THE BRAVEST OF BATTLES.

The bravest battle that ever was fought,
Shall I tell you where, and when?
On the maps of the world you'll find it not;
'Twas fought by the mothers of men.

Nay not with cannon or battle shot,
With sword or nobler pen;
Nay, not with eloquent word or thought
From mouth of wonderful men.

But deep in a walled-up woman's heart—
Of woman that would not yield,
But bravely, silently bore her part—
Lo! there is the battlefield.

No marshaling troop, no bivouac song,
No banner to gleam and wave!
But oh, those battles! they last so long—
From babyhood to the grave!

JOAQUIN MILLER.

PLUNKETT'S PIANIST.

PROLOGUE.

It is night. The big, round-faced moon and the myriads of little twinkling stars look down on a strange sight. It is amid the mountains of Southern Arizona. A deep stream, rising in the mountain side, thousands of feet above the level of the sea, descends and plunges with a dull, sullen roar, into a deep, yawning chasm, over a precipice many hundred feet in height. A few yards above this precipice a sharp, jagged rock projects from the water—only a few inches, however—and upon this rock stands the weak-kneed, tottering form of a man. His hands are bound behind his back, and around his neck is tied a rope, the other end being tied to the limb of a tree projecting over the stream. The rope is taut, and the swaying of the limb often causes the poor wretch to gasp, gurgle, and almost lose his footing. For 48 hours he has stood there, the sport of every wind. Faint with hunger, consumed by burning thirst, he shrieks aloud for food and water. His foot slips from the rock, and it is only by exertion the most strenuous that he recovers his balance and saves himself from strangulation. He raves, he curses, he begs for mercy; he cries aloud to the heavens for help, and from far up the mountain side, its diabolism intensified by distance, floating down upon the cool night breeze, comes a mocking laugh, "Ha, ha, ha!"

Ten years ago, while traveling through the Western States and Territories of America, I visited a little mining camp just across the border in old Mexico, 23 miles south of Tombstone, Ariz. I spent a week there, and during my stay I made it a point to spend a few hours each evening in "Plunkett's place," a combined saloon, dance and gambling house.

I did not go there either to dance, drink or gamble, for I never indulge in this class of amusement; neither did I go to listen to the little quick-motioned Frenchman play upon the violin, nor the dark-visaged "greaser" play upon his guitar, although I am a lover of music, and both were good performers. No, it was none of these, but the attraction which drew me thither as regular as the evening came was "Plunkett's pianist."

I have heard many good performers play upon the piano—Josef Hoffman and others—but never in my life have I heard, either before or since, anything like such wonderful, grand, soul-stirring music as that little pale-faced eight-year-old girl in Plunkett's saloon, in the little mining camp of Saledo, could draw forth at a touch and seemingly without effort.

Of course finding such a phenomenon in such a place was a great surprise to me, and naturally I desired to learn the particulars as to how the girl came to be there.

A grizzly bearded old miner—a relic of '49—who had prospected in every State and Territory and almost every gulch and ravine west of the Rocky Mountains, told me the story. Bill Burch was his name.

I will give the story as near as it was told to me as possible, only giving it in my own language. The substance is as follows:

A little more than a year before I visited the camp, Plunkett, while in San Francisco on business, bought a piano, and ordered it to be shipped to the camp. When it arrived there it created a sensation. Many of the miners had never seen a piano, and it was as good as a circus to them; while others who had been familiar with the instrument years before had almost forgotten what they looked like, and had lost all resemblance of what they sounded like. But after they got it set up and tuned they found that if they were in as bad a fix as ever as regards having music was concerned, for there was not a man in the camp who could play on the piano.

So matters went on for a month. No one could be found who would attempt to play on the piano, and Plunkett was in despair. He was like the man who drew the elephant at the lottery—he had the prize, but knew not what to do with it.

Time rolled on, and Christmas eve arrived. There was a little skift of snow on the ground, and it was very cold for that southern country, where it seldom snows. Plunkett's place was decorated with sprigs of mountain pine, and presented a smart appearance. The piano was given the place of honor at the head of the room, and on each side of it, the roots implanted in sawdust spittoon-boxes, were two large evergreens, while above the instrument, extending from one tree to the other, was a piece of red calico, on which, in large letters, characteristic of the landlord, were the words: "Christmas, 1868."

But Plunkett's cup of happiness was not full to overflowing. Something was lacking to make of the occasion a complete success, and this something was a pianist. On this evening, of all evenings, the instrument ought to be made to ring out joyously, and as Plunkett reflected that the prospects for its ringing out were not good, he became melancholy. However, in the hope that some modest musician might be tempted, dragged forth from his tortoise-shell of reserve, so to speak, by a money consideration, Plunkett hunted up a big piece of cardboard, and scrawled upon it in charcoal:

"Wanted—A Crack Peanner Player. Twenty-five Dollars Reward."

This he stuck up on the plano and anxiously awaited results.

But his waiting was in vain. Nine, ten, eleven o'clock rolled around, and dancing being kept up to the music of the Frenchman's violin and the greaser's guitar, and still no one came to earn and claim the reward.

Plunkett was disgusted. "Durn seech a country for a Christian to hev to live in, any way!" he muttered, wrathfully. "That's no more music in any of them thar crosses than thar is in—hello! who in thunder are you?" and Plunkett stopped short as he noticed the scantily dressed, shivering figure of a girl about 8 or 9 years old, crouching over the fire in the big fireplace.

The face of the little stranger was white and wan, the hands held over the fire were almost transparent, they were so thin, and the great brown eyes which looked up so pleadingly at the big land lord went straight to Plunkett's heart. But it was the voice that knocked him out, it was so soft and low, so sweet, so sorrowful and so pleading. Plunkett had not heard a voice like that since he could remember, and he wanted to do something to show his sympathy for the stranger.

"What kin I do fur ye, leetle gal?" he asked. "Cold, air ye? Hev a leettle suthin' warm up yer innards, will ye?" and without waiting for an answer Plunkett hastened behind the bar and mixed a hot lemonade, putting a few drops of fine California brandy in to make it still more warming. This the girl drank, and immediately she seemed to brighten up. She glanced about the room curiously, occasionally, however, giving the door leading from the saloon a quick, apparently apprehensive look, as if she were expecting some one whom she feared and did not wish to see.

"Whar ye from, little one?" asked Plunkett.

"'Frisco," was the reply; and then without giving the landlord time to ask another question she nodded her head toward the piano and said, "Where is the player?"

"Hain't got none," said Plunkett. "Thar ain't a blamed crittar in this hyar hull camp as knows beans 'bout a peanner. We just hev to let it stand thar, an' nary a sound has thar ever been jerked outen that thar instrument yet—come all the way from 'Frisco, fur, an' cost a thousand dollars," and the landlord sighed.

"Say," he continued, eagerly, a sudden thought striking him, "mebbe you kin play on the blamed thing?" and he leaned forward and fairly held his breath while waiting the girl's answer.

"I can play a little—" began the girl, only to be interrupted by Plunkett, who caught her in his arms and fairly hugged her in his delight at the thought that at last a player had been found and his heart's desire could be gratified.

Plunkett's hug was very much like that of a grizzly bear, and he came very near squeezing all the breath out of the girl's body; no doubt would have hugged her to death had not a cry of pain escaped her.

"Oh! you hurt!" she said.

And then Plunkett deliberately sat her on a stool by the fireplace, and turning toward the crowd called out:

"Jack Hart, come hyar!"

A big, burly fellow arose from a bench where he was sitting watching a Chinaman skinning a Mexican out of his money at poker, and slowly approached.

"What's wanted, Bill Plunkett?" he asked.

"Jack, air ye a kicker from Kickerville; kin ye kick like a bob-tailed, long-eared mule?" queried the landlord, anxiously.

The burly miner looked puzzled. "Am I a kicker?" he repeated, slowly; "kin I kick like a lopeared mule? Wal, I sh'd reckon I kin! I bet ducats 'at I kin giveary mule atwixt hyar an' sundown odds an' beat him. Jest ye show me suthin' ter kick!"

Plunkett straightened himself up and folded his arms.

"Hyar's yer subjo-k," he said, solemnly; "jest lift me a good one, Jack. Don't be afeared, man," as the other hesitated. "I deserve ter be kicked, an' I won't be satisfied onless ye give me a sockdolager!"

"But what fur?" queried the other, backing off and eying Plunkett suspiciously. He began to think the landlord had gone crazy, and that the chances were that he would whirl in and do some deviliment directly.

Plunkett pointed to the girl.

"See her?" he asked.

"Ain't blind yet," responded Jack, nervously fingering his revolver and keeping an eye on the "crazy" man. He feared a sudden violent demonstration and mentally decided to "wing" the landlord at the first movement, for, he reasoned, a madman turned loose in a crowd unexpectedly—entirely unannounced, as it were—would be apt to do a whole lot of damage, and he thought it would be his plain duty to keep this from happening, if possible.

"Wall, Jack," continued the landlord, "you may not b'lieve et, but I hurt thet air leetle gal jest now, a huggin' of her—"

"W'at!" roared Jack, in virtuous indignation. "You a-huggin' uv that leetle gal! Bill Plunkett, I'm ashamed uv ye! a great, big, lopsided, overgrown thing like you, a-huggin' uv a leetle gal like that—an' to hurt her, too! Plunkett, ye deserve ter be kicked to death, an' darn my skin ef I ain't the feller to do the biz up fur ye in grand style! But, say," he continued, his curiosity getting the better of his indignation for the moment, "w'atever put ye up to a-huggin' uv her, Bill?"

"Jack," said the landlord, shamefacedly, "I know as how't I ortenter a did et, but when she up an' said as how't she could play the peanner—"

"W'at!" roared Jack.

"When she said as how she could jist knock the spots outen that air peanner, I was so tickled that I jest up an' hugged her afore I knowed et—I couldn't help myself, Jack; blamed ef I could."

"Wall, I should jist emtle ye couldn't!" howled Jack; "an' I'm durn'd ef I kin, either!—plays the peanner, does she?—whoop!" and the excited worthy jerked the girl from the floor, stool and all, and hugged both impartially in his delight, as he waltzed clumsily around in a circle.

M. C.

(Concluded to-morrow.)

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

PALACE HOTEL.

T B Thompson & w, N Y
J W McChesy, New York
W J Peall, Bethlehem
G R Hancock, San Mateo
J G Walshman, Detroit
C R Bond, Philadelphia
J Smith, Philadelphia
H Yellow, Philadelphia
H F Manion, Philadelphia
T Turnbull, St Paul
F Faust & w, Grand Rapids
G M Teuor & w, Ohio
Miss L H Smith, Yokohama
W S Cunningham, Canton
Miss A Dyer, Brooklyn
J F Dutcher & w, Chicago
Mrs W Waldron, Mich
Miss Waldron, Mich
C Rupert, Chicago
J T Price & w, Mills
Mrs H R Vedder, Mills
Mrs Shaw & dr, Pa
J McKinney & w, Cal
W T Tolman, Chicago
E M Mulford, N Y
R H Boggis, Ohio
H C Paterson & w, Ohio
A C Whitridge & w, N Y
H W Roberts, Iowa
B A Mitchell, Ky
H Dickey & c, Chicago
C F Holland, Mont
C A Hubbard, Minn
J Unwinell & w, Minn
T W Hartland & w, Pittsbg
G H Stone & w, Pittsburg
Mrs H J Niles, Pittsburg
J F Sloan & m, N Y
G A Meister, Ill
L W Blum & w, L Angeles
W Linsley, Los Angeles
C E Weldman & fm, Conn
Mrs D Ahl, Boston
J P Pomeroy, Boston
J M Horne, Milfrd
J H Somerset, England
A H Patten, England
A Y Quinn, Wyoming
J Hunnewell & w, Boston
T Tilghlman & w, Stockton
L Ladigley, Riverside
M Egger, Mexico
H B Carroll, Ohio
H C McCauley, Penn
Mrs C H McCauley, Penn
A B Bryden, Milfrd
G W Chandler, Milfrd
J S McGroarty, Penn

AMERICAN EXCHANGE.

J Bryan, Stockton
M Hefti, Portland
J Belding, Portland
W Cambell & w, Collinsville
S V Howard, Sacto
G H Degan & w, Portland
A Mandy, Detroit
G Bernald, San Jose
F Philip, San Jose
A Bonner, Calico
W B Cunningham, Cal
F F Archibald, Pt Arena
H B Rowe, Detroit
I H Smith, Cal
Mrs M Bennett, Cal
Miss Benedick, Cal
F P Lewis, San Jose
L Roberts, San Jose
E A Hardsworth & fm, Redlands
W Keyes, Mountain View
F G Shaw, Stockton
F F Sharp, The Dalles
H Haberle & fm, Denver
A Hildebrand, Helena
J Dillon, Utah
E J Sarden, Santa Clara
W B Morrison, Seattle
S Brown, Stockton
S B Mezart, Stockton
C T Brown & fm, Pa
S W Robinsile, Secto
J W Ferguson, Denver
J C Pearson, Denver
H S Hansen, Denver
W H Oliver, Seattle
C Dowe, Seattle
F A Udell, Tacoma

OCCIDETAL HOTEL.

J W Sneed & w, Boston
J E Hamilton, Los Angeles
E A Shores & w, Ashland
Miss M Shores, Ashland
H D Humes & w, Phila
J B Boothe, Winona, Wis
Dr Anderson, Los Ang
J H Taylor, Los Angeles
Maj H Dane & w, Boston
E F Mayson & w, Boston
Miss M Mayson, Boston
H Mayson, Boston
J R Hall, New York
Mrs J de Kafe, Seattle
W A Robinson, Sta Cruz
R P Vogel, Los Angeles
D L Davis & w, Grand Rapids
W Sears, Grands Rapids
H Langdon, Liverpool
H Laughlin, Liverpool
Mary Laughlin, Liverpool
L M Thomas & w, Liverpool
W T Wenlaker, Ogdens
Col C Goodard, New York
Mrs Goddard, New York
W S Booth, Chicago
Dr Potter & w, Monterey

INTERNATIONAL HOTEL.

G Jones, N Y
A Williams, Benicia
B Riley, Denver
J Thompson, Benicia
C N White, Baltimore
H Murray, Walla Walla
W M Jones, Walla Walla
N C Peters, Watsonville
J Hughes, Watsonville
J Dumeruth, Portland
A Logan, Portland
H A Morse, Ukiah
G D Marvin, Ukiah
P Jones, Eureka
Mrs E Partee, Eureka
A Sebring, Ogden
O F Wiley, Portland
W Cox, Portland
H Lewis, Portland
R Young, Portland
R A Allen, Iowa
J C Matland, Portland
M A McDonald, Williams
Miss S Welsh, Eureka

NEW WESTERN HOTEL.

S Perini, Santa Clara
J Mondonicci, Cal
J Cullinane, Tiburon
C B Johnson, Stockton
J F Edwards, Cal
G J Pretter & w f, Illinois
J J Brown, Cal
W J Osterman, San Jose
Miss Mc Intosh, San Jose
D Halliday & wf, Kansas
F A Griffin & wf, Kansas
J M Fogg, Lynn, Mass
J K Sandy, Portland
S T Morley, Cal
G H Richards Jr, Boston
J W Michaels, New York
T J Barbour & w, N Y
H D Spencer & w, Ill
Mrs H B Spencer, Ill
A Colborn, New York
J S Templin, Denver
W Martin, Cal
B Murphy, San Jose
M F Tarpey, Alameda
C T Malky, Tacoma
M Haldan, Denver
J Wright, Portland
R F Thomas, Tenn
C Merritt, Alameda
W Arnold & w, Pa
J Grover & w, Pittsburg
T Perrine, Mass
Miss L Finnie, Mass
G C Hunter, Cal
W E Hamett, Pittsburg
H K Dwyer & w, N Y
Miss J Ross, Pittsburg
H G Brown, New York
E B Braden, Helena
S H Pinkerton & w, Utah
O H P Nope, Yokohama
C A Morey & w, Winona
C H Price & w, Mass
Mrs T J Frasse, N Y
Mrs A Swarts, N Y
C F Clark & w, Boston
A T Clark, Boston
H M Clark, Boston
G Sherman, N Y
T R Mone, Brooklyn
R M Steele, N Y
J J Hartzell & w, Ohio
Miss Pomeroy, Boston
D W Burnham, N Y
A Cushman, N Y
J G Cushman, N Y
H R C Watson, N Y
H A Smith & w, Duluth
J Black & w, Mass
A M Stute, Detroit
J A Bell, U S N
Miss Burke, Willows
T Gompkins, Sta Leandro
A C Billeke, Santa Cruz
J Bruner, Sacto
A Bruner, Sacto
H H Dearborn, Wash
C A Bowman, Illinois
H Schappert, Penn
E Robins, Milpitas

AMERICAN EXCHANGE.

Mrs S Allen, Lakeport
Mrs W McWerner, Mo
Q F Bluete, Stockton
R Rogers, Stockton
J F Bluete & wf, Cal
H J Morrison, Elk Creek
F L Wilson, Gilroy
W T Miles, S Mex
M H Flint, N Y
L E Bean, Ky
T N Holt, Ky
W B Morgan, Ky
G A Brothers, Lemoore
W A Lindsey, Lemoore
C L Ahl, Los Angeles
J Mc Donald, Los Angeles
I F Storey, Liverpool
O J Darling, Providence
F W von Dersenden, N Y
Mrs von Dersenden, N Y
W H Russell, Vancouver
J Giger, Manitoba
M Dillon, Canada
D Coleman, Boston
W S Robinson, Seattle
C E Wilson, Cal
Mrs C Wilson, Cal
E Butts, Oregon
J B Morrell, Eugene
H Gorman, Walla Walla
J Finnesy, Oxford
S S Connolly, Monterey

NEW WESTERN HOTEL.

Mrs Dalton, San Diego
J McCarthy, Cal
D J Rogers, Santa Clara
M Bernard, Cal
J W Miller, Santa Rosa
P McGinley, Cal
J J Carr, Los Angeles
O Potter & wf, San Jose
R Ralston, San Jose
M Hayes, Cal
J L Lyons, Cal
B Schmidt, Sacramento
F W Hinckley, Cal

THE STOCK MARKET.

The opening session yesterday promised about the dullest day on record, as during the early call but 1800 shares changed hands, and these were divided between 12 different stocks. A peculiar feature of the day was the strength of the north-end stocks, more particularly Con. Cal. & Virginia, which was as steady as a rock at $5 25. This is no doubt caused by the work now going on in the mine, which is of a most promising nature, and a few days at the farthest wl i settle all claims as to merit.

On the early call Con. Cal. & Viginia was steady at $5 25@5⅜, and 470 shares changed hands with Bernhard buying. Sales were also made in Belcher at $1 10. Best & Belcher $2 50, Bullion 85c, Crown Point 90c, Hale & Norcress $1 65, Savage $1 55, Scorpion 15c, Ophir $3, Potosi $1 45, Sierra Nevada $1 70 and Union Con. $1 50.

On the 2:30 P. M. call a fair amount of trading was done at steady prices.

Considerable stock of the outside mines changed hands during this call and Joe Marks was the principal buyer of the 2800 shares of the Nevada Queen sold at 60c and of the Bulwer at 50c. After the call prices remained about the same and trading was fairly active, the market closing healthy.

NOTES.

An assessment of 75c per share has been levied on the Confidence.

The Chloride Belt, published in Candelaria, Nev., says a rumor is current in that place that Douglass & Robb will soon put 50 men to work, at $3 per diem, upon the Last Chance and other properties in Silver Star district.

The silver market was much stronger yesterday, certificates selling at 86c and bars 85⅝c in New York and 39¼d in London.

Bullion valued at $2100 has been received from the Mayflower Gravel Mining Company, being the first shipment since the mill started up. The company reports that the new body of gravel found in the north workings runs about $8 per ton.

Private dispatches received here from Candelaria, Nev., yesterday stated that the Miners' Union in that camp disbanded last night, and that the men formerly employed in the Holmes, Mount Diablo and other mines are now anxious to go to work for $3 per day, as at $3 50, which had been exact d after the Miners' Union was organized. The companies will soon take some action in the matter, but with silver down to its present low price, it is doubtful whether they will resume operations even with wages at $3 per day. The original proposition to establish a sliding scale of wages was rejected by the miners last November, and it is not now offered by the companies.

The Con. Wyoming assessment falls delinquent in office to-day.

The following official letters were placed on file yesterday:

BULWER CON.—South drift from No. 5 upraise above the 200-foot level was extended 30 feet; face continues in rich matter, carrying some fair grade ore. Upraise from crosscut No. 4 200-foot level was extended 12 feet. We are running a crosscut from this upraise to connect with old No. 6 for ventilation. South drift from upraise on footwall was extended 16 feet.

BODIE—East crosscut No. 1 700-foot level was extended six feet. East crosscut No. 1 550-foot level was extended seven feet. The ore stopes from No. 1 upraise above the 500-foot Jupiter shaft level are yielding fair milling ore.

MONO—North crosscut No. 1 from east crosscut 600-foot level was extended 18 feet. North drift No. 2 from above crosscut was extended 12 feet; in both drifts the seam of ore is of good quality but small. South drift from No. 1 upraise 600-foot level was extended eight feet; the ore in this drift is about four inches wide and of fair grade. The ore stope from No. 1 upraise above the 700-foot level continues in rich ore.

SUMMIT—North drift 100 level was extended 8 feet; we are stoping out ore over this drift. We crushed 108 tons of ore from the Bow mill, average battery sample $15 45, tailings $44 69. We cleaned up from the 108 tons bullion valued at $1390 71.

SAVAGE—During the week we have hoisted 729 cars of ore from the 750, 950, 1100 and 1400 levels. Shipped to the Nevada mill 527 tons and milled 525 tons; average battery assay $18 54. Bullion yield for the week $7488. On the 1500 level the upraise started from the main north drift at a point 30 feet north of our south boundary is advanced 47 feet, being charred up 10 feet during the week.

On the Sutro tunnel level the joint north drift with the Gould & Curry Company was advanced 30 feet, making its total 279 feet; face is in porphyry and clay.

The following ns local incorporations disbursed dividends during March:

Name.	Rate ⅌ Cent.	Amount
Donohoe-Kelly Bk. Co.	3	$19,500
Home Mutual Insurance Co.	1	3,000
Oakland Home Insurance Co.	0¾	1,500
State Investment Ins. Co.	0¾	1,500

Name.	Rate ⅌ Share.	Amount
Oakland Gas Company	20	6,000
Pacific Lighting Co.	50	10,000
Pacific Gas Improvement Co.	50	15,000
San Francisco Gaslight Co.	35	35,000
Contra Costa Water Co.	50	15,000
Spring Valley Water Co.	50	50,000
Atlantic Dynamite Co.	40	12,000
California Powder Co.	1 00	15,000
California-street Cable Co.	50	5,000
Geary-street Railroad Co.	60	9,000
Omnibus Cable Co.	40	8,000
Oceanic Steamship Co.	50	12,500
Pacific Coast Borax	1 00	5,000
Champion Mining Co.	10	10,000
Daly Mining Co.	25	37,500
Deadwood-Terra M. C.	5	10,000
Golden Reward Mining Co.	2	5,000
Great Western Q. M. Co.	25	12,500
Homestake Mining Co.	10	12,500
Idaho Mining Co.	1 00	3,100
Mariposa Star Mining Co.	3 00	7,200
Ontario Mining Co.	50	75,000
W. Y. O. D. Mining Co.	10	3,000
Total		$100,300

A summary of the dividends for the month compares as follows:

	1891.	1892.
Banks	$140,000	$19,500
Gas companies	66,750	66,000
Water companies	67,000	70,000
Insurance companies	8,500	6,500
Powder companies	27,000	27,000
Street railroad companies	10,000	18,000
Sugar Companies	10,000	—
Mining companies	162,750	175,800
Miscellaneous companies	10,750	17,500
Totals	$502,750	$400,300

BOARD SALES.

Following were the sales in the Pacific Stock Board yesterday:

REGULAR SESSION—9:30 A. M.

100 Belcher 1.10 400 C Point... 90 200 Savage .1.55
20 E & B.....2½ 50 H & N...1.65 200 Scorpion..15
200 Bullion.....85 100 Ophir.....3.00 50 S Nev....1.70
450 C Cal & V...5¼ 100 Potosi...1.45 50 Union....1½
20 .....5⅝

AFTERNOON SESSION—2:30.

150 Alta.....95 50 C Point... 85 100 Overm..1.05
100 .....1.00 200 Exchq...40 250 Potosi...1.40
100 Ander.....55 250 H & N...1.55 50 Savage..1.60
100 Belcher.....1.10 400 Ophir.....3.00 50 B & M...40
120 F & B...2.40 100 Mexican 1.95 50 S Nev...1.65
900 Bullion...90 200 Mt Diab.1.20 40 Union...1½
500 Bulwer.....50 2800 Nev Q.....60 200 .....1.55
350 Chollar...1½ 500 N Comth.....100 100 Utah.....25
200 C C & V...5¼ 150 Ophir.....2.95

Following were the sales in the Pacific Stock Board yesterday:

REGULAR SESSION—10:30.

100 Alta.....99 50 G & C...1½ 150 Savage..1.60
100 Andes...55 575 H & N...1.60 100 Scorpion..17
400 Bullion...85 100 Ophir.....2.95 50 Union....1½
600 CC & V...5¼ 100 .....3.00 100 Utah.....26
300 C Point...85 300 Overm..1.00 100 27
100 Exchequ...38 600 .....1.05

AFTERNOON SESSION—2:30.

200 Alta.....96 100 G & C...87½ 100 Potosi...1.40
100 .....97 100 Exchq...40 850 .....1.45
200 Bullion 87½ 175 H & N...1.60 100 Savage..1.60
100 .....90 50 Mexican.1.95 100 Scorpion..16
450 .....1.00 200 Ophir.....3.00 50 Union....1½
500 Chollar...1½ 50 Overm...1.05 100 Utah.....26
150 CC & V...5¼ 300 Fer 1.10

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

WEDNESDAY, March 30—4 P. M.

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
Alpha Con	35	40	Justice	35	40
Alta	95	1.00	Kentuck	10	15
Andes	50	55	Lady Washgn	15	20
Belcher	1.05	1.10	Lecompton	—	65
Belle Isle	20	25	Mexican	1.95	2.00
Best & Belcher	2.40	2.45	Mono	70	80
Bodie	50	55	Navajo	10	20
Bullion	95	1.00	Nevada Queen	60	65
Bulwer	45	.50	N Belle Isle	10	15
Caledonia	30	35	N Commowith	30	35
Central	85	90	Occidental	30	35
Challenge Con	85	90	Ophir	2.95	3.00
Chollar	1.20	1.25	Overman	1.00	1.05
Commonwealth	15	20	Peer	10	15
Con Cal & V	5.10	5.25	Potosi	1.40	1.50
Confidence	2.10	—	Potosi	1.40	1.50
Con Imperial	05	10	Savage	1.60	1.65
Con New York	02	03	Scorpion	15	20
Crocker	05	10	S B & Middes	40	45
Crown Point	85	90	Sierra Nevada	1.65	1.75
Del Monte	25	30	Silver King	—	50
East Sierra Nev	05	10	Silver Hill	05	10
Eureka	2.00	2.25	Sun Top	05	10
Exchequer	35	.45	Syndicate	05	10
Gould & Curry	1.45	1.50	Union Con	.50	1.55
Grand Prize	10	15	Utah	25	30
Hale & Norcr	1.60	1.65	Weldon	95	10
Juba	10	16	Yellow Jacket	1.15	1.20

MISCELLANEOUS SECURITIES.

WEDNESDAY, March 30—2 P. M.

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
U S Bds 4's	111½	—	Oakland Gas	37½	—
Cal-st C bonds	103¼	—	Pac Gas Imp	78⅝	80½
Cntis C W Bds	98¾	101½	Pacific Light	76½	78
Sunset-st Bds	110	112	Pacific Light	67¾	68
Do, ex-coup	91	98	Stktn G & R	—	30
F & C Hes Ry	—	107	Cal-st R R	—	117½
F & P R R Bds	69½	100½	F & C Hes Ry	35	40
Mat-st R R Bds	111½	—	Geary-st R R	66	105
N P Coast R R	101	—	N B & M R R	50	75
N P R R Bds	—	—	Omnibus R R	58¾	60
Pac Coast Bds	108	—	Presidio R R	22	30
Omnibus C Bd	115½	—	Angelo Gas	—	125
F & O R R Bds	113½	—	California Ins	97	100
F & C City R Bds	95	—	Commercial	—	92½
Powell-st R Bd	105	115	Fireman's Fd	168	—
S F R R Ariz Bds	102	—	Home Mutual	185	—
S P R R Cal Bds	115	116½	State Investm	83	85
S P R R Ariz Bds	99	—	Atlantic Pow	45	48
S P R R Mex Bds	107½	109	Cal Powder	125	185
S V Water 6's	118	—	Giant Powder	50½	52½
S V Water 4's	90⅞	—	Saf'ty Nit Pow	9⅛	10
Anglo Cal Bk	70	75	Vigorit Pow	2	2½
Bank of Cal	270	—	Hercules Pow	—	92
Cal Safe Deposit	46¼	47½	Bk Dia O M G	10	30
First Nat Bank	174½	—	Cal Cotton M C	—	46½
L P & A Bank	119	—	Cal Elec Light	15¼	16
L & S F Bank	36½	38	Cal Electric	4	4½
Pacific Bank	—	170	Haw'n Com	38¾	—
Merch Ex Bnk	15	21	Hutch'n Sugar	5	6
Contr Costa W	30	—	Judah Sugar	17	21
Marin Co W	48	50	Oceanic S S	—	67½
S V Water	99¼	99¾	Pac B S & S	95	—
Blue Lakes W	20	—	Pac Ins & Nat	—	83½
Contra Dan	90	100	Pac Wood'n'w	—	30

MORNING SALES.

Board—125 S V Water, 99½; 50 Pacific Gas Imp, 79¾.

Street—50 S V Water, 99⅜; 50 Safety Nitro Powder, 8¾.

AFTERNOON SALES.

Board—150 S V Water, 99½.

Forger Husselman.

Detective John Curtin was seen yesterday again about the Husselman forgery case and said, "Thanks to THE CALL'S investigation Chief Crowley has received a dispatch from the Pittsburg authorities, saying that the man they have in custody is Husselman, the individual we want, and as soon as the necessary papers are prepared an officer will be sent to bring him to San Francisco." Captain Lees was seen, but had nothing to add to Curtin's statement. All parties are well pleased to think that Husselman will soon be brought to justice.

A "Queer-Pusher" Defaults.

When the case of J. D. Gregory, charged with having passed counterfeit silver dollars in Oakland, was called for preliminary examination before Commissioner Sawyer yesterday, the defendant failed to answer and his bond of $500 was declared forfeited. His bondsmen are John Keliy, 342 Tehama street, and William F. Golden, 1436 Twentieth street. A bench warrant will be issued for Gregory's arrest.

"Chippy" Gallagher Goes to Jail.

John, alias "Chippy," Gallagher, the capper for Police Court lawyers, who about a year ago was found guilty of vagrancy and sentenced to imprisonment for 30 days, and who took an appeal, was brought before Judge Joachimsen yesterday, as the judgment against him had been affirmed by the upper court. An order was made that the judgment be carried into effect, and "Chippy" was turned over to the Sheriff.

RYAN'S ASSAILANT.

Edward Williams Charged With Attempt to Murder.

Edward Williams, who was arrested Sunday night, was booked yesterday on two charges, burglary and assault to murder.

Sunday night William Ryan, who lives at 533 Jessie street, was awakened by some one who was investigating the contents of his room. He sprang out of bed, grappled with the intruder and had a rough and tumble fight in the dark. He called lustily for help, but before assistance came the burglar made his escape by jumping through the window. Subsequently Ryan, on procuring a light, found that he was stabbed in several places, and going to the Receiving Hospital for treatment twelve cuts and slashes, evidently made by a penknife were found on him. He then related his experiences with the burglar, but at the time no credence was placed in his story.

A few hours later Williams was arrested on suspicion, having been seen in the neighborhood about the time. He was found in bed covered with blood and badly damaged about the face by the blows administered by his intended victim. He stoutly denied that he was guilty of the charges.

COMMERCIAL RECORD.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, March 30.

SUMMARY OF THE MARKETS.

Wheat and Barley futures firmer.
Yellow Corn steadier.
Oats and Rye quiet.
Feedstuffs unchanged.
New Potatoes higher.
Butter and Cheese weak.
Eggs firm.
A car of Eastern Poultry in.
Not much Game here.
Vegetables higher.
Silver advanced.

English Wheat Market.

LIVERPOOL, March 30.—The spot market is quiet at 7s 8d. Cargoes are steadier at 37s 6d for off coast, 37s 6d for just shipped and 37s 6d for nearly due.

FUTURES.

The Produce Exchange cable gives the following Liverpool quotations: April, 7s 5¼d; May, 7s 4½d; June, 7s 5¼d; July, 7s 4¼d; August, 7s 5¼d.

SECURITIES.

LONDON, March 29.—Consols, 95⅞; Silver, 39½d; Rentes, 98f 57½c. Bullion into Bank of England, £96,500.

New York Markets.

NEW YORK, March 30.—The stock market is still professional, but there are two parties in speculation, and under their influence the market was feverish and unsettled. Final changes were almost invariably slight gains. Governments steady. Petroleum closed at 84c.

NEW YORK, March 30.—United States Bonds, 4's, 116¾; do, 2's, 100; Northern Pacific, 21⅛; Canadian Pacific, 88; Central Pacific, 30¾; Union Pacific, 44½; Atchison and Santa Fe, 37; Wells-Fargo, 142; Western Union, 87⅞; Silver, 85⅝c; Sterling, 84 87¾@89.

Wheat—March, 97c. Flour, steady. Coffee, $13 30. Sugar, 2¾@4¼c. Hops—Pacific Coast, 19@26c. Wool—Coarse, 26@28c; fine, 31@36c. Tea—Spot, $19 30. Lead—Domestic, $4 15. Iron—$16. Petroleum, 55c.

HOPS.

In Hops the tone is strong and former prices are fully maintained. The demand is fair for the trade. Up to 25¼c was reached on prime stock, delivered on March contracts. London is very steady. Germany is firm.

SUGAR AND COFFEE.

Sugar—Raw, firm and unchanged; refined quiet; cut loaf crushed, 5@5¼c; powdered cubes, 4⅝@4¾c; granulated, 4⅛@4½c; moiders' A, 4.56@4.69c; confectioners' A, 4⅛@4⅜c.

Coffee—Spot Rio firm; sales of 15 to 25 points lower. Sales of 25,000 bags. March, $13 30; April, $12 80; May, $12 55.

Chicago Markets.

CHICAGO, March 30.—Wheat was unsettled and ¾c higher on large purchases of cash yesterday for prompt shipment, covering by shorts and investment buying; advanced ¾c more, weakened on free speculative offerings, receded 1¼c, held steady, and closed easy at ⅜c lower than yesterday. Receipts, 69,000 bushels; shipments, 46,000 bushels. Rye 7½c higher. Barley—Nominal.

CHICAGO, March 30.—Wheat—Cash, 78⅜c. Corn—39c. Pork—$10 05. Lard—$6 17½. Ribs—$5 22½. Whisky—$1 13.

Portland's Business.

PORTLAND, Or., March 30.—Clearances, $371,000; balances, $77,000.

Exchange and Bullion.

Sterling Exchange, 60 days	—	4 87¾
Sterling Exchange, sight	—	4 90
Sterling Exchange, cable	—	4 90½
New York Exchange, sight	—	25
New York Exchange, telegraphic	—	30
Fine Silver ⅌ ounce	85⅝	85¾
Mexican Dollars	67	69

Shipping Notes.

Steamers to sail to-day are the Michigan for Puget Sound and the Truckee for Tillamook Bay. The Willamette Valley sails due from Yaquina Bay, the Point Loma from Grays Harbor, the Humboldt from Humboldt Bay, the Arcata from Mendocino, the Del Norte from Coos Bay, the Santa Cruz from the southern coast, and the Gipsy from the Salinas River.

The bark Alex McNeil, 1088 tons, loads Coal at Cooks Inlet, Alaska, for this port.

The ship A. G. Ropes, 2342 tons, goes in ballast to New York; ship Yorktown, 1881