

ITS SPOILIATION

So Says Muir of the Yosemite.

CUTTING THE BRUSH.

Clearing Off and Trimming the Trees.

RANKEST OF MANAGEMENT.

The Fringe and Bloom Taken off the Valley.

GIVE IT TO THE GOVERNMENT.

That is What the Scientist Recommends, as Do Other Lovers of the Place.

OSEMITE'S friends are coming to the Yosemite valley, and they are crying out against the deeds of the vandals who have been doing so much to mar the beauty of the most picturesque valley in the world.

"Spoliation! Yes, that is what it amounts to," said John Muir, the Yosemite's greatest defender, speaking of the work that has been going on in the Yosemite.

"Why, I tell you that all that is destructive in the valley has in great part been done by the hand of man, and that the Yosemite is now a desert in its appearance."

John Muir, botanist, geologist, traveler and litterateur, is perhaps better acquainted with the Yosemite valley than any other man in California. There is not a spot in the valley which he is not familiar with.

He lived in the valley a long time and he has seen the Yosemite valley in its glory, and he has seen it in its decay.

"The Yosemite valley is now a desert in its appearance," said Muir, "and it is now a desert because of the spoliation that has been done to it."

"The spoliation that has been done to the Yosemite valley is of two kinds: first, the spoliation of the forest, and second, the spoliation of the water."

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NEW STREET LAW

An Act Regulating Street Extensions.

SOME OF ITS PROVISIONS.

Radical Changes From the Existing Statute—Mass-Meeting of Mission Property-Owners.

A large number of Mission property-owners assessed for the extension of Nineteenth street met at the corner of Twentieth and Guerrero streets last night and signed a petition to the Legislature requesting the repeal of the present street laws which extension schemes are projected.

A. P. Van Duzer presented the draft of a bill which is to be presented to the Legislature as a substitute for the law now in force.

"While I am on this subject, let me say a word about the Cambiotti bill, which has in view the restriction and contraction of the present street laws in the Yosemite valley."

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LOST HIS BIG TOE.

Sad Plight of a Man With a Sick Wife.

"Does your wife know anything about it?"

"A big tear rolled down the engineer's cheek and made a wet spot on his overalls."

"No, sir, and I don't want anybody to tell her. I will tell her myself; but it's rough on her and me. I don't care so much about myself. I can stand it. But my poor wife!"

"What is the matter with her?"

"Oh, sir, she has been sick a long time. She is hardly able to stir. Only a little while ago she took a tumor from her breast and now another is growing. I have been out of work for the last two months and I only struck this job last week."

"This is terrible. She is expecting me home to-night and this will break her heart. Tell me, what is the matter with her?"

"The engineer's foot was bandaged and he was unable to walk. The Police Surgeon had a few moments before told the young man that he would be laid up for three weeks."

"I was working nearly 22 a day," replied the engineer, in answer to questions regarding his condition. "It takes every cent I have to keep my wife and child from starving. She had no one but me to care for her. Now, what am I to do? And to think that I had just got my foot better!"

"Upon the Receiving Hospital register the following entry appeared: 'January 11, 1893, William B. Joseph, 718 Central street, lost his big toe.'"

Mr. Joseph said he was employed as an engineer at the Gibraltar Warehouse, owned by Huffer & Robinson, on Sansome street. He was expected to assist in handling freight in the warehouse besides attending to the passage of the net, then said that the freight elevator. About 3 o'clock he had loaded two barrels of cement to carry to the top of the building. He was sitting on one barrel, and just as he was starting someone shouted that the barrel was loose. He tried to get up, but his hand caught in the rope and he was thrown forward and caught in some of the machinery. He was unable to get up and his toe was torn off.

The afflicted man said he had met with an accident while serving as an engineer at the Gibraltar Warehouse. He had paid his dues for twelve years in the Foresters, but as he refused at that time to pay the dues he was expelled from the order. He was a member of the Stationary Engineers' Society, but that organization maintains no relief fund.

The case of this unfortunate man is one that deserves the sympathy of all who are able to aid those in distress.

OVER IN OAKLAND.

There is Trouble in the Colored Church.

Funeral of the Late E. W. Playter.

Sudden Disappearance of a Conductor's Wife.

The Non-Partisans will assemble in convention this evening at Fraternal Hall, Washington and Thirteenth streets. There will be a large attendance of members of the best-known citizens of Oakland. The convention will adjourn from night to night until the nominations are completed. There are not likely to be any nominations to-night, as they are being made in organized and preliminary sessions.

The fourth session of the Peoples party convention will also be held to-night.

The trouble among the colored brethren in the First Baptist Church, Oakland, is being settled by the Board of Education in the Church to the Beth Eden Baptist stronghold. The primitive little hall in which services are held is located on Harrison street, and has never been brought prominently into public notice until recently. A short time ago ten young dusky damsels and their mothers were expelled from the church because of a fondness for dancing and going into ladies' parlors in company with prominent men after night for a glass of beer.

The Rev. M. Quinn's pathway has been blocked by the colored brethren who expelled members have taken advantage of every means possible to make things unpropitious for the Rev. Mr. Quinn.

As a result a special committee of Baptist pastors has been called for next Saturday to discuss what shall be done to smooth the trouble.

Rev. Dr. Dilla of the Central M. E. Church, Oakland, has been expelled from the church because of his services to the late E. W. Playter at the family residence, 1167 Castro street, at 2 o'clock this afternoon. He will be expelled from the church because of his services to the late E. W. Playter at the family residence, 1167 Castro street, at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Magie Jerome of 1271 Seventh street, Oakland, was killed by a street car on Sunday and the next day she disappeared. Her mother does not know where she is and she asked the Chief of Police to find her.

The Board of Supervisors yesterday appointed a committee to investigate the case of the Alameda County World's Fair Commission.

Brown has bought a one-third interest in the Peoples Theater from L. E. Brown.

Frank Bostel was robbed in front of the Union Bank building last evening of a gold watch and chain. Last evening Detective Downey arrested J. H. Morris, a carpenter, who is charged with the robbery.

W. J. Moore of Temescal has reported to the police the disappearance of his wife, Mrs. Moore, who is believed to have been kidnapped and her money. They have been married fifteen years, and the husband is believed to have been in the city of Oakland. He is a conductor on the Oakland and Berkeley electric road.

Alameda.

A police officer yesterday found two pneumatic-tire safety bicycles among some bushes in a vacant lot at the foot of Bay street, near the corner of the city hall station, but none of the Alameda cyclists recognized the wheels. Inquiry in Oakland developed the fact that the wheels were stolen from a bicycle in the city of Oakland.

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The Governor, whose attention was called to the matter by the sportsmen of the State, filled the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Wilson by appointing William C. Murdoch of this city, and H. J. McNeil of Berkeley, as his successors.

Mr. Murdoch is well and favorably known to the sportsmen of the State. He is a prominent member of the Country Club, and it is said to be a pleasure to have the extensive knowledge he possesses relative to game and fish. He will prove a valuable acquisition to the Board of Fish Commissioners. The sportsmen of the southern country are delighted with the appointment of Mr. McNeil, who they say is an ardent sportsman and a man who will give the office particular attention.

Mr. Redding, president of the board, is very disconcerting to the Commission, and he is expected to return in the early part of February, when the first meeting of the new board will be held.

In conversation Mr. Murdoch stated yesterday that one of the first moves of the board will be to make a vigorous attempt to clear the Bay of illegal fishermen.

"I am well aware," said the Commissioner, "that it is a hard matter with the small appropriation that is allowed the Commission for us to accomplish much, yet if we had the support of the Judges and Constables of the interior cities in which we have men caught in the act of sea law, illegal fishing in our bay would soon cease."

Next year we intend to stock Lake Merced with 100,000 young muskellong, which is the largest of the pickerel family. The Spring Valley Company has offered to defray the expenses incidental to the shipping and planting of these same fishes, and the Commission will in return supply the Eastern hatcheries from which the muskellong will be taken an equal number of young.

Mr. Murdoch stated that an endeavor will be made during the present session of the Legislature to have the appropriation for the Commission increased from \$5000 to \$35,000. With the latter amount the Commission could purchase valuable works.

Robbed in a Dive. James Landarkin, an Alaska seal fisher,

MUSIC AND FRUIT.

Houses of Oranges Built at the Pavilion.

THE FRUIT IS A SUCCESS.

Bright Scenes and Astonished Crowds in the Big Larkin-Street Building Last Night.

From early in the evening yesterday till late into the night an immense throng pressed into the Pavilion.

Such a display as that on exhibition there is not to be seen any day, and people appear to realize it.

Young men were there with their lady friends, fathers and mothers had brought their families, and stray individuals were not prevented from coming by fens of being loiterers. The display was a success, and by 8 o'clock, and those who had been fortunate in securing good places were not lastly in giving them up.

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Three hundred and twenty-five private exhibits remained to be inspected ranged under the pavilion, and the display was a success. The display was a success, and by 8 o'clock, and those who had been fortunate in securing good places were not lastly in giving them up.

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FIELD OF SPORT.

Huntington Teaching How to Swim.

Children, the Pugilist, Would Not Be Tempted by a Fixer of Prize-Fights to Go Out.

The athletic committee of the Olympic Club arranged a few more boxing contests last evening. Among the heavy-weights signed are M. Sullivan and B. F. Jackson.

The swimming tank was well patronized, and Professor Huntington attracted much attention. His new system of teaching the young how to paddle was considered first-class. The swimmer's head and shoulders are held above water by means of rubber rings, through which "the kickers for space" run their arms. Attached to the rings are floats and a large number of rubber rings, through which "the kickers for space" run their arms.

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