# QUERY COLUMN.

## Information About the U. S. Government.

### NATURAL GAS IN THIS STATE.

### A Letter From the Rector of "The Little Church Around the Corner"—Pensions and Patents.

[Queries reaching this office before Friday evening will be answered the Sunday following. Only questions that are of general interest will be replied to. Do not inclose stamps expecting personal reply.]

POLITICAL QUESTIONS—J. M. R., Oakland. That's what we are here for, to answer questions. Ask as many as you like. Now to business. (1) California's Representatives are: Thomas J. Geary (D.) of Santa Rosa, Anthony Caminetti (D.) of Jackson, S. G. Hilborn (R.) of Oakland, James G. Maguire (D.) of San Francisco, Eugene F. Loud (R.) of San Francisco, Marion Cannon (D.) of Ventura, William W. Bowers (D.) of San Diego. The Senators are: Stephen M. White (D.) and George C. Perkins (R). The seat of Representative Hilborn will soon be contested by Warren B. English, who has gone to Washington for that purpose. (2) There are seven Congressional districts in this State. (3) The special session of last summer was called by President Cleveland, who urged that measures be at once taken to repeal the Sherman silver bill. (4) The Sherman bill was repealed and a few minor bills discussed. (5) Absolute free trade is the abolition of all duties upon things imported into a country. (6) Protection is the placing of an import duty sufficient to allow a manufacturer in the country where the tariff is levied to turn out goods at a reasonable profit to himself. He is enabled to pay higher wages to his employes by virtue of this tariff. (7) Tariff for revenue only is the placing of a duty upon imported goods "sufficient to meet the financial demands upon a government economically administered." (8) Reciprocity is an agreement between two nations whereby one agrees to remove the duties upon a certain class of imported goods providing the other does likewise. Brazil, whose chief product is coffee, agrees, for instance, to admit American manufactured goods free if the United States will do the same by coffee. This carried into effect is reciprocity. (8) The political divisions at present are the Republican, Democratic, Populist, Prohibition and Socialistic Labor. (9) Charles F. Crisp of Georgia is Speaker of the House of Representatives. (10) Patents are granted for seventeen years. They can only be extended by special act of Congress. Original copyrights are granted for a term of twenty-eight years, renewable for fourteen years by the author, his widow or children.

CHURCH—A. P., City. The rector of the "Little Church Around the Corner" takes exception to one part of the statement made in this column several weeks ago. The Rev. G. H. Houghton, the clergyman named, writes:

Allow me to say that instead of the Church of the Transfiguration—the "Little Church Around the Corner"—being "maintained chiefly by members of the profession of the stage," there is not a single pew-holder, not a single payer of pew rent, in the Church of the Tranfiguration, who belongs to the profession of the stage.

Mr. Houghton is quoted correctly. His last sentence is somewhat ambiguous, but his meaning is evident. THE CALL in the first article quoted from a work on New York City. Although theatrical people do not, perhaps, own anything tangible in that church yet they prefer it to any other, and there they have gone for years. There most of them are married and there their remains are carried for burial service. They certainly contribute much money toward its support, even if they are not pew-holders. Why shouldn't they? It was there that members were kindly treated when turned away from other churches.

STAMP FLIRTATION—L. M. R., city. Yes, there is a so-called stamp flirtation, rules governing which were written by some person with nothing better to do. In this idiotic manner expressions of degrees of affection are supposed to be conveyed by turning stamps upside down or sideways and placing them in the left-hand corner or at the bottom of the envelope. As letters are stamped nowadays by machines which are guaged to cancel the stamp in the upper right-hand corner, it delays the mail service and causes clerks much trouble by not observing the usual custom. If a man cares for a woman he should be able to express his admiration in some other manner than by licking a stamp and placing it in absurd positions on an envelope. The query editor declines to give the so-called rules and regulations for this flirtation.

PENSIONS—Subscriber, Redwood City. All officers of the army, including regulars, volunteers and militia, officers of the navy and the marine corps, and all enlisted men, however employed in the military or naval service, who have been disabled by reason of wounds or injuries received or disease contracted in the service of the United States, and in the line of duty, are entitled to pensions. These constitute the class known as "invalid pensioners." If you are suffering from a wound, injury or disease received or contracted during the Indian war you refer to, and was at the time enlisted either as volunteer or regular, you are entitled to a pension. Either present your case in writing to the Interior Department or secure a reliable lawyer to do it for you.

NATURAL GAS—E. E. G., Irvington. There are a number of natural gas wells in California, some of which have plentiful flows. Stockton is probably the banner natural gas city of the State. There are six wells in that town, and it is proposed to light the San Joaquin County building at the Midwinter Fair with gas piped from them. In the southern counties of the State natural gas seems plentiful, but the pressure is weak. Enough for illuminating purposes could be utilized in the vicinity of Ventura and Santa Barbara. Los Angeles also has a gas well, but the pressure there is too light to render the fluid of any value.

RULES OF CONGRESS—F. L. F., City. A member can at any time ask a speaker for information. The Speaker of the House can prevent his doing so, however, if the questions are not pertinent. (2) A question of privilege is a personal question. Should one member insult another, the latter could rise with a question of privilege and demand an explanation. (3) It is not within the province of the query column to compare libraries. (4) Admission to the grounds at the Midwinter Fair will include admission to the main buildings.

SHEEP—Subscriber, Alameda. The number of sheep in the world is estimated as follows, according to the latest statistics: South America, 100,000,000; Australia, including New Zealand, 77,000,000; Europe, 212,000,000; Africa, 25,000,000; Asia, 50,000,000; United States, 45,000,000; Canada, 3,000,000; all other countries, 5,000,000. Total, 517,000,000. In the United States the average yield of wool is about six pounds per head.

MAX JUDD—Subscriber, City. It was during President Cleveland's first term that the Max Judd episode occurred. No similar event has been chronicled during his present administration.

CARBONS—C. E., City. More than 150,000 carbons for electric lamps are daily used in this country, 100,000 of which are manufactured at Cleveland, Ohio, where there are twenty furnaces. The carbons are made from the residua of petroleum distillation, as well as from the carbonacious deposits found around natural gas wells. The materials are finely pulverized, mixed with a little pitch and placed in molds, which are packed in boxes and put into a furnace, where they are submitted to an intense heat. The capacity of an ordinary furnace is 45,000 crayons.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE—C. A. L., City. Your query was handed to W. J. Martin, chief operator at the Western Union, who kindly replied as follows:

The President's message was handled at an average speed of thirty-fiv words per minute over one wire. Between some cities eight, and as many as ten, wires were used, and in other cases only two or three. Over two wires the 15,000 words would be handled in three hours and thirty minutes; over ten wires the message would be handled in less than one hour. As to the second question, I would say about twenty words per minute is the average time made in handling ordinary business.

OCEAN RECORD—F. M. R., City. The Campania holds the record between Queenstown and New York. She made the trip in 5 days, 14 hours and 55 minutes. She is 620 feet over all, 65 feet 3 inches beam, 12,500 gross tonnage and 18,000 tons displacement. (2) Conneff has not beaten a record. He made a mile in St. Louis, on October 3, 1891, in 4:30 3-5. Your other question will be answered next week.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND—Geo. K., Roslyn, Wash. The President was never in the condition you describe either at Gray Gables or elsewhere. He has suffered much pain of late from some trouble with his jaw and while he was at Gray Gables last summer this gave rise to many rumors, but the ridiculous one that he required a keeper has not yet reached this coast.

CHILEAN WAR—Subscriber, City. It is not known if any pictures of the warships are in this city. Any one having photographs or sketches of the Chilean men-of-war Blanco Encalada and Admirante Cochrane, and of the ironclad Huascar (now Chilean), or of any of them will confer a favor by notifying the query editor.

NATURALIZATION—I. O. B., Santa Cruz. A is wrong. A man cannot secure his first papers until he has resided five years in this country. (2) To become a member of the police force one must be a citizen of the United States. (3) Your query in regard to steamships is answered in the reply to F. W. R. in this column.

BAKER CITY—R. D. B. The last census gives Baker City, Ore., a population of 2600. As to its future how can the query editor or any one else tell, beyond the statement that all these northwest towns have much in store for them? (2). As to the height of Grover Cleveland that is not a question of general interest.

APPRENTICES—Subscriber, City. Persons who ship as apprentices on merchant vessels leaving this port generally pay for the privilege. Masters are occasionally met with who take apprentices for nothing, but they are a rarity. (2) A man's wife is a citizen of the country he belongs to.

SURVEY—E. T., City. It is not customary to have a survey made every time property is transferred. If a purchaser doubts the correctness of the lines he can, of course, have them surveyed again, and it is only a question of agreement as to who shall pay therefor.

WHITTIER—W. J. C., San Jose. John Greenleaf Whittier was born in Haverhill, Mass., December 7, 1807, and died in Hampton Falls, N. H., September 7, 1892. As to his rank among poets, that is a question impossible to answer, as it is one of individual opinion.

CLEVELAND'S CABINET—T. J., Stockton. The names of the members of President Cleveland's Cabinet were published in the Q. C. last week. The names of the Congressmen will be found elsewhere in this column.

COINS—T. S. I., Victoria. Oxalic acid is a good thing to use in cleaning coins. As to European pieces, their value depends upon their rarity. Write to some numismatist, or consult one in your own city.

RECRUITING OFFICE—G. W. H., Sebastapol.—There is a recruiting office for the United States Marine corps at 21½ Third street, San Francisco.

DIALECT—N. L., South Butte. The book in question seems difficult to find. We will try to answer you next week.

CITY OF CHESTER—J. L., Santa Rosa. The steamship City of Chester was sunk August 22, 1888. Six lives were lost.

COMMERCIAL SCHOOL—L. M., Ocean View. You had better inquire of the proprietor of one of these schools.

JOCKEYS—C. F. McK., City. Yes, they go into training at times to reduce their weight.

CREEK ROUTE—J. S., Oakland. The 5 o'clock trip on this route has been abandoned.

YANKEE BLADE—M., City. The steamship Yankee Blade was lost October 1, 1854.

FOOTBALL—Subscriber, City. Stanford won the first game. The last two were ties.

INDIA INK—Mrs. W., City. India ink pricked into the flesh cannot be removed.

## ON THE COMSTOCK.

### Weekly Bulletins of Work Done in the Mines.

VIRGINIA CITY, Dec. 16.—Appended will be found the official letters of superintendents of operations on the Comstock:

CON. CAL. & VIRGINIA—1650 level—The drift running north from the foot of the upraise on the sill floor of this level has been extended during the week 38 feet; total length, 203 feet; face in clay and porphyry. The west crosscut started from the drift running north at a point 120 feet from the winze (52 feet down) sunk from the west crosscut from the main northwest drift has been extended 15 feet; total length, 29 feet; continuing in quartz formation of low assay value. The crosscut running east from this north drift, at a point 40 feet north from the winze, started at a point 120 feet in, has been extended 30 feet; total length, 173 feet; face in clay and porphyry. In the vicinity of the winze at a point 20 feet down there has been extracted during the week thirty-eight carloads of ore—about thirty-seven tons—the average assay value of which is $38 33 per ton. The southwest drift (the Rule drift) from the 1000 station of the Con. Virginia shaft has been advanced during the week 12 feet, total length 102 feet; face in soft porphyry and clay. Sunday night, December 10, the crank-shaft of the Con. Virginia hoisting engine was found in a crippled condition. Work has been suspended in the mine until such time as a new crank-shaft can be furnished and placed in position. We expect to have repairs completed and resume work Sunday night or Monday morning.

OPHIR—1465 level—The cross-cut running west from the main north drift at a point 124 feet south from the winze station and about 300 feet north from the main shaft station has been extended during the week 20 feet, total length 266 feet; face in porphyry and clay. Have continued (jointly with the Mexican Company) the work of making repairs to the main shaft.

MEXICAN—1465 level—The south drift started from the top of the upraise which was carried up 45 feet from the sill floor of this level—at a point 40 feet west from the main northwest drift and 100 feet north from the south line of the mine—has been advanced 17 feet, total length 68 feet; face in porphyry. In the south drift at a point 41 feet from the raise a cross-cut has been started and advanced 19 feet in porphyry, clay and quartz of low assay value.

UNION—900 level—The Union Con. and Sierra Nevada joint north drift running from the joint west drift at a point 1520 feet west from the shaft has been extended during the week 20 feet, total length 297 feet; face in porphyry and clay.

ANDES—On the 420 level east crosscut from the end of the drift run north from northwest drift from crosscut 1, north was advanced 10 feet, reaching the east clay and stopped.

HALE & NORCROSS—Main shaft—Have been easing timbers and making some necessary repairs. 1300 level—We continue stoping out ore from the winze below this level and extracted during the week 29 cars of ore, assaying $28 77 per ton per car sample, and 26 cars of ore, average assay per car sample $21 09 per ton.

## THE STOCK MARKET.

There was but little change in prices in Comstock shares last week, and the market was rather dull. The news of the week was not of a sufficiently bullish nature to account for the steady concentration of stock in certain quarters. The breaking of the shaft-crank in the Con. Virginia was used as a means to depress prices for a time, but now that all the repairs have been completed work will be resumed in the drift on the 1000 level and the Rule drift will be pushed ahead as rapidly as possible. Private advices speak very highly of the showing in Jacket, and judging from the buying orders of Stauf and Laing on the south-end stocks an improvement in prices in these stocks is one of the probabilities.

The market opened a trifle heavy yesterday, and prices shaded off a few cents under light sales, but closed steady at noon

NOTES.

The annual meetings of the Andes, Gould & Curry and Mount Diablo mining companies take place to-morrow.

An assessment of 25c per share has been levied on the Mexican.

The next assessment falling due is that on Yellow Jacket, on the 22d inst.

Silver was steady at 69⅝c in New York yesterday and at 32d in London.

The San Francisco Savings Union has declared a dividend at the rate of 5 per cent per annum and 4 1-6 per cent on term and ordinary deposits respectively, payable January 2.

### Following are the Highest Prices During the Past Week.

| STOCK. | Mon. | Tues. | Wed. | Thrs. | Fri. | Sat. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alpha | ..... | 15 | ..... | ..... | 10 | ..... |
| Alta | 25 | 25 | ..... | 25 | ..... | 29 |
| Andes | 55 | 55 | 55 | ..... | 50 | 45 |
| Belcher | 90 | 85 | 85 | 80 | 90 | 90 |
| Best & Belcher | 2.40 | 2.40 | 2.40 | 2.30 | 2.45 | 2.35 |
| Bullion | ..... | 30 | 25 | ..... | 30 | ..... |
| Bodie | 35 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | ..... |
| Benton Con | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Belle Isle | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Bulwer | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Con Cal & Va | 3.65 | 3.65 | 3.65 | 3.55 | 3.75 | 3.65 |
| Confidence | ..... | ..... | 1.30 | ..... | 1.35 | ..... |
| Chollar | 60 | 60 | 50 | 45 | 45 | 55 |
| Challenge | ..... | ..... | 70 | 55 | 70 | 50 |
| Crown Point | 80 | 75 | 65 | 50 | 60 | ..... |
| Caledonia | ..... | 15 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Crocker | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Con Imp | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Exchequer | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Gould & Curry | 1.15 | 1.05 | 1.10 | 1.00 | 1.10 | 1.05 |
| G. Prize | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Hale & Norcross | 85 | 80 | 75 | 75 | 85 | 80 |
| Justice | 35 | 30 | 35 | ..... | 35 | ..... |
| Julia | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Kentuck | ..... | 20 | 15 | 15 | ..... | ..... |
| Mexican | 1.15 | 1.10 | 1.15 | 1.05 | 1.10 | 1.10 |
| Navajo | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Nevada Queen | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| N Belle Isle | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Ophir | 1.70 | 1.65 | 1.70 | 1.60 | 1.70 | 1.70 |
| Overman | 40 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 35 | 35 |
| Occidental | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Potosi | 70 | 65 | 60 | 80 | 85 | 85 |
| Peer | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Peerless | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Savage | 70 | 70 | 65 | 60 | 60 | ..... |
| Sierra Nevada | 1.45 | 1.40 | 1.40 | 1.35 | 1.40 | 1.35 |
| Silver Hill | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Scorpion | ..... | 05 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Seg Belcher | 20 | ..... | 15 | 15 | 15 | ..... |
| Union | 1.10 | 1.10 | 1.0 | 1.00 | 1.05 | 1.00 |
| Utah | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 10 | ..... |
| Yellow Jacket | 1.15 | 1.10 | 95 | 85 | 90 | 90 |

### BOARD SALES.

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

REGULAR MORNING SESSION—9:30.

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 100 | Alta | 25 | 390 | CC&V | 3.65 | 100 | Overm 35 |
| 20 | Andes | 45 | 100 | ..... | 3.60 | 100 | Potosi 85 |
| 100 | Belcher | 90 | 600 | C & C | 1.05 | 750 | S Nev 1.35 |
| 550 | B & B | 2.35 | 300 | H & N | 80 | 1000 | Union 1.00 |
| 150 | Chal C | 50 | 400 | Mexen | 1.10 | 1400 | Y Jack 90 |
| 250 | Chollar | 55 | 500 | Ophir | 1.70 | | |

Following were the sales in the Pacific Stock Board yesterday:

REGULAR SESSION—10:00.

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 100 | Andes | 45 | 600 | Chollar | 50 | 150 | Ophir 1.72½ |
| 200 | ..... | 47 | 200 | ..... | 49 | 100 | ..... 1.69 |
| 100 | ..... | 48 | 400 | ..... | 47½ | 100 | ..... 1.67½ |
| 100 | Belchr | 86 | 100 | CC&V | 3.60 | 400 | Ovrmn 36 |
| 850 | ..... | 85 | 50 | ..... | 35½ | 500 | ..... 37 |
| 100 | ..... | 87 | 600 | ..... | 3.55 | 300 | ..... 35 |
| 150 | ..... | 84 | 50 | Conf | 1.30 | 100 | Potosi 82 |
| 50 | B & B | 2.40 | 500 | Cons | 02 | 200 | ..... 85 |
| 100 | ..... | 23½ | 100 | El Enc | 55 | 100 | ..... 80 |
| 700 | ..... | 2.35 | 500 | Exchq | 07 | 600 | S Nev 1.35 |
| 900 | ..... | 2.30 | 1000 | G & C | 1.05 | 100 | ..... 1.32½ |
| 200 | Bullion | 30 | 350 | ..... | 1.00 | 100 | Silver H. 05 |
| 500 | ..... | 31 | 300 | H & N | 80 | 900 | Union 1.05 |
| 200 | Caledna | 14 | 200 | Mgflwr | 2.20 | 250 | Y Jacket 90 |
| 300 | ..... | 15 | 800 | Mexen | 1.10 | 500 | ..... 88 |
| 400 | Chall C | 50 | 250 | ..... | 1.05½ | 300 | ..... 89 |
| 100 | ..... | 49 | 350 | ..... | 1.00 | 300 | ..... 87½ |
| 200 | ..... | 48 | 400 | Ophir | 1.70 | 100 | ..... 78 |

### CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

SATURDAY, Dec. 16—12 M.

| | Bid. | Asked. | | Bid. | Asked. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alpha Con | 10 | 15 | Justice | ..... | 35 |
| Alta | 20 | 25 | Kentuck | 10 | 15 |
| Andes | 40 | 45 | Lady Wash | — | 05 |
| Belcher | 80 | 85 | Mexican | 1.00 | 1.05 |
| Belle Isle | 05 | 10 | Mono | 15 | — |
| Best & Belcher | 2.30 | 2.35 | Navajo | — | 10 |
| Bodie | 25 | 30 | New Queen | — | 05 |
| Bulwer | 05 | 10 | North Comonwealth | 05 | 10 |
| Bullion | 25 | 30 | N Belle Isle | — | 10 |
| Caledonia | 10 | 15 | Occidental | 10 | 15 |
| Challenge Con | 45 | 50 | Ophir | 1.60 | 1.65 |
| Commonwlth | — | 05 | Overman | 30 | 35 |
| Chollar | 45 | 50 | Peer | 05 | — |
| Con Cal & Va | 3.55 | 3.60 | Peerless | 05 | — |
| Confidence | — | 1.30 | Potosi | 80 | 85 |
| Con Imperial | — | 05 | Savage | 55 | 60 |
| Con New York | 05 | 10 | S B & Mides | 05 | 10 |
| Crocker | — | 05 | St Louis | 15 | 20 |
| Crown Point | 55 | 60 | Scorpion | 05 | 10 |
| Exchequer | 05 | 10 | Sierra Nevada | 1.30 | 1.35 |
| Eastern Star | — | 05 | Silver King | 05 | — |
| Grand Prize | — | 05 | Silver Hill | — | — |
| Gould & Curry | 1.00 | 1.05 | Union Con | 95 | 1.05 |
| Hale & Norcrs | 75 | 80 | Utah | 05 | 10 |
| Jackson | — | 30 | Yellow Jacket | 85 | 90 |
| Juna | 05 | 10 | | | |

### MISCELLANEOUS SECURITIES.

SATURDAY, Dec. 16—10:30 A. M.

| | Bid. | Asked. | | Bid. | Asked. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| U S Bds, 4 | 113 | — | S V Water | 97 | 97⅜ |
| Cal-st C Cos | — | 103 | Blue Lakes | — | 19 |
| Cnta Co W 5 | 96¾ | 100 | Capital Gas | — | 56 |
| Dpnt-st 7 | 130 | 150 | Central Gas | — | 100 |
| Do, ex coup | — | 100 | Oakland Gas | 41 | 42 |
| F & C ries Ry 6 | — | 97¼ | Pac Gas Imp | 76¾ | — |
| L A Lght Co 6 | — | 104 | Pacific Lghtg | 49 | 60 |
| Do, Gnted, 6 | — | 102½ | S F Gaslight | 67 | 68 |
| Mkt st RR Bds | 119 | 120½ | Stktn G & H | — | 30 |
| Mnt gy Ave, 6 | — | 20 | Cal-st R R | — | 105 |
| Nev Co RR 8 | 98 | — | F & C Hsehy | — | 17¼ |
| N P Coast RR 6 | 101 | 110 | Geary-st RR | — | 90 |
| N P R R 6 | — | — | N B & M R | 50 | — |
| N Ryof Cal 6 | 99½ | — | Omnibus RR | — | 55 |
| N Ryof Cal 5 | — | 98 | Presidio R R | — | 20 |
| Oak G, L & H 5 | 97 | 101 | Fireman's Fd | — | 152 |
| Ombus C Ry 6 | 110¼ | — | Statelnvstm | — | — |
| Pa Roll Mill 6 | — | 101 | Atlantic Pow | 32 | 36 |
| Pac Glue 6 | 100 | — | Cal Power | 90 | 140 |
| P & O R R 6 | — | 115 | Giant Pow Co | 23 | 30 |
| P & C H Ry 6 | 92 | — | Vigorit Pow | 1⅜ | 1¾ |
| Pwl-st Ry 6 | — | 118 | Blk Dia C M C | 25 | — |
| SPRR Arizona 6 | 92¾ | — | Cal Cotton M C | — | 45 |
| S P R R Cal 6 | 106 | 107 | Cal Elec Light | 21½ | 22 |
| S P R R Cal 5 | — | 95 | Cal Elec Wks | 4½ | 5¼ |
| SP Br Ry Cal 6 | 93 | 94½ | Hawaiian Com | 5 | — |
| S V Water 6 | 116½ | — | Hutchin Sugar | 4½ | 5¼ |
| S V Water 4 | 89⅜ | 89¾ | Judson Mfg C | — | 15 |
| Anglo Cal Bk | — | 70 | Merch Ex Assn | 107 | — |
| Bank of Cal | 218 | 224 | Oceanic S S | — | 40 |
| Cal Saf Depos | 46¾ | 47½ | P Axlry Fre A | 1 | 2½ |
| First Nat Bnk | — | 182½ | Pac Cost B Co | 94 | — |
| L P & Am Bnk | 119 | — | Pacific & Nal C | — | 30 |
| L & S F Bank | — | 39 | Pac Roll Mill | — | 80 |
| Pacific Bank | — | 75 | Fr Woodnwe | — | 30 |
| Merch Ex Bk | — | — | Paraffine P Co | 40c | 70c |
| Cntra Cos W | — | 97½ | Pac Trans Co | — | 35 |
| Marin Co W | — | 55 | United C Co | — | 35 |

MORNING SESSION.

Board—5 Bank of California, 220; $5000 S V 4% Bonds, 89⅛.

## SHUTTING HIM OFF.

### An Assumed Ignorance Was Too Much for the Steetcar Bore.

Buffalo Express.

"Well," said the man with the battered derby to the man who sat next to him in a West-avenue car last night, "I see that the silver bill was passed."

"Up or down?" inquired the man who sat next to him.

"Up or down? Why, neither; just passed, you know. Passed the Senate."

"Made the Senate take his dust, hey?"

"Made the Senate take whose dust?"

"Why, Silver Bill's."

"No, no; this wasn't the trottin' race. The silver bill passed the Senate, you know."

"Anybody hurt?"

By this time the man with the battered derby didn't know what to say. He stared at the man who sat next to him in amazement. Then he straightened up and tried it again. "Of course, nobody was hurt. How could they be?"

"Wasn't running on the same track, hey?"

"On the same track? Do you think this was a bloomin' cattle train goin' by a fast mail or somethin'? The silver bill—that bill about repealin' the purchase clause in the Sherman law—passed the Senate of the United States. Now do you understand?"

"Didn' the Senate want to get past?"

"Why, certainly, most of it did, or it wouldn't have passed it, would it?"

"I dunno. They might have built a fence across the walk or locked the door, or somethin'."

The man with the battered derby clasped and unclasped his hands nervously and hitched away from the man who sat next to him. "Say," he said, finally, "didn't you ever hear of the Senate of the United States? You must have a kind of an idea that it's a horsecar line, or a plank road, or a cement sidewalk. You must be tired."

"I suppose I am," said the other man, "but did you ever stop to think that that bray of yours might make people who want to think a bit weary, also?"

The man with the battered derby caught the connection and was so effectually silenced that he made signs to the conductor when he wanted to get off.

Ralph's sons spell their names Ralf, Raifphson, Rawes, Rawson, Rawlings, Rollings, Rollinson, Rapkins and Rapson.

## MARKET REPORTS.

SATURDAY EVENING, Dec. 17.

SUMMARY OF THE MARKETS.

Silver steadier.
Wheat dull. Barley firm.
Oats more active. Corn quiet.
Rye advanced.
Mustard Seed higher.
Hay quiet. Beans dull.
Sweet Potatoes firm. Onions lower.
Butter and Eggs weak.
Game firm. Poultry quiet.
Asparagus and String Beans higher.
Oranges quiet.
Provisions unchanged.
Decreased Failures.
Lessened Bank Clearings.

### New York Markets.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—More business was done between morning and 12 o'clock than in any day of the week just ended, but the tendency was downward. Sugar was bought on a report of favorable prospects for a better schedule in the tariff bill, and Distillers were favored likewise on the report. Secretary Carlisle has declared in favor of an increased tax on Whisky. Efforts of the efforts to cover gave a shade firmer tone to speculation at the close; most shares, however, were lower on the day's transactions. On the week's transactions changes in the railway list are mainly declines, St. Paul being down 2½ and Western Union 2¼; gains have been in Industrials. Governments steady. Petroleum 79½c asked. The exports of specie from the port of New York for the week ending to-day amounted to $1,740,57. In gold and $916,514 in silver. Imports for the same period: Gold, $16,323; silver, $2217.

EXCHANGE, MONEY AND BONDS.

Money on call was easy at 1½; closed at 1%. Prime mercantile paper, 3½@5½%. Sterling exchange dull and steady; 60-day bills, $4 84½@4 84¾; demand, $4 87@4 87¼. U. S. 4's, registered, $113¼; do coupon, $114½; 2's registered, $99½; Pacific 6s, $102½; Silver, 69⅝c.

RAILROAD SHARES.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Atchison | 19 | Northwestern | 102¾ |
| American Express | 113 | Do Preferred | 139¾ |
| Canada Southern | 53 | Oregon Improvmt | 15 |
| Canada Pacific | 73½ | Oregon Navigation | 28 |
| Central Pacific | 18¼ | Oregon Short Line | 6 |
| Chicago, B & Q | 77⅛ | Pacific Mail | 14 |
| Del, Lack & Westn | 165⅝ | Pullman Palace | 169 |
| Denv & R G pref | 27 | Reading | 19⅝ |
| Erie | 15½ | Richmond & West'n | 18 |
| Illinois Central | 93 | Preferred | 45 |
| Kansas & Texas | 24 | Firsts | 72¾ |
| Lake Shore | 126⅛ | Rock Island | 67¾ |
| Louisville & Nash | 48¾ | St. Paul | 61¼ |
| Michigan Central | 100½ | St. Paul & Omaha | 37⅝ |
| Missouri Pacific | 24 | Texas Pacific | 8¼ |
| Mexican Central | 6 | Terminal | 102⅝ |
| North American | 10¼ | Union Pacific | 20⅝ |
| Northern Pacific | 5⅞ | U. S. Express | 52 |
| Preferred | 21¼ | Wells-Fargo | 125 |
| N. Y. Central | 101½ | Western Union | 87 |

INDUSTRIALS.

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|---|---|---|---|
| American Sugar | 82½ | General Electric | 38¾ |
| Amer. Cotton Oil | 29¼ | National Lead | 25 |
| Bell Telephone | 90 | National Linseed | 25¾ |
| Chicago Gas | 67½ | National Cordage | 19⅛ |
| Distillers | 28 | Do Preferred | 42½ |

GRAIN AND MERCHANDISE.

Wheat—December, 67c.
Flour—Steady.
Hops—Quiet; State, common to choice, 18@22½c; Pacific Coast, 18@22½c.
Copper—Firmer; Lake, $10 50.
Lead—Firmer; Domestic, $3 20.
Tin—Steady; strails, $20 45.
Spelter—Steady; Domestic, $3 50.
Coffee—Option opened barely steady and unchanged to 10 points declines without a rally except slightly as to tone. The market closed steady at the lowest prices. Sales 7250 bags. January, $16 80; February, $16 40@16 45; March, $16 15@16 20; May, $15 60. Spot Rio steady; No. 7, 18½c.
Sugar—Raw, quiet; fair refining, 2½c; centrifugal, 96 test, 2⅝c; refined quiet; off A, 3⅞@4 3-16c; mold A, 4⅛@4 5-16c; cut loaf and crushed, 5@5 3-16c; powdered and cubes, 4 9-16@4¾c; granulated, 4 5-16@4½c.

### Chicago Markets.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—In wheat there was moderate trade. The market opened unchanged, declined ⅜c on weaker cables, a denial of any revision in the Russian crop estimate and the failure of the cold wave to appear, advanced ⅝c on good buying at the decline, reports of an advance of 3c ⅌ ctl in French offers at San Francisco, smaller Northwestern receipts, a good cash demand and a probable decrease in the visible supply and closed firm at ¼c higher than yesterday. Receipts, 82,000 bushels; shipments, 13,000 bushels.

CATTLE.

Cattle—Receipts, 1500; market dull and no demand; Christmas steers, $5 25@6; exports, $4 25@4 75; choice shipping, $3 50@4 65; others, $2 75@3 40; stockers and feeders, $2@3 40.
Hogs—Receipts, 15,000; market 10c lower; rough and common, $4 75@4 90; packing and shipping, $5@5 25; butchers', $5 20@5 25; prime light, $5 15@5 20.
Sheep—Receipts, 1000; lowest prices on record; native ewes, $2@3 40; Westerns, $3@3 40.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

Wheat firm: cash, 21⅞c; May, 67⅝c. Corn steady; cash, 35½c; May, 39⅞c. Oats, steady; cash 28½c; May, 30⅞c. Pork, steady; January, $12 37½; May, $12 52½. Lard, steady; January, $7 60; May, $7 45. Ribs, steady; cash, $6 35; May, $6 45. Rye, 45½@45¾c. Barley, nominal. Flax, $1 31½. Timothy, $3 25.

### Foreign Markets.

WHEAT IN LIVERPOOL.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 16.—The spot market is dull at 5s 6d. Cargoes are quiet at 27s 6d for off coast, 28s for prompt shipment and 27s 6d for nearly due.

FUTURES.

The Produce Exchange cable gives the following Liverpool quotations for No. 2 Winter Red: December, 5s 3½d; January, 5s 4d; February, 5s 4¾d; March, 5s 5¾d; April, 5s 6½d; May, 5s 7½d.

SECURITIES.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—Consols, 98⅛@98¼; Silver, 32d; French Rentes, 98f 17½c.

### Portland's Business.

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 16.—Clearances, $137,000; balances, $17,000.

### Exchange and Bullion.

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|---|---|---|
| Sterling Exchange, 60 days | — | 4 85 |
| Sterling Exchange, sight | — | 4 88 |
| New York Exchange, sight | — | 05 |
| New York Exchange, telegraphic | — | 10 |
| Fine Silver, spot, ⅌ ounce | — | 69⅝ |
| Fine Silver, 30 days | — | 67¼ |
| Mexican Dollars | 57½ | 58 |

### November Failures.

The Bradstreet Mercantile Agency reports 77 failures in the Pacific Coast States and Territories for the month of November, 1893, with assets of $205,643 and liabilities $485,551, as compared with 130 for the previous month, with assets of $481,996 and liabilities $926,062, and 70 for the corresponding month of 1892, with assets of $228,000 and liabilities $322,391. The failures for the past month are divided among the States and Territories as follows:

| STATES & TERRITORY. | No. | Assets. | Liabilities. |
|---|---|---|---|
| California | 51 | $131,843 | $341,543 |
| Oregon | 9 | 24,700 | 47,500 |
| Washington | 13 | 46,200 | 88,608 |
| Nevada | 1 | 800 | 2,300 |
| Arizona | 3 | 2,100 | 5,600 |
| Totals | 77 | $205,643 | $485,551 |

The following are the causes assigned for the failures: Incompetency, 27; inexperience, 13; inadequate capital for the business undertaken, 25; injudicious crediting, 2; personal extravagance, 2; excessive competition 2; unfavorable circumstances, floods, fires, etc., 3; fraud, 3.

The same agency reports twenty-eight failures in the Pacific Coast States and Territories for the week ending Friday, as compared with 26 for the previous week and 18 for the corresponding week in 1892. The failures for the past week are divided among the trades as follows: 4 saloons, 4 general merchandise, 3 grocers, 2 men's furnishing goods, 2 restaurants, 1 butcher, 1 printer, 1 lumber, 1 pianos and music, 1 baker, 1 market, 1 wholesale liquor, 1 bank, 1 publisher, 1 furniture, 1 manufacturer brick, 1 nursery and 1 furs.

### Bank Clearings.

Local bank clearings last week were $14,042,432, against $17,289,761 for the same week last year.

### Produce Market.

FLOUR—Net cash prices are as follows: Family extras, $3 50@3 60 ⅌ bbl; Bakers' extras, $3 40@3 50; superfine, $2 40@2 60 ⅌ bbl.

WHEAT—Speculation was dull yesterday and actual grain continued quiet. No. 1, $1 05¾@1 06; choice, $1 06¼@1 07½; lower grades, 75c@$1 02½; extra choice for milling, $1 07½@1 10 ⅌ ctl.

CALL BOARD SALES.

INFORMAL SESSION—10 o'clock—May—100 tons, $1 22¼.

REGULAR MORNING SESSION—May—1000 tons, $ 22; 200, $1 22½. January, storage paid—100, $1 13.

BARLEY—Firm. Trade is quiet, but offerings of Feed are unusually limited at the moment. No. 1 Feed 72½@73¾c; choice bright do, 75c ⅌ ctl; dark Coast, 70@71¼c ⅌ ctl; Brewing, 80@90c ⅌ ctl; Chevalier, 75@90c for lower grade.

CALL BOARD SALES.

INFORMAL SESSION—10 o'clock—No sales.

REGULAR MORNING SESSION—May—100 tons, 84¾c; 200, 85c.

OATS—Trade has picked up and is now lively in a jobbing way. Milling are quotable at $1 12½@1 20; fancy Feed, $1 17½@1 20; good to choice, $1 10@1 15; common to fair, $ @1 07½; Red, $ @1 15; Black, 85c@$1 22½; Gray, $1@1 10; Surprise, $1 20@1 30.

CORN—Offerings are free and the market is quiet. Large Yellow is quotable at 80@85c; Small Round Yellow, 90@92½c; White, 85@90c ⅌ ctl.

RYE—None of any consequence being offered. Quotations have advanced to $1 02½@1 05 ⅌ ctl and the market is very stiff.

BRAN—Quoted at $16@17 ⅌ ton for the best and $15@15 50 for outside brands.

MIDDLINGS—Quoted at $18@21 ⅌ ton.

CHOPPED FEED—$17 50@18 50 ⅌ ton.

HAY—Wire-bound Hay sells $1@2 below the following wholesale quotations for rope-b