The contractors have begun the actual work of construction on the Great Northern main line west of the mountains. The corduroy road is finished up to the snow line, and will be pushed eastward as fast as the melting of the snow allows.

Northern California.

A Sebastopol Nimrod recently killed a squirrel on one of his hunts in that vicinity which he found to be diseased with fluke, similar to that affliction in sheep. This is a very unusual thing.

An attempt is being made at San Jose to prove that Alton Gould, one of the boys charged with burglarizing the store of R. S. Thompson at Wrights Station, is insane. Wright is 17 years old, and has been a victim of Saint Vitus' dance.

The Petaluma Imprint says of the whales that have been disporting themselves in Petaluma River: Their presence in these waters can only be accounted for in that they are representatives of the Government sent out from Washington to take soundings and report on the advisibility of a larger appropriation for dredging the river.

L. H. Buckingham, a Lake County landowner, is figuring on an electric road to Lakeport. He proposes to construct a road from some point on the Donahue line to Lakeport, by which route is undecided as yet. The cost of the road will be about $160,000. Of this amount it is expected the people of Lake County will contribute $40,000.

The town of Chico has for some time past been infested with rats to such an extent that the rodents would actually scamper over the sidewalk near one of the provision stores, frightening women and children and even men who happened to pass that way after dusk. On Wednesday morning a number of young men and boys got together and had a big drive on the sidewalk, which resulted in the killing of forty rats, while fifty or more escaped badly hurt.

Southern California.

Boulder and other creeks of Santa Cruz County are said to be full of trout this spring.

A tramp turned up at Redlands the other day who could speak four different languages.

Four thousand sheep were sold at Lemoore, at $1 a head, a day or two previous to the last rain.

Some one at Anaheim is issuing a series of anonymous circulars inveighing against the new sugar factory in process of establishment there.

A spray pump with which a Tulare County man was washing his trees exploded a day or two ago, giving the operator a highly unsavory bath of chemical tree wash.

They are great sticklers for etiquette as well as for prohibition down at Pomona. A man refused to pick up a purse and hand it to the man who had dropped it, because he had never been introduced to him.

Robert Heston, a Pasadena boy, forged his father's name to an order for a ticket to San Francisco. He raised a small amount of cash on equally false pretenses and started out to see the world. He was captured, brought back and sentenced to sixty days in the County Jail.

A year ago Ventura voted bonds for a new school-house to cost $10,000, but owing to the low rate of interest the bonds proved unsalable. Another call is now out, with the rate of interest increased to 8 per cent, and Venturans hope soon to see work on the new school building progressing.

An enterprising young man of Visalia proposes visiting Iowa this summer to study the manufacture of potato starch. He will spend a year there learning the business, and then will return and establish a factory at Visalia for the utilization of the large crops of potatoes annually produced there.

The recent earthquake gave a good many Eastern tourists at Los Angeles "a bad half hour." One guest at a leading hotel rushed panic-stricken into the bar-room, clad in a nightshirt, over which he had buttoned his vest, a pair of boots, and carrying an umbrella under his arm. He would have rushed out into the street but for the clerk.

Miscellaneous.

Certain parties near Butte, Mont., have been endeavoring to boom as "a rich sapphire find" pieces of ground-glass bottles. The Butte papers exposed the cheat.

A six-year-old boy of Reno, Nev., attempted to climb on a moving truck the other day, but slipped, fell and was run over. His head was badly hurt and an inch and a half of his upper jaw broken out with his upper front teeth.

Popular Lectures.

The first of a series of People's Popular Lectures will be given in Metropolitan Hall this evening. These lectures will impart special and general information.

Get rid of one cold before you contract another on top of it, or you may securely establish the seeds of a serious Lung Complaint before you are conscious of danger. Better prudently resort to Dr. D. Jayne's Expectorant, an effective cure for Coughs and Colds, and helpful also for its healing influence on the Lungs and Bronchial Tubes.

MAHONEY ON TOP.

The Scepter Wrested From Kelly and Crimmins.

A Long and Lively Meeting of the County Committee — The Beaten Minority Sued for an Adjournment.

There was at the rooms of the Republican County Committee, on Market street, last night, a battle royal, in which the forces of Senator Jeremiah H. Mahoney came off victorious, while those of "Colonel" Martin Kelly went down in the gloom of defeat.

Early in the evening a crowd began to assemble in the neighborhood of the Nucleus Building, and by 8 o'clock, the hour announced for the meeting, the street was blocked. At the least calculation there were 2000 people at the front of the building, clamoring for admittance, but a cordon of police, under command of Captain Short, kept them at bay.

It looked as if the entire force of the City Hall departments had been turned out, and there was a generous sprinkling of State and Federal employes as well. They had come from the Post-office, the water front, the Custom-house, the Board of Health, and in fact from every place where men are employed to work in the interests of the dear people.

None but those who were members of the committee and the representatives of the press were admitted to the floor of the committee room, and among those who lingered about the entrance to the rooms and watched the proceedings were Revenue Collector Quinn, Commissioner Alexander, Senator J. N. E. Wilson, Mike Smith and others of equal prominence. They were alive to the importance of the occasion and kept busy in giving instructions to their followers inside.

RAPPED FOR ORDER.

It was 8:15 o'clock when Chairman Meyers rapped for order, and by the way all present settled into their seats and tried to look unconscious it was plain that a battle was at hand. Senator Mahoney, whose white hairs shone like the plume of the great Navarre, sat on one side, wrapped in a spring overcoat and wearing a red necktie. He smiled complacently, and looked as if he foresaw a victory for those who had elected to fight under his banner.

Across the aisle in two high-backed oak chairs sat Phil Crimmins and Martin Kelly. The former looked anxious and picked at his diamond stud as if he was not at ease. Kelly was more composed, but his face was as red as usual, and he fidgeted about at times in a way that showed his uneasiness of mind.

When Dr. Myers called those present to order his face was placid and not a muscle moved to show that he was interested. He spoke with difficulty because of a bad cold, and it was evidently a strain for him to preside.

"Trust," he said, "that whatever differences of opinion may exist will be lost sight of in the deliberations here to-night. It must be remembered that while we do not all agree on certain points we are all Republicans, and are here for the purpose of laying the foundations for an active campaign. We will now proceed to business."

JONES PROPOUNDS A QUERY.

In a moment W. H. Jones was on his feet and demanded to know why his name had not been called.

"No such name on the list!" was the prompt retort of Secretary Lee.

Chairman Myers explained that the name had been omitted because of the fact of a dispute having arisen over the eligibility of Mr. Jones to sit, and that the resignation of that gentleman had been handed in.

"I move that the resignation be accepted," came from Mahoney.

"And I move as an amendment that it be referred to the Committee on Credentials," shouted Committeeman Ruef.

The latter motion was carried by a vote of 21 to 19, and the Jones matter went over. Kelly and Crimmins voted for Ruef's motion.

Roef then announced that he held the proxy of Charles A. O'Brien, who was seriously ill, and asked whether he would be allowed to vote it. Lewis moved that permission be granted, and it was so ordered.

The point was then raised that Committeeman Sweetzer is not a resident of the city and county of San Francisco. It was voted to refer the matter to the Credentials Committee, and for that purpose a recess of ten minutes was taken.

At the expiration of that time the committee returned with a report that owing to the peculiarity of the case it had unanimously decided to leave it to the committee as a whole for its decision.

Then began a wrangle, which at times developed a bitterness of feeling which showed the spirit of opposition.

MAHONY TO THE FRONT.

Mahoney came to the front at once with a motion to lay the whole matter on the table.

Nicholson asked some information, and the Secretary read a number of documents showing that at the last election Mr. Sweetzer was a registered voter of San Rafael.

Dow at once raised the point of order that if any man was allowed not to be a legal resident of the city he was not entitled to sit in the committee.

Jesse Marks moved that the report of the committee be adopted.

Ruef explained that he was not personally unfriendly to Mr. Sweetzer, but under the circumstances he did not feel that he was entitled to sit in the body.

Marks withdrew his original motion, and moved instead that Sweetzer's seat be declared vacant.

Mahoney proposed as an amendment that Sweetzer be allowed to continue in his place.

Ruef suggested as a substitute that the whole matter be referred back to the Committee on Credentials, with instructions to report at the next meeting, and that in the meantime Mr. Sweetzer be debarred from voting.

This was agreed to, Sweetzer refraining from voting.

When this matter had been disposed of the battle was renewed and Dorn arose to place in nomination for the vacant place in the representation from the Thirtieth District the name of Dr. Boyd. He was chosen at once without opposition, Kelly making a plaster. He proceeded at once to vote with the Mahoney faction.

A SURPRISE OFFERED.

It was then announced that a vacancy existed in the Forty-fifth District, and Isaacs named for the place L. G. Hagenkamp. He, too, was elected, and was brought in to take his place. He was supposed to represent the Mahoney interest, but, to the surprise of those who had engineered his fight, he allied himself at once to the forces of Martin Kelly. The latter, who had been looking decidedly disconsolate, immediately took heart, and a smile overspread his countenance.

In the meantime both Kelly and Crimmins had been flying about among the members, and when Mahoney moved to place G. Bacigalupi in the committee to fill a vacancy in the Thirty-third District, Kelly winked the other eye at his supporters and chuckled audibly. He evidently believed that his time had come, and that he was in a position to smite his opponents' hip and thigh. He quietly nudged Dorn, who sat near him, and that amiable gentleman arose at once and with all the dignity at his command moved that the filling of the vacancy be postponed to a future meeting. He stroked his pompadour as he sat down and whisked "Comrades" softly to himself, while Kelly nodded his approbation and Crimmins looked grand, gloomy and peculiar.

AWAKENED FROM HIS REVERIE.

At this point Crimmins awoke from his reverie and gave Marks a gentle hunch. The latter caught on at once and stated to the chair that he would withdraw his motion, and as a substitute place the name of B. Schooler before the committee for its consideration.

Again the bosses changed their minds and another change of front was made. The motion to postpone was renewed and put to a vote. It was lost by 22 to 19, and Isaacs moved that Bacigalupi be elected by acclamation.

Dorn objected most strenuously and placed Schooler in nomination. This was the great and final struggle of the night, and everybody held his breath. As each name was called the vote was carefully checked off, but the Kelly men breathed a sigh of relief when Boyd and Hagenkamp both cast their ballots for Schooler. The result was a tie and the fight was renewed. A messenger hurried in to Boyd with a note and he changed his vote to Bacigalupi. That settled it, and Kelly's jaw dropped.

Dorn strove to look pleasant, and smiled in the direction of Crimmins, who frowned a response.

Kelly, not to be outdone, arose to his feet and asked that the election of Mr. Bacigalupi be made unanimous. There was not a dissenting voice.

RUEF'S RESOLUTIONS.

When the new member from the Thirty-third had taken his seat Ruef claimed the attention of the Chair and read a series of resolutions asking that the number of the committee be increased from 44 to 69, and authorizing the selection of a committee of three to select candidates. The resolutions also declared that no employe of the Federal, State or municipal government should be entitled to sit in the body.

Marks moved as an amendment that the committee be increased to five, and that it be appointed by the Chair.

A motion to adjourn followed, and was lost by a vote of 22 to 19.

Then followed a long and hot discussion over the resolutions as proposed, and when a vote was reached they were defeated by a vote of 22 to 20.

Mahoney smiled as he arose to move an adjournment, and he carried his point.

"It is a stand-off," sighed Kelly, as he walked off on the arm of Crimmins, but the little Napoleon dolefully shook his head and nervously twisted his diamond as if not satisfied with the result.

Mahoney, on the contrary, grasped his gold-headed cane with a firmer hand and strode out to exchange congratulations with Wilson, who was in waiting at the door.

They were both pleased, and claimed it as a victory.

A PATIENT MAN.

One of the Characteristics of the Late Alpheus Bull.

The following story is told by Dr. Shurtleff in the Napa Register: "The late Alpheus Bull of San Francisco lived in Shasta in the palmy days of that town some forty years ago, and was the senior member of the noted wealthy firm of Bull, Baker & Co. On one occasion a stranger came rushing into the store in a great hurry and asked for a loaf of bread. The Quaker merchant replied: 'Friend, we do not keep bread for sale here; thee will find a bakery uptown.' 'But,' said the stranger, 'I saw Baker on your sign.' 'Yes,' answered the impatient trader, 'and Bull also is on the sign. I suppose thou wilt call for beef next.'"

Referring to the above, Will S. Green, in his paper, the Colusa Sun, says: Mr. Bull, we beg to say to the doctor, was a Quaker and did not get impatient. We tested him thoroughly on the impatient business. Those who were here during 1849-50 thought that when November came there would certainly come an immense downpour of rain and high water. Teaming to the northern mines was from Sacramento up via Colusa, and of course there was a tule to cross. The season of 1850-51 was the dryest we have had since the settlement of the whites. Along in November Mr. Bull came down from Shasta with five or six ox-teams. The day he got here a little steamer called the Martha Jane left Colusa, and behind her certain flaming posters announcing that she would make regular trips between Sacramento and Colusa. We told Mr. Bull that we knew that she had no load engaged, and rather than risk the tules he concluded to walk to Sacramento and bring his goods up by steamer, and off he started. On the fifth day we saw him coming back up the road and knew that he had somehow missed the boat, and we began to harden our hide for a good "russin'."

"Friend Green," he said as he approached us, "thy steamboat was not there. She had gone on down to San Francisco." Although there had been lost five days of good weather, he did not show a sign of ill-temper or impatience. He gathered up his teams and made for Sacramento, and, as the season was dry all through, got back without getting wet. We have never seen such an exhibition of patience. There was a sly waggery about Mr. Bull, however, that led him to enjoy such a scene as Dr. Shurtleff describes.

RAISED GREENBACKS.

Many Seattle Business Men Swindled by a Clever Pen Artist.

Post-Intelligencer, Feb. 20.

Within the past few days several persons have been swindled in a very clever manner by a small, middle-aged man who deals in paper money, the denomination of which he raises by pasting a larger number over the originally engraved figure. The swindler is a small man, well dressed and has an air of respectability. He confines his operations in retail grocers, butchers, fruit-dealers, etc. His latest victim is the proprietor of the Chicago meat market. Thursday evening he appeared in the market and inquired affably:

"Have you a nice tenderloin steak?"

"We have," replied the proprietor, glad to get a new customer.

While the steak was being cut the purchaser made himself at home and talked pleasantly about the butcher business and kindred matters. When the steak was ready he asked:

"How much is it?"

"Forty cents."

"Sorry I haven't the change," said he, diving down several times in his trousers pocket. "Can you change a ten?"

"Yes."

The little man made the butcher's eyes stand out by producing a heavy roll of bills which must have represented at least $1000. He took out a $10 bill, received in change $9 60 and went away. Yesterday morning the collector called at the Chicago meat market and was paid, among other money, the bill for $10 which had been taken in the evening before. Last evening the bill turned up in the clearing-house, where, upon examination, it was found to have been raised from a $2 bill, and it was accordingly pronounced bogus. The ownership of the note was traced to the Chicago meat market, where it was redeemed and is now kept as a memento.

The raising of the bill is plainly the work of a professional, for the lettering is cleverly executed. A circular strip of paper, on which is nicely executed in ink the number 10, is inserted in the bill directly over the originally engrossed figure 2. An expert or a person accustomed to handling a great deal of money would readily notice that the bill had been "doctored," but the average man would take it in and not be at all suspicious.

The police have been notified of the swindler's presence in the city and they are on the lookout for him, but it is more than probable that he has taken warning and left for pastures new. The police believe that the big roll of bills which the little man flashed on the astonished butcher is made up of bills of small denominations that have been "doctored."

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Chicago has not a single hospital for contagious diseases.

A Missourian has carried the same knife for sixty-nine years.

The Persians have a different name for every day in the month.

A German countess is the cook in a New York restaurant kitchen.

Sixteen tons of steel pens are exported from Birmingham weekly.

The girl child's hair should be cut regularly until she is 15 years old.

There are 487 schools in Irkutsk, Siberia, whose population is nearly 900,000.

They are about to erect an elevated railroad in Baltimore which will cost $1,000,000.

Fifteen farmers in Indiana, it is reported, killed 689 rabbits in one day's hunt recently.

There is a wind and storm insurance company doing business in Pennsylvania counties.

The Mosquito Indians of Central America inter their dead beneath the floor of their huts.

At a recent wedding the bridesmaids were robed differently, each simulating a flower.

One hundred million Chinese are engaged in the culture, preparation, sale, carriage and exportation of tea.

Chicago's municipal debt is about $13,000,000. The World's Fair bonds increase this sum to $18,000,000.

The salary of the Chilean President is $18,000 a year, and he has been earning every cent of it recently.

The Washington office of the Western Union Telegraph Company has sent out over 400,000 words in a single evening.

It has been said that a lightly laden camel will take with the same foot thirty-eight strides a minute, each being about seven feet.

The Sultan of Morocco, having been thrown by a white mule, ordered the back of the contumacious beast to be bastinaded.

A Philadelphia clergyman has a parrot which says its prayers every night. But it has an unpleasant habit of swearing in its sleep.

The National Library in Paris, with its 2,000,000 printed books and 160,000 manuscripts, is the largest library storehouse in the world.

The number of paupers in the United States, according to the census bulletin, is 73,045, of which 40,741 are males and 32,304 are females.

Strong City, Kans., has 1000 inhabitants and the only lawyer among them has so little to do that he must also teach school to make a living.

As soon as a native Alaskan gets a $5 gold piece or a $10 bill he immediately changes it for silver, having no faith in gold or paper money.

It is not generally known outside of Russia that the famous Orloff diamond was once the right eye of the great idol in the temple of Brahma.

During a wedding ceremony in a Justice's office in Sanilac Center, Mich., the groom refused to take off his hat or remove a clay pipe from his mouth.

How large oughtour sleeping-room to be? Not less than fifteen feet square, with windows on two sides and a fireplace, if it is possible to have one.

There are 40,000 women studying in the various colleges of America, and yet is only twenty-five years since the first college in the land was opened to women.

The four gospels have been translated into Uzbek, the language of 2,250,000 people in Central Asia, and published by the British and Foreign Bible Society.

A curious sign has been adopted at Bombay by a native baker, proud of his knowledge of English, "European loafer" being printed in large letters over his door.

New York real-estate agents have great difficulty in renting buildings said to be haunted. It is estimated that there are at least thirty of these houses now vacant.

A census is right costly, but then the inventory must be taken every ten years. Superintendent Porter estimates the cost of the last census at 11 cents for each person.

A spring in St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana, pours forth clear, cold water all day long, but at sunset goes suddenly dry, discharging no water until the sun rises again.

Children may appear in theatrical exhibitions, but may not sing, dance or appear in pantomime, according to Senator Roesch's cure-all bill introduced into the New York Senate.

The Lewiston (Me.) police are greatly bothered in their liquor raids by the electric alarms with which all the saloons of the city are provided, and they propose to arrest the outside loungers who press the button while the bar-tender "does the rest."

This Year's Sugar Crop.

Pajaronian.

The acreage contracted for beets for this season shows that there will be more land in cultivation for this crop than at any time in the history of the factory. From 1500 to 2000 acres are expected in this valley—the former amount being already contracted for—there will be over 1200 acres on the Moro Cojo ranch and across the Salinas River from it there will be from 500 to 600 acres of the Cooper ranch, the Blanco district will furnish as much more, and in the vicinity of Salinas an acreage nearly as great has been contracted. It is expected that there will be over 4000 acres of land planted in beets for the Watsonville factory. Up to date the prospects for the season could not be more encouraging. The rains have come just right, and no part of the work of preparation has been delayed. If the good fortune continues the beet crop should be enormous.

ACROSS THE BAY.

A Box Containing $700 Stolen From an Open Vault.

Branch Libraries Safe for the Present—Burglars Surprised — The Martin Case Not Closed Yet—A Family in Distress.

About a week ago a box containing $700, belonging to the Amador Marble Company, was taken out of the vault at the Mountain View Cemetery Association's office by some one unknown. The door of the vault was open and it is supposed that some one who knew it was there slipped in the back door and removed the cash-box while the back of the book-keeper, Mrs. L. H. Keller, was turned or at the noon hour when she was on the front porch for a few minutes. Mr. Hough, the Secretary of the Marble Company, had an arrangement with Superintendent Collins by which collections were left for a day or two in the vault to be banked afterward. It is supposed that some one saw the $700 paid to Mr. Hough and watched where it was put. Detectives from across the bay were put upon the case and the Sheriff was notified. It was the intention to keep it quiet for a week or so longer, but it leaked out some way.

The resolution for the abandonment of the branch reading-rooms of the Free Library has been indefinitely postponed by the Board of Trustees. Dr. Rabe, who originated the resolution, showed that in ten years the sum of $104,000 had been paid out for the library and there are only 7000 volumes in it. He believed the branch reading-rooms should be closed and all the money expended in securing a good library and library building, say for ten years, and after that the branch reading-rooms could be established.

BURGLARS SURPRISED.

Two burglars were surprised in the residence of Mr. Cotle at Piedmont on Thursday night by Mr. Boswell, who is looking after the premises. He was making his rounds with his 16-year-old son when they discovered the men in the upper story of the residence. Mr. Boswell left his son with a shotgun to watch the premises while he went for help to catch the thieves, but they had been evidently seen, as the two men came out and threatened him with revolvers, ordering him to throw down his gun, which he did. They then started to run, and he picked up his gun and blazed away at them. They did not stop running until they were away.

Henry White, while working at the Pacific Wire Works, ventured too close to one of the reels yesterday morning and was caught and dragged into the works. Luckily a fellow-workman saw the impending disaster and stopped the roller in time, so White escaped with only a broken leg.

There is a large number of cases of chicken-pox among the children of central North Oakland, between San Pablo and Telegraph avenues.

NOT FULLY ARGUED YET.

The evidence in the examination of Mrs. Mary E. Martin for the larceny of Miss Sarah E. Leonard's $14,500 was concluded yesterday afternoon and the argument continued until Monday afternoon. The examination commenced early in January in the Police Court and has occupied parts of between fifteen and twenty court days. John M. Martin, the husband of the defendant, was not found on the attachment issued at the request of the defense, though it is believed by many that she could have found him if she had so desired. She had two attachments issued for him, but he had left the places when the officers went to arrest him.

Charles Herder, a German baker, was arrested yesterday morning for burglary. He was formerly employed at the Brooklyn Restaurant, in East Oakland, and knew where the night key was kept. He secured it and had just started to operate behind the counter when the police, who were waiting, rushed in and surprised him.

The estate of Mrs. Caroline P. Sprague has been approved at $40,346, consisting of real estate valued at $25,500 and personal property valued at $14,846.

ALMOST DESTITUTE.

A family named Walsh, consisting of the husband and wife with nine children, has been found living in an almost destitute condition in an old barn in a vacant lot on Thirty-third street. They left Ukiah, Mendocino County, about six weeks ago in a wagon and were six weeks on the way. When they arrived in Oakland the parents had no money to pay rent and the husband and father has failed to find employment. The neighbors in the vicinity of the barn have provided them with food. They have no beds and no furniture.

Emily Warhurst has instituted proceedings for slander against Rudolph Fallmer and wife, of Alameda. The trouble arises out of a Police Court case a short time ago, during which Mrs. Warhurst claims she was badly traduced.

The examination of Charles Piepenberg for an assault to murder Henry Bohon with a beer glass took place in the Police Court yesterday, but Judge Ogden took the matter under advisement until Monday.

CERTIFICATES GRANTED.

The County Board of Examiners yesterday granted the following certificates: High School—John W. Young, A. F. Schulte, Richard White; grammar grade—Gertrude E. Treanor, J. M. Doty, Elizabeth L. Shearer; renewals of grammar grade—Bertha Week, Mary E. Walker; recommended for educational diploma, Mrs. Florence A. Williams.

The Acme Athletic Club and T. P. Robinson have leased a part of the Glascock Valley Tract, near the Piedmont Power and Bath house, and will open a joint athletic and football park.

The argument in the $51,000 damage case of Works vs. Remillard Brick Company was partly heard yesterday and the case went over until Tuesday.

Alameda.

The sale of the property for delinquent city taxes yesterday amounted to $574 12.

The last reception of the Friday Night Club took place last night in Harmony Hall.

The new Wilson school-house at Encinal avenue and Bay street will be opened on Tuesday.

F. T. Horner has filed his official bond as Notary Public, with H. E. Wills and L. Mazinni as sureties in the sum of $5000 each.

Principal Jackson of the Porter school was taken suddenly ill yesterday morning and was unable to perform his duties. His place was filled by City School Superintendent Sullivan.

The annual election of the Fire Department will take place this evening. There is no opposition to Fred K. Krauth Jr., who has held the position of Chief Engineer of the department for many years.

The condition of City Clerk Millington was reported to be much better yesterday. His appetite is returning and he is gaining strength. He hopes to be able to leave for the southern part of the State in a few weeks.

Berkeley.

The Unitarian Church has rented the lower portion of the Odd Fellows' Hall and will fit it up in nice style to be used for a church room. The upper lodge-room was too small to accommodate the rapidly increasing congregation.

Charles Anderson, the car-driver and prosecuting witness in the case against John Norman, whom he charged with drugging him and robbing him in the University grounds of his watch and $13 in coin, has disappeared. He did not show up yesterday morning at the trial of the case in Judge Ellsworth's department, and an attachment was issued for him.

Niles.

A mass-convention will assemble at the town hall of Niles at 10 o'clock this morning to organize the People's Party in Alameda County and elect a County Central Committee and adopt a plan for conducting an active political campaign.

FIRED BY A MANIAC.

Life and Property Endangered by Powder and Dynamite.

Brookville, Ind., recently had a narrow escape from a terrible calamity. Flames were seen issuing from J. H. Brochamp's block, and it was with difficulty that the blaze was extinguished without serious loss to life and property. Had the fire got under good headway it would have been disastrous to the business part of the town, including the Valley Hotel and several valuable blocks. In the burning building were stored three kegs of powder and one box of dynamite. Brockamp has a daughter who at times becomes a raving maniac. Attempts have been made at different times by him to get her in at the asylums of the State without expense, but have always failed, and consequently she was installed in a dungeon which had been built by him in one corner of the stable, which is surrounded by many buildings. At different times during the summer her screams could be heard for squares from her quarters. At times she is rational enough to know perfectly well what she is doing, and on the night in question, knowing that her father was absent, she set fire to her cell, which is filled with shavings and corn husks, by upsetting a lamp.

The Texas postmaster who was charged with flying the Confederate flag over his postoffice explains that it was his sister's fault, as she made the flag, and that it was the nearest she knew to getting up a star-spangled banner.

SICK SO LONG.

C. W. HOPKINS, Postmaster at East Lamoine Me., writes that Mrs. Kelly's son, who had been confined to bed fourteen months with an Abscess, has been cured sound and well by Swift's Specific. The boy is fourteen years old, lives next door to me, and I know the statement to be true.

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