MISCELLANEOUS.

A dirty house creates a strife between the good man and his wife—
TO secure peace
use SAPOLIO. It is
a solid cake of scouring soap. Try it.
SAPOLIO reduces labor but conquers
dirt and makes home bright and happy.

A complete wreck of domestic happiness has often resulted from badly washed dishes, from an unclean kitchen, or from trifles which seemed light as air. But by these things a man often judges of his wife's devotion to her family, and charges her with general neglect when he finds her careless in these particulars. Many a home owes a large part of its thrifty neatness and its consequent happiness to SAPOLIO.

### THE ROSE IN MY HEART.

All things uncomely and broken, all things worn out and old,
The cry of a child by the roadway, the creak of a lumbering cart,
The heavy steps of the plowman splashing the winter mold,
Are wronging your image that blossoms a rose in the deeps of my heart.

The wrong of the things misshapen is wrong too great to be told;
I hunger to build them anew, and sit on a green knoll apart,
With the earth and the sky and the water remade, like a casket of gold
For my dreams of your image that blossoms a rose in the deeps of my heart. W. B. YEATS.

## A CORPORAL'S ORDERS.

Twenty army-wagons and their drivers—fifty cavalrymen from Troop E—a pull of ninety miles across the Indian country. Yes, we shall be attacked by the hostiles. They would not let such an opportunity pass. They can muster four to one, even if we counted in the teamsters. Colonel Blank, at the new post to which we were bound, had written to Captain White, who was to command the train:

"My wife is to come out with you. See that my previous instructions are carried out. She knows what they are."

And we had not marched an hour when Captain White sent for me and said:

"Corporal, you will act as a special guard over the third wagon."

"Very well, sir."

"The colonel's wife is in that wagon, as you probably know."

"Yes, sir."

"In case the Indians are too strong for us, they must not find her alive. That's all!"

I rode back to the third wagon and placed my horse at the nigh forewheel and lifted my cap to the lady, who had been provided with a comfortable seat by herself. She was a little bit of a woman, not over 25 years old, and married to the colonel only two years before. She looked at me out of her big blue eyes and smiled, but she could not steady her voice as she leaned forward and inquired:

"Corporal, do you—think we shall be attacked?"

"Quite likely, ma'am, but we may squeeze through."

"And if attacked and you can't beat the Indians off you—"

"I have the captain's orders, ma'am!"

"Yes; very well."

We both understood. I had been especially detailed to kill her if I saw that we were to be wiped out! The thought of it made me dizzy as I rode along. Now and then I glanced up at her, to find her face white and her eyes anxiously searching the horizon. I had my orders and was to obey them, but could I do it? If I was the last living man of that train could I raise my carbine and become her murderer?

At 2 o'clock on the afternoon of the second day out we saw a dozen mounted Indians on a ridge to the right, and closed up the train. To the left was a succession of ridges, and if there was any force of hostiles about they were hidden behind them. The colonel's wife was one of the first to discover the Indians at the right. She was looking in that direction as I galloped up.

"We shall be attacked?" she queried.

"Within ten minutes, ma'am."

"Well, you—you—"

"Yes'm, but I hope we shall beat them off."

The redskins on the right now began to ride to and fro and whoop and yell and seek to draw our attention and force the train to halt. Orders had been given the day before to keep moving in case of attack. In closing up the wagons had doubled the line, moving two abreast. The horsemen fell into their places at once—twenty on a side, five in front and five in rear. Some of the teamsters had carbines, while all had revolvers. Half a mile beyond where we had seen the first Indian the attack was made, and it was a bold one. As we came opposite a valley running back into the ridges a hundred or more mounted Indians came charging down on us. The valley was just about as wide as the train was long, and therefore the twenty of us on that side had a chance at the reds as they came on in a mob, shooting, shouting and seemingly determined to ride over us.

"Corporal!"

It was the voice of the colonel's wife, just as we were preparing to fire.

"Yes'm, I remember," I replied, as I lowered my carbine to look up at her.

We poured the fire of our carbines into the charging mass, and checked its rush. The Indians then passed to our front and rear, so as to assail us on all sides. There were fully 300 of them, and had the train halted but for a minute they would have had us wiped out. A part of them had been ordered to fire only at the mules attached to the wagons. As they were kept moving only three or four were struck and none disabled.

"Corpora!"

There was fighting on front and rear and both sides, and the bullets were flying about us in a spiteful way. Five had passed through the covering of the wagon beside me.

It was the colonel's wife calling to me. I looked up into her white face and she gasped:

"Corporal, are you going to—to——"

"Not yet; we are holding our own!" I replied, as I turned to open fire again.

We were gradually getting out of the trap. Farther on the ground was open and to our advantage. The Indian always does his best fighting at the start. Here and there we had a man wounded, but there was no confusion—no halting. Whenever they gathered as if to charge we opened fire on the spot and scattered them. Our fire was rapid and well sustained, and at the end of a quarter of an hour we had them beaten. We were just drawing clear of the ridge when a bullet struck the third wagon teamster in the shoulder, and he fell forward on his saddle. It happened right under the eyes of the colonel's wife, and she called to me:

"Corporal, obey your orders!"

She had her hands over her face so that she might not see me as I raised my gun. The next few seconds must have been terrible.

"Beg pardon, ma'am, but the reds are drawing off, and the victory is ours."

She dropped her hands and stared at me for a minute as if she could not comprehend. Then she fell back in a dead faint, and it was a long half hour before her blue eyes opened to the sunshine again. A week later, at the new post, Colonel Blank called me in and asked:

"Corporal, weren't you ordered to shoot Mrs. Blank?"

"Yes, sir."

"Then why didn't you do it?" he sternly demanded.

"I—I was going to, but—"

"But what, sir? It was gross disobedience of orders, and you are no longer a corporal."

But that was the old martinet's way of promoting me to a sergeantcy.—St. Louis Republic.

## MURDERED BY HIS MATE.

### A Chinese Laborer Slain in Placer County.

Auburn Republican, Dec. 14.

Another murder has occurred in Placer County. On Sunday last, while August Vollerson was passing across the ranch of Frank Miller, he discovered a Chinaman named Ah Sun dead about 150 feet from the cabin. Upon examination of the body the head was found to have been crushed and a bullet hole was discovered through the left side, either of which wounds would prove fatal. Mr. Vollerson sent the news of the murder to Auburn, and Under-Sheriff James Walsh, accompanied by Coroner McHale, started at once to the scene of the murder. It was evident that the wound in the head had been made by a blunt instrument, and an examination soon revealed an axe smeared with blood, which had been partly hidden in an ash pile. A jury was summoned and Joseph Gildersleeve testified that he heard five shots in the direction of the cabin at 6 o'clock on the Friday evening previous, and as neither of the Chinamen who lived at the cabin had been seen since, it was concluded that the murder occurred at that time.

It is supposed that Ah Chung, the partner of the dead Chinaman, committed the murder, as he has not been seen since last Friday. The supposed murderer is more than 60 years of age, is quite gray and wears a mustache. It is supposed that the murderer must have some marks of the struggle upon his person as it is evident that after committing the murder he went to take some article from the valise in the cabin, which showed drops of blood inside and out. The dead Chinaman was known to have $15 in his possession on Friday.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

F. P. Pray and wife to A. W. S. and Ernest A. Cochrad, lot on S line of Green street, 200 W of Pierce, W 25 by S 137.6; $10.

James J., Mary A., Catherine A., Alice L. and Eleanor F. Riley to Margaret A. Riley, lot on N line of Haight street, 55 W of Broderick, W 27.6 by N 110; $10.

John Mile (by Sheriff) to B. Kliegel, lot on W line of Broderick street, 127.6 N of Tonquin, S 60.9 by W 70.9; $487.

Ebenezer L. Barnard to Theodor Bussmann, lot on S line of Clinton Park, 130 E of Dolores, E 25 by S 75; $10.

Helena Masson to William J. and Marie L. Evens, lot on N line of Twentieth street, 305 W of Guerrero, W 25 by N 114; $10.

J. D. Riordan and wife to Louis Landler, lot on SE corner of Sanchez and Clipper streets, S 28 by E 80; $10.

Walter Young and as attorney William Murray by attorney to State Investment and Insurance Company, lot on W line of Sanchez street, 50 N of Gold, N 68.9, W 114.3, S 9.9, W 23, S 119, E 57.6, N 60, E 80; $10.

State Investment and Insurance Company to Janet S. Fortescue, same; $40,000.

Annie Garlot to Louise V. Garlot, all interest in lot on N line of Washington street, 40 W of Dupont, W 20 by N 80; $10.

H. H. Lynch and wife to Olof W. Nordwell, lot on NW corner of Taylor and Jackson streets, N 31.6 by W 125; $10.

Mary S. Sullivan to William D. Keyston, lot on N line of Bush street, 103:1½ E of Hyde, E 34:4½ by N 137.6; $10.

J. M. Wright and wife to James F. Locke, lot on W line of Thirteenth avenue, 100 S of J street, S 75 by W 120; $10.

W. W. Henry and wife to John A. Green, lot on E line of Twenty-ninth avenue, 300 N of V street, N 50 by E 120; $300.

Elizabeth Taaffe to City and County of San Francisco, streets, etc.; $1.

Laurel Hill Cemetery Association to William Arrington, lot 2853, Laurel Hill Cemetery Association; $1068.

William Arrington to Emily J. Wilson, same; $3500.

ALAMEDA COUNTY.

Elsie A. McElrath (wife of J. E.) to Mrs. N. L. Cooper of Alameda, lot 6, block 2098, Alden Tract, Temescal, Oakland Township; $10.

Same to Mrs. J. A. Smith of Alameda, lots 3 and 4, block 2094, Alden Tract, Temescal, Oakland Township; $10.

Pierre Guerre of Oakland to Pascal Bellegarde of San Francisco, lot on N line of Joy street, 483.80 E of Humboldt (Telegraph avenue), E 50 by N 100, lots 19 and 20, block 9, resubdivision of Roberts & Wolfskill Tract, Oakland Township; $300.

Z. and Ellen Montgomery (by attorney) to W. F. Rudolph of Oakland, lot on NE corner of Grove and Forest streets, E 86.9, N 166.80, W 60.8, S 84.10, being lots 53 to 65, Montgomery Tract 2, Oakland Township; $10.

Irwin J. Truman of San Francisco to J. S. Emery of Oakland Township, lots 7 and 18 to 23, block 3, Kimball Tract, except any and all portions of the above named lots conveyed to W. B. Johnson and to the California and Nevada Railroad Company, Oakland Township; $5.

Isaac and Phoebe Mincher of Oakland to W. M. Campbell of Oakland, lot on S line of Crawford street, 100 E of Washington avenue, E 25 by S 227.6, being the E half of lot 12, block 6, amended map of J. W. Crawford Tract, Oakland Township; $10.

Albert J. and Ella E. Lyon to Henry Mohns, lot on NE corner of Central avenue and Sherman, E 100 by N 100, lots 37 to 40, block 19, Fitch Homestead, quitclaim, Alameda; $10.

James T. Ashby of Oakland to Elizabeth J. Eaton of Oakland, lot on NW corner of Chester and Essex streets, W 68.79 by N 105, lot 13, block D, Newbury Tract, Berkeley; $10.

James and Joseph Warner of Oakland to G. N. Latham of San Francisco, lot 6, block 16, Warner Tract, Brooklyn Township; $10.

C. E. White and wife and E. P. Vandercook to George A. and Adam Wendt of Oakland, lot on NE line of Hopkins street, 125 NW of Thirteenth avenue, NW 126.68, SE 50, SW 126.20, being the NW ½ of lot 3 and SE ½ of lot 4, block 4, East Oakland Heights, East Oakland; $10.

James and Joseph Warner of Oakland to Jim Rose Leathers of Kentucky, lot 5, block 19, Warner Tract, Brooklyn Township; $10.

Duncan Hutchings of Alameda to J. O. Hutchings of Alameda, five acres commencing at a point in E line of the road from Haywards to Moraga Valley and at the SW corner of the tract of five acres of Crowley, thence N 13.350 chains along to Crowley's S corner, SW 4.047 chains, SW 12.323, to E line of Moraga Valley; thence NW 3.9 chains to beginning, being a portion of a tract of land of 115.25 acres conveyed by D. G. Atherton to A. Krogh, Eden Township; $10.

John M. and M. T. English of Oakland to E. E. Morris of Oakland, lot on W line of Sixty-second street, 137.46 N of Foothill, N 34.5, W 120, S 137.6, E 120, being lot 3, block 2043, Rowland Tract, Oakland; $10.

Mary C. Stackpole (wife of W. J.) to Sidney Newell of Stockton, lot 5, Rock Island Tract, Oakland Township; $300.

Elsie A. McElrath (wife of J. E.) to George W. Caswell of San Francisco, lot 18, block 2107, Alden Tract, Temescal, Oakland Township; $10.

Benjamin and Margaret Sturman of Alameda to Blanche D. Cary (wife of F. G.) of Alameda, lot on SW corner of Santa Clara avenue and Pearl street, W 61 by S 138, Alameda; gift.

D. W. and Minnie G. Martin of Alameda to H. P. Morenal of Alameda, lot on N line of San Jose avenue, 400 E of Chestnut street, E 50 by N 150, lot 3 in W half block M, lands adjacent to Encinal, Alameda; $10.

Edwin W. Woodward (as trustee) of Oakland to Lois C. Folsom of Oregon, lot 63, block B, amended map Christiania Tract, Berkeley; $10.

First National Bank to George G. Baker of Oakland, lots 12, 14 and 38, block A, lots 24, 25 and 34, block B, lots 7 and 12, block C, Fanny Davenport Tract, Brooklyn Township; $10.

George G. and Frances C. Baker of Oakland to Union Savings Bank, same, Brooklyn Township; $10.

## HOTEL ARRIVALS.

OCCIDENTAL HOTEL

F L Wells, Chicago
J H Harris, N Y
Dr Macdonald & w, Cal
W Wescott, Milwaukee
Miss M L Sherman, Mass
Dr M Soule, Australia
L Atherton, Honolulu
Mrs F Halstead, ch & m, Honolulu
S G Whipple, Honolulu
L Mobitas, Sacramento
J Fuller & w, Richmond
L L Whitman, St Louis
Mrs Peterson & c, Seattle
F W Hatch, Agnews
Mrs Hatch, Agnews
J R McDonald, Sacto
W E Atwater, Lakeport
L A Chase, Cuba
F Miller & w, Sacto
J F McCraken & w, Sacto
C E Davies, Chicago
Mrs Ryan, Monterey
C L Barrett, Cal
H E Parmenter, U S N
Mrs Murphy, San Miguel
Miss L Ranken, Selby
J Moore, w & c, Chicago
D S Richardson, Cal
C Graham, Detroit
J Layport & w, Kans
Mrs K Carrigan, Sonoma
E Walden Jr & w, N Y
J H Hearns, Milwaukee
J Sneidon, Mich
Rev T Beniecia, Benicia
E C Ewing, Chicago
GW Macfarlane, Honolulu
Mrs Macfarlane, do
H W Earle, Stockton
A Kelly, Raymond
G Beaver & w, Sta Clara
Miss Ryan, Richmond
W A McKay, Stanford University
Austin Kautz, do
Tyson R Miller, do
W Krumme, Stockton
E L Felley, Santa Rosa
H Harris, Tenn
Miss Miller, Sacramento
Nellis Howe, do
L Carrigan, Chicago
Miss Ryan, Monterey
S G Barrett, Cal
Dr H Murphy, San Miguel
W R Ranken, Selby
G W Beaman, Mare Island
L P Brant, U S A
D C Elwell & w, Boston
L Miner, Los Angeles

PALACE HOTEL.

T W Colson, Chicago
E J Dwyer, Kingston
Miss Dwyer, Kingston
Miss B Dwyer, Kingston
R Goodell & w, Selma
E Doyle, Chicago
F Lewis & w, S Rafael
J D Isaacs & w, Belmont
G Stevenson, Redding
C H Schnabel, San Jose
W T Pritchard, Tacoma
T E Ewer, Tacoma
H B Allen & w, N Y
S Simon & w, New York
G Gredsworth, N Y
A B Manahan, Pasadena
F L Wilmans, Seattle
J L Powell, Seattle
Senor Quarlidito, Mexico
O B Gunn, Los Angeles
W B Chamberlin, Reno

INTERNATIOANL HOTEL.

D Martin, Vallejo
Mrs Van de Bogert, Cal
O L Atherton, Albany
C M Johnson, Santa Cruz
A Billing, Stockton
V Johnson & w f, St Paul
A Anderson, Montreal
C Geddings, Michigan
G Gibson, Cal
J Wilson, Mexico
V Thorne, Minneapolis
M King, Mexico
H Duncan & wf, Kansas
N Snyder, Fresno
J H Heald, Santa Cruz
B M Elliott, Indiana
L Wilson, Mexico
G Billing, Stockton
M Turner, Mass
J W Higgins, Oregon
N A Tribby & wf, Montreal
J McCracken & wf, Cal
F Arnold, Oakland
F Martin, U S N
W H Ainsly, Los Angeles
S Gilder, Des Moines

NEW WESTERN HOTEL.

C H McAllister, Sacmento
Aiger Gard, Ohio
W H Gard, Ohio
Mary H Gard, Ohio
Ed G Moore, Sacramento
A Y Hagy, Alameda
R Healy, San Jose
A J Hunt, Oakland
J W White, Stockton
W A Macdie, Alameda
Wm Hayward, San Jose
J Miller, Santa Rosa
S D Merritt, Chicago
W M Drais, Los Angeles
Jas P Myler, Olema
Amos Higgins, Nevada
A Cox & w, Mt Eden
H L Goodwin, Napa
Lew Heckel, Napa
Wm Authut, Sonoma
W H Andy, Los Angeles

## THE COFFEY MILL.

### Where Rapacious Lawyers Are Pulverized.

### SOME EXORBITANT CHARGES.

Ex-Chief of Police Burke Appointed Guardian of Henry Macdonald. Bodfish and McKinne.

Judge Coffey held another seance yesterday at the expense of attorneys who had incurred his displeasure because of their methods in phlebotomizing clients in probate proceedings.

The courtroom was thronged during the day with lawyers and others drawn thither in pursuit of relief, reproof or entertainment. When the gas was lighted several attorneys, who had bided their time all day to obtain a hearing, had to depart disappointed because they had not been heard.

A new guardian was appointed for Henry Macdonald in the person of Martin J. Burke of Madison & Burke, and formerly Chief of Police of this city. Judge Coffey remarked that that kind of a man was needed to take care of a boy like Henry. He was 83 years of age, and, besides having brought up children of his own, had already acted as a guardian for boys. When Mr. Burke accepted the trust, he informed the Judge that during the lifetime of C. E. S. Macdonald he had charge of his real estate and affairs. Judge Coffey remarked: "I had forgotten that. It is a felicitous coincidence that you are now his son's guardian."

Before the boy had told the Judge he would be satisfied with any action he should take in his behalf he was asked whether anybody had talked to him about the case since he left the stand on Thursday. Henry replied that Lawyer W. H. Cousins had spoken to him, telling him that he knew the court would not appoint Billy Jordan as his guardian and had also asked him what had occurred between Judge Coffey and him in his chambers. "Did he ask any other impertinent questions?" inquired the Judge. "No, sir," was the reply.

Mr. Corbett's report as administrator, with his bankbook and vouchers, was passed up to the bench later in the day. Judge Coffey, upon looking at the bankbook, found that on that day for the first time was written in red ink on the cover, the words, "Subject to the order of court." He became very indignant, and asked why it had not been written at the time the order was made. The circumstance that money had been drawn out on the very day that he had forbidden Mr. Corbett paying money out on account of the estate without an order of the court made him still angrier. He directed all the parties to be in court today, by which time Mr. Burke's attorney would have had an opportunity to examine Mr. Corbett's accounts.

Attorney W. H. Bodfish was severely rebuked by Judge Coffey for trying to collect too large a fee from a widow named Mrs. Bane.

An order had been made granting her an allowance from her husband's estate of $600 for her support, computed at the rate of $40 a month. The poor woman informed the court that Bodfish wanted her to pay him $300, or half the amount.

"What does he want?" said the Judge. "Half the estate or half the fee?"

Mrs. Bane said he wanted half her allowance.

"Is he a member of your family?" asked Judge Coffey.

Bodfish said he had a contract with Mrs. Bane and relied on her paying him without coming into court.

"What kind of a contract—dual or duplex?" asked the Judge.

"She agreed to pay me one-half after deducting the expenses of administration."

"Well, the contract is off," said Judge Coffey, casting a blighting look at the astonished attorney, who was further told to bring in his bill and it would be allowed on the basis of what his services were worth.

The next expose of legal talent was made when the estate of John d'Arcy was called. Attorney Charles S. Cushing objected to the settlement of the account as administratrix because it failed to show that $650 had been paid to her counsel, Horace W. Philbrook.

Mrs. d'Arcy said she had settled with her attorney because she had been advised by Major McKinne that if the court had fixed the fee an enormous compensation would be allowed. The major, she said, had told her of a case wherein he had been allowed a fee of $500 out of an estate worth only $500, which was more than he would have charged.

Judge Coffey drew a long breath and then said, "Well, that's the first time I ever heard of McKinne getting more than he thought he was entitled to."

During recess Judge Coffey had the records examined bearing upon every case in which McKinne had been paid a fee for services rendered in his court and McKinne was on the stand the entire afternoon explaining that he had never made such a statement to Mrs. D'Arcy and that she had misunderstood what he had told her.

When the account was finally passed up Judge Coffey looked at the paper and then at his watch. From the paper he discovered that the Philbrook fee was not one of the items and from his watch that three hours had been consumed in the consideration of nothing that was before the court. It was at this juncture that the gas was lighted and the other attorneys in waiting gathered up their papers and fled.

## THE KINDERGARTENS.

### Their Festivals Still Making the Little Ones Happy.

The children at the different kindergartens were still celebrating yesterday, and the happy little ones finished their year's work with well-filled pockets.

In the morning the William R. Steuben and Insurance Kindergartens held their exercises at Nineteenth and Hampshire streets, fifty or more children being present. A regular programme was gone through with and every one went away happy. Miss Laura Richards, the principal, and her assistants, Miss Lou Ewall and Miss Lillian Abbotts, feel well satisfied with their year's work.

The Pearl Dowda School also held exercises, the principal, Miss Delphine Hawkins, managing the dances and singing. All the children received presents. The exhibition was a very pretty one and was very pleasing, because of the unaffected manner of the principal and the daintiness and artistic grace with which she put the children through their pretty exercises.

In the afternoon Stanford No. 5 and Emily Faithfull schools, at 3270 Mission street, gave an elaborate festival, in which over a hundred children took part. The rooms were tastefully decorated with a big Christmas tree in the middle. They had a real Santa Claus there, who descended among the children and distributed presents much to their delight. The festivities were carried on until late in the afternoon, and a large programme was gone through with by the children. The two schools are in charge of Miss Mary Gamble and Miss Anna Lehmkuhm as principals and Miss Josie Kentley as assistant, who made the festival a complete success.

## CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

### Do Not Try to Send Them Abroad by Mail.

A few instructions regarding the sending of Christmas presents abroad are now in order and may save many persons the disgust of having their presents go astray when they expect them to be received by friends.

Regarding European mail the Postoffice clerks have considerable trouble, as there is an idea in the minds of many people that anything can be sent abroad in this manner. This is not so, and any present that is salable, such as hats, shoes, etc., in fact almost any merchandise, cannot be sent through the mails, as there is a duty imposed upon such things and they must go through the regular channels for shipping goods.

Weigh all domestic packages and know just how many stamps you want before getting into line at the stamp-window and not keep a whole line of people, who may be in a hurry, waiting for their stamps while you make the stamp-clerk or registry clerk weigh each of your parcels.

Mark your name and address plainly on each wrapper, and thus insure a safe return if you should make any mistake in the postage or direction.

### Just a Guaranty.

Griffith and Fehernbach, the two men arrested on Thursday for swindling poor men out of money by the old employment office game, were each held to answer before the Superior Court on a second charge of obtaining money under false pretenses by Judge Joachimsen yesterday, their bonds being fixed at $3000 each, in default of which they went to jail.

The testimony showed that the men had been for months employing men for first one and then another of the partners in the swindle and taking from each man so employed every dollar they could secure. After they got the money from the men upon the plea that it was taken simply as a guaranty of faithful service, the men were discharged and instead of their money being returned they were given worthless promissory notes. The prosecution claims to have a certain case against the men.

## PACIFIC MAIL'S RIVAL.

### Facts About the Incorporation of the New Line.

Frank Johnson of the Johnson-Locke Mercantile Company and the projectors of the new Panama steamship line to run in connection with the Panama Railway and in opposition to the Pacific Mail line of steamers stated yesterday that the movement of the latter company in New York to compel the Panama Railway to embarrass the new organization was sure to result in a complete and total failure.

There was now no doubt that the new line would be inaugurated and at no distant period. The incorporation was now complete and the outline of the plant decided upon.

In a few days the names of the incorporators, which include many of the most energetic and enterprising merchants of the city, together with all other particulars relating to the line, would be made public. It was said that the incorporators were disposed to hold back these particulars until the formalities attendant upon the organization were completed.

"The line is a fixed fact," remarked Mr. Johnson, "and when all the arrangements are ready for announcement the public will know that it has come to stay."

## THE STOCK MARKET.

There was no change in the market yesterday. The committee appointed by the Comstock Pumping Association to confer with the managers of the north-end and middle mines has already begun its labors. The project, as presented by the association, was well received on the street, and it is quite likely that the plan will be adopted. Should it fail to pass, the pumping will necessarily stop in the Gold Hill mines, as several companies, parties to the agreement, have given notice of their withdrawal from the association. The expense would then prove so heavy on the remaining companies that they would hardly be able to stand the pressure.

Latest advices from the Con. Cal. & Va. state that the superintendent feels certain that the bulkhead work from the C. & C. side of the mine is accomplishing all that could be desired.

The seepage of gas through the old Consolidated Virginia shaft shows a marked decrease. One fire is suffering for good air and will soon die out. They are doing the necessary bulkhead work in the stopes on the 1600 foot level of the shaft.

Outside of lively trading in Potosi and Belcher the market was rather dull at the opening yesterday. Potosi was in demand at $1 90 and Belcher fluctuated between $1 85 and $1 70 to sale of 2400 shares. These two stocks continued active throughout the day, and the market was quite strong at the close last evening.

NOTES.

Bullion valued at $7787 83 has been received from the Potosi.

The Shasta Iron Company has levied an assessment of 1 cent per share, delinquent January 20.

### Assessments Pending.

The following is a list of assessments now pending:

| Company. | No. | Amt. | Delinquent in the Board. | Sale Day |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Occidental | 11 | $5 | Nov 25 | Dec 21 |
| Echeverria | 10 | 10 | Nov 28 | Dec 26 |
| Carra M. & M. Co | 1 | 00 | Nov 28 | Dec 28 |
| Navajo | 23 | 10 | Dec 6 | Dec 30 |
| Belle Isle | 15 | 10 | Dec 6 | Jan 4 |
| Sierra Nevada | 103 | 25 | Dec 10 | Jan 3 |
| Louvre Con | 1 | 05 | Dec 14 | Dec 30 |
| North Belle Isle | 21 | 10 | Dec 15 | Jan 17 |
| North Gould & Curry | 14 | 03 | Dec 22 | Jan 19 |
| Con. Imperial | 34 | 03 | Dec 23 | Jan 19 |
| Gould & Curry | 70 | 25 | Dec 23 | Jan 20 |
| Bel Monte | 7 | 10 | Dec 28 | Jan 24 |
| Exchequer & Hecher | 3 | 30 | Dec 28 | Jan 24 |
| Commonwealth | 10 | 10 | Dec 24 | Jan 24 |
| Challenge | 13 | 25 | Dec 31 | Jan 25 |
| Yellow Jacket | 53 | 30 | Jan 6 | Feb 14 |
| Eureka Star | 7 | 10 | Jan 12 | Jan 31 |
| Con. Cal. & Va | 3 | 50 | Jan 13 | Feb 10 |
| Utah Con | 16 | 10 | Jan 13 | Feb 9 |
| Martin White | 28 | 25 | Jan 16 | Feb 20 |

NOTE—Assessments of mines not listed on the Board fall delinquent in office.

### Dividends Declared.

| Company. | Amount. | Payable. |
|---|---|---|
| Standard | $ 10 | Dec 23 |

### BOARD SALES.

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

FIRST BOARD SESSION—9:30 A. M.

100 Alta.....25 | 250 C Point...90 | 350 Mexican...1.30
850 Belchr...1.80 | 300 C C & V...1.75 | 300 Ophir.....40
1320 .....1.95 | 305 .....1.65 | 300 Ophir.....45
200 .....1.85 | 80 Confed...1.70 | 500 Overm.....50
50 .....2.00 | 50 .....1¾ | 50 .....45
400 B & B.....12 | 200 G & C Con...1.45 | Potosi...1.90
150 Bodie.....20 | 150 .....60 | 300 Savage...1.10
150 Bullion.....85 | 50 H & N...1.20 | 100 S Nev...1.40
100 .....90 | 100 .....1¼ | 240 Union.....1.20
20 .....1.00 | 50 Justice.....30 | 100 Y Jacket...65
400 Chal C.....40 | 100 Lady W.....10 | 150 .....55
300 Choliar.....75

AFTERNOON SESSION—2:30.

100 Alta.....20 | 300 C C & V...1.70 | 400 Peerless...05
300 Belchr...1.80 | 100 Con N Y...80 | 1000 Potosi.....90
200 Andes.....30 | 500 C Point...85 | 100 .....1.95
400 Belchr...1.85 | 470 .....80 | 100 Savage...1.05
150 .....1.90 | 400 Exche.....20 | 500 .....1.00
450 .....1.80 | 400 G & C.....60 | 400 S B & M...23
100 B & B...1¼ | 100 H & N...1.15 | 50 S Nev...1.40
20 .....1¼ | 100 Kentuck...20 | 100 .....1.35
1400 Bullion...85 | 50 Ophir.....1.70 | 50 S King.....40
100 Chal C.....40 | 1000 Overm...50 | 50 Union.....1¼
150 Choliar.....70

Following were the sales in the Pacific Stock Board yesterday:

REGULAR SESSION—10:30.

100 Alta.....30 | 100 C Point...82 | 350 Potosi...1.85
1050 Belchr...1.80 | 200 .....87½ | 100 .....1.90
950 .....1.80 | 350 .....90 | 50 .....2.00
500 .....1½ | 500 .....85 | 550 Savage...1.10
100 .....1.90 | 100 G & C.....64 | 150 .....1.05
600 .....1.95 | 500 H & N...1.20 | 500 S B & M...1
500 B & B.....1¼ | 300 Justice...30 | 200 S Nev...1.45
500 Bullion.....85 | 200 .....35 | 130 Union.....1¼
800 .....87½ | 200 Mexican...1.30 | 100 .....1.50
100 .....84 | 50 Ophir.....1.80 | 300 Utah.....08
100 Chal C.....45 | 50 Overm.....48 | 300 .....10
100 Choliar...72 | 500 .....45 | 500 Y Jacket...55
350 Con Va...1.70 | 450 Potosi...1.90 | 500 .....60
900 C Imp.....02 | 450 .....1⅞ | 50 .....50

AFTERNOON SESSION—2:30.

50 Belchr...1¾ | 1000 C Imp...02 | 450 Potosi...1.90
400 .....1.80 | 100 C Point...85 | 250 .....1.95
1050 .....1.85 | 500 .....87½ | 250 Savage...1.05
100 .....1⅞ | 100 Exchequer...20 | 200 S B & M...23
500 B & B...1¼ | 100 H & N...1.20 | 100 .....25
200 Bullion.....85 | 100 .....1¼ | 150 S Nev...1.40
100 .....82 | 100 Mexican...1.35 | 100 .....1.35
300 .....85 | 100 .....1.30 | 600 Y Jacket...60
50 CC&V...1.65 | 50 Ophir.....1¾ | 100 .....57
50 .....1.70

### CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

FRIDAY, Dec. 16—4 P. M.

| | Bid | Asked. | | Bid. | Asked. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alpha Con | 20 | 25 | Julia | 05 | 10 |
| Alta | 90 | 95 | Justice | 25 | 30 |
| Andes | 25 | 30 | Kentuck | 20 | 25 |
| Belcher | 1.85 | 1.90 | Lady Washington | 10 | 15 |
| Bullion | 80 | 85 | Locomotive | — | 05 |
| Best & Belcher | 1.25 | 1.30 | Mexican | 1.25 | 1.30 |
| Bodie | 15 | 25 | Mono | 15 | 20 |
| Benton Con | — | 1.50 | Mount Diablo | — | 1.00 |
| Bullion | — | 80 | Navajo | — | 15 |
| Bulwer | 15 | 20 | N Belle Isle | — | 15 |
| Central | — | 05 | N Commonwith | — | 05 |
| Caledonia | 15 | 25 | Nev Queen | 05 | 10 |
| Comstock Tunnel | — | 05 | Ophir | 1.70 | 1.75 |
| Challenge Con | 40 | 45 | Occidental | 25 | 30 |
| Choliar | 70 | 75 | Overman | 45 | 50 |
| Con Cal & Va | 1.65 | 1.70 | Peer | 05 | 10 |
| Con Virginia | 2.00 | 2.05 | Phoenix | — | 05 |
| Con New York | 55 | 60 | Potosi | 1.90 | 2.00 |
| Con Imperial | — | 05 | Savage | 1.00 | 1.05 |
| Crocker | — | 05 | S Bk Hdbs Co | 25 | 30 |
| Crown Point | 80 | 85 | Scorpion | 05 | 10 |
| Del Monte | — | 05 | Sierra Nevada | 1.35 | 1.40 |
| Exchequer | 15 | 20 | Silver Hill | 10 | 15 |
| Eureka | — | 2.00 | Silver King | 35 | 40 |
| East Sierra Nev | — | 05 | Union Con | 1.20 | 1.25 |
| Grand Prize | 05 | 10 | Utah | 05 | 10 |
| Gould & Curry | 60 | 65 | Weldon | — | 05 |
| Hale & Norcross | 1.15 | 1.20 | Y Jacket | 55 | 60 |

### MISCELLANEOUS SECURITIES.

FRIDAY, Dec. 16—2 P. M.

| | Bid. | Asked. | | Bid. | Asked. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| U S Bds, 4's | 113¼ | — | Blue Lakes | 20 | — |
| Cal-st Cons 5's | 101 | — | Capital Gas | — | 58 |
| Cnta Co W 5's | 102¼ | 103 | Central Gas | 90 | 90 |
| Dpmt-st 7's | 140 | 160 | Oakland Gas | 41 | — |
| Do, ex-coup | 91 | — | Pac Gas Imp | 76⅞ | 77¼ |
| P&C Rwy 6's | 105 | 108¾ | Pacific Lighting | — | 50 |
| LA Light Co. 6's | 101 | 105 | S F Gas Light | 69¾ | 70⅛ |
| Do, Unted. 6's | 101 | 105 | Sutro G & R | — | 30 |
| M&P R Rds. 10s | 105 | — | Cal-st R R | 110 | 113 |
| Mkt-st R R 6's | 123 | — | F & C Ctle Ry | 29½ | 32 |
| Mntgy Ave 6's | — | 20 | Geary-st R R | — | 100 |
| NevCo RR 7's | 100 | — | N B & MR | 75 | — |
| Nev Cal RR 5's | 104½ | 105 | Omnibus RR | 85½ | — |
| N P R R 6's | 109 | 112 | Presidio RR | 20 | 28 |
| N Ry of Cal 6's | 110 | 115 | Californians | 80 | 90 |
| N Ry of Cal 5's | 98½ | — | Commercial Ins | — | 92½ |
| Oakld Gas 6's | 108 | 110 | Firemans Fund | — | 5 |
| OmbusCRy 6's | 115½ | 116½ | HomeMutual | 87½ | — |
| FalloMilR 6's | 100 | — | Statelnvestm | — | 79 |
| Do, 2d issue 6's | 101½ | — | Atlantic Pow | 47½ | 48¼ |
| P & R R 6's | 115 | 116 | Hanford | — | 100 |
| P & CH Ry 6's | 90 | 92½ | GiantPowCo | 40 | 43 |
| Pwl-st Ry 6's | 100 | 116 | Vigorit Pow | 2 | 2¼ |
| SF&SJ R 6's | 100 | 102¾ | Vulcan Pow | — | 10 |
| SPRR Cal 7's | 110½ | — | Bk Dis CM | — | 98 |
| SPRR Cal 5's | 97 | — | CalCotton MC | — | 48¼ |
| SF Rlty Cal 6's | — | 106½ | Cal Elec Light | 21⅛ | 22½ |
| SF Rlty 5's | — | 100 | Cal Elec Wks | 3½ | — |
| SV Water 4's | 91¾ | 92¾ | Hawaiian Com | — | 10c |
| SV Water 6's | 122 | — | Hutchn Sugar | 2¼ | — |
| Anglo Cal Bnk | 68½ | — | Judson Mfg C | 17 | — |
| Bank of Cal | — | 264 | Merch Exch Ass | 107 | — |
| Calif-st Deposit | 48½ | — | Oceanic S S | 27½ | 35 |
| First Nat Bank | 180 | 185 | Pac Coast BCo | 101 | — |
| LP & AmBank | 119 | 119 | Pacific Nat'l C | — | 14 |
| L & S F Bank | — | 90 | Pac Rolling Mill | — | 40 |
| Pacific Bank | — | 162 | PacWoodnwe | 40 | 30 |
| MerchExBnk | 15 | 21 | ParaffinePtCo | 90c | — |
| Contra Cos W | 100 | — | Pac Trans Co | — | 85 |
| Marin Co W | — | 55 | Pacific Ry Co | 30 | 35 |
| S V Water | — | 98¼ | | | |

MORNING SESSION.

Board—50 S V Water, 98; 50 Cal Electric Light 3, 21½; 10 do, 21⅝.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Board—10 Cal Electric Light, 21½.
Street—100 Hutchinson S P Co, 2½.

PACIFIC STOCK BOARD.

20 Cal Electric Light, 21¾; 50 do, 21⅝.

### Bishop Nichols.

Right Rev. Bishop Nichols is now making Episc