

MARTINEZ IN CONTRA COSTA.

A THRIVING TOWN ON THE FRESH-WATER BAY OF SUISUN.

ITS GREAT ADVANTAGES AS A RAILROAD TERMINUS MANIFEST.

ITS PEOPLE AND HOMES.

THRIFTY BUSINESS MEN AND FARMERS—THE BEAUTIFUL ALHAMBRA VALLEY.

MARTINEZ, Feb. 24.—Just thirty-five miles around the corner from San Francisco, where the waters of Suisun Bay and Carquinez Straits mingle, is Martinez, the county seat of Contra Costa.

a spurtrack of about five miles from a point near Concord for heavy freight, thus making of Martinez the deep-water terminus. Martinez offers the advantages of a fresh water anchorage for sea-going vessels, thus making it a desirable loading station.

The route laid down on the map by way of Antioch, Martinez, Alhambra Valley, Pinole Valley, Vacca Canon, San Pablo and Oakland is the line that is most favored by the people here, but they are going to be thankful for anything in the shape of competition in the transportation line.

But I did not come to this pretty town to talk railroad. I came to see and know the people and their lives. It is a town of homes, some beautiful ones surrounded by palms and orange trees, many comfortable and happy; in fact, very few signs of poverty are noticeable. The County Almshouse and Hospital, about three-quarters of a mile from town, has never been known to contain more than twenty-five pensioners at one time.

In speaking of the financial condition of the people and the county, C. S. Cousins, who has just retired after twelve years of service as County Recorder, said: "The county and incorporated towns of Contra



JOHN MUIR

PASSING EVENTS ON THE COAST.

A SANTA ROSA SHOEMAKER ATTEMPTS TO END HIS LIFE WITH POISON.

THE KING OF THE CARNIVAL, TAKES POSSESSION OF THE TWIN CITIES.

ENGINEER ROEBLING'S TRIP

THE BUILDER OF THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE ARRIVES AT LOS ANGELES.

SANTA ROSA, Feb. 24.—John Goodbody attempted to commit suicide here last night and may die from the effects of the big dose of morphine he took.

Goodbody came here from Montana a few weeks ago and opened a shoeshop. He has been suffering from asthma for some time and having little business became despondent. To-day he told a friend that he would kill his wife and children and then himself. He was dissuaded from that purpose, but about 4 o'clock concluded to kill himself. He has only a slender chance of recovery.

ROEBLING AT LOS ANGELES.

The Famous Brooklyn Bridge Engineer En Route to Palo Alto.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 24.—J. W. Roebling, the head of the celebrated engineering firm of John A. Roebling Bros. Company of Trenton, N. J., arrived in this city last night and is stopping at the Westminster Hotel. Mrs. Roebling accompanies him. It is his intention to spend a week in Los Angeles and its vicinity and then go north to Palo Alto in order to visit their daughter.

ing. Coroner Eden brought the remains to the Morgue here and will hold an inquest to-morrow.

CARNIVAL AT NOGALES.

Rec. King of the Carnival, Presented with the Keys of the Twin Cities.

NOGALES, A. T., Feb. 24.—The joint carnival of this city and Nogales, Mexico, commenced early this morning and the festivities were continued throughout the day.

The advent of Rex at P. M. was a grand sight. The ceremony of presenting the keys of the twin cities was witnessed by the greatest throng that ever assembled in Nogales, and the hearty good feeling as the two nations joined in the festivities is something seldom witnessed in any country.

A Portland Bank President's Death.

PORTLAND, Feb. 24.—M. A. Stratton, president of the East Portland National Bank, died to-day of apoplexy. He was adjusting a bicycle for his son when he suddenly fell to the floor, striking his head a heavy blow. He appeared dazed and a physician was summoned, but shortly after the arrival of the doctor he expired. Mr. Stratton is a brother of Judge J. A. Stratton of Seattle.

Veteran's Suicide at Seattle.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 24.—The body of C. Mullen, who was released from the Soldiers' Home at Orting February 19 at his own request, was found in the bay here to-day. There were no signs of violence. Mullen was in jail twice here in forty-eight hours after arriving from Orting, first for intoxication and again to keep him from suicide. He is supposed to have relatives in San Francisco.

San Leandro Rancher Finds His Horse.

SAN JOSE, Feb. 24.—O. Morgan of San Leandro recovered a horse last night which had been stolen from his barn on December 14. A few days ago he learned the horse had been taken by Frank Hunter, who is now in jail here, awaiting trial for burglary. Hunter sold the animal to a rancher near Alma.

The Phoenix Telegraph Line Open.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Feb. 24.—The Santa Fe, Prescott and Phoenix telegraph line opened for business to-day. The railroad track is laid within four miles of this city, and the official opening of the road is scheduled for March 11.

MARE ISLAND AFFAIRS.

THE RETIRING BOARD'S TRIBUTE TO AN EFFICIENT EX-COMMANDER.

ASSISTANT OF WORK ON THE FAMOUS OLD FLAGSHIP HARTFORD.

VALLEJO, Feb. 24.—Commander John J. Brice, who has just been placed on the retired list, is now, with his wife, stopping at Paso Robles Springs in search of health that was impaired while in command of the United States ship Adams, attached to the Bering Sea fleet. Commander Brice was one of the best known officers in the navy, and with few exceptions, had more sea-service duty to his credit than many of the older officers in the service. He entered the navy in September, 1862, as a volunteer officer, and was twice promoted during the war for gallant conduct, being in command of the steamers Don and Eureka. It is a noteworthy fact that during the year 1864 out of 1100 acting masters outside of the Mississippi squadron, he was the only officer of that rank that had been appointed from or was a citizen from the great State of Ohio.

Commander Brice has been stationed on this coast for a great many years, not only at Mare Island, but on ships afloat. The service has lost a most valuable officer by his retirement, and the following complimentary endorsement of the Retiring Board is something unusual and must be considered not only by himself, but by his many friends, a very complimentary and pleasant termination of his long and active service in the navy:

The board notes Commander J. J. Brice incalculably for active service, the result of an incident to the service. The board desires also to express its appreciation of the action of Commander Brice in declining to accept the exemption from duty caused by his being on the retired list at the time his ship was in danger and of his assuming command while in a physical condition which resulted in permanently impairing his health.

From Paso Robles Springs Commander and Mrs. Brice will return to San Francisco and make it their future home.

The Monitor Monterey will be taken out of the drydock on Wednesday of the coming week, she having been given three coats of paint, it is expected that she will not go in dock for another six months to come.

A line of staging has been placed around the outside of the old Hartford for the ship-carpenter to work on. Quite a force of this branch of mechanics were set to work last week, and within a few weeks it is expected that upward of a hundred men will find employment on her. It will require more than eighteen months to rebuild and alter her to make the historic old ship ready for sea duty.

Assistant Surgeon Charles P. Bagg, U. S. N., has reported for duty at the Naval Hospital.

Mrs. S. M. Armistead and family left for Portsmouth, Va., Wednesday afternoon. She was conveyed over to Port Costa in the navy-yard tug and carries with her the best wishes of her friends at the navy-yard. The hop given in the sail-loft a few evenings since was a pleasant affair and attended by all the officials at the yard with members of their household and friends.

Old Uncle Davy's Death.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 24.—David Stockbridge, an old colored man, known to nearly every student who has attended Yale College during the past thirty years as "Old Davy," was found dead in a chair at his home, 497 Winchester avenue, by neighbors this afternoon. He was about 68 years of age, and had peddled candy about Yale for more than a quarter of a century. Death was due to heart disease and he had evidently been dead several days, as the body was horribly mutilated by rats.

Condemning the Police.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 24.—At to-day's meeting of the United Labor League a resolution, which has been under consideration for the past six months, condemning the police authorities for suppressing the speech of the anarchist, Mowbray, was adopted.

PLANS FOR A STATE BUILDING.

HOW SAN FRANCISCO MAY SECURE A NECESSARY EDIFICE.

AFFILIATED COLLEGES AND STATE OFFICERS TO BE UNDER ONE ROOF.

ONLY AVAILABLE METHOD.

THE NEW COUNTY GOVERNMENT BILL MAY CAUSE A BIG STRUGGLE.

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 24.—There is little likelihood that San Francisco can receive State appropriations for two public buildings, but there is a probability of the Legislature making an appropriation for one, which will receive the Governor's sanction.

A bill has been introduced appropriating \$250,000 for a building to be erected for the use of the colleges affiliated with the State University, in which are included the College of Dentistry, the College of Pharmacy, the Hastings Law College and the Toland Medical College.

Representatives of the State University, though also asking an appropriation for another building at Berkeley, gave their cordial support to the proposition to erect another building to house the affiliated colleges in San Francisco. Professors connected with the colleges appeared before the committee and urged the appropriation, and the bill received a degree of favorable consideration.

Another bill that was introduced appropriated \$350,000 for a building for the use of the Supreme Court, State officers and commissions located in San Francisco. Some objection was raised to the amount asked by San Francisco, as it aggregated \$550,000.

Dr. R. Beverley Cole has just had an audience with the Governor, who suggested that the appropriations asked for be decreased and that a building be erected which would serve the joint purposes asked for in the two bills. This seems to indicate that the Governor is willing to sign such a bill if it passes the Legislature, and a substitute will be introduced to-morrow for the two bills referred to.

This bill will ask for an appropriation of \$350,000, which is \$200,000 less than the two bills request, to erect a building in San Francisco to be jointly used by the State officers and affiliated colleges. It is held that the commissions will all eventually pass under the control of the university, and that they can be appropriately housed in the same building as the affiliated colleges.

Some time ago a bill was introduced authorizing the Board of Supervisors to erect a new building in San Francisco on the site of the old City Hall, and to make a tax levy on the taxpayers of San Francisco of \$300,000 for that purpose. This bill, it is claimed, contains not a single safeguard against the repetition of the extravagance which has marked the construction of the new City Hall. To guard against this Senator Biggy will introduce a substitute bill to-morrow which will ask for the same appropriation, but will contain provisions relative to advertising for contracts and will specifically declare that all contracts let must be for completed work, and that the total of the contracts let for the completed buildings shall not exceed the \$300,000 of the appropriation.

The new county government bill will be introduced in both houses of the Legislature to-morrow. The proposed law will be less voluminous than the present one. The new bill requires that all bills passed by the Board of Supervisors shall be passed by the county auditors before obtaining validity.

The issuance of bonds is an important feature of the bill. The time is extended from twenty to forty years to correspond with the constitutional provision of a recent amendment to that instrument. Bonds must be submitted to the people for a ratifying vote. Bridge contracts are carefully guarded in one section of the bill. It is provided that when the cost of a bridge equals or exceeds \$500, the Board of Supervisors must adopt a plan and advertise for bids.

There are fifty-seven classes for counties in the bill, one for each county. When the bill was first discussed in committee every one was in favor of reducing the number of classes from fifty-three to eight or twelve, but as the work on the bill proceeded every county was at odds with every other. It was found that population was no indication of a county's business. San Benito and Glenn could not agree, Sutter and Kings were at odds, and so it was through the whole list of counties. The only way to please the counties was to give each one a class, and this has accordingly been done.

The salaries of counties in a higher class are not necessarily greater than those of counties in a lower class. One of the provisions of the bill is that tax collectors must settle with treasurers whenever they have \$500 on hand, provided that not more than one such settlement shall be made in any one day. The tax collector becomes ex-officio license collector and receives a percentage to be regulated by the counties.

The county government bill kills State appropriations for county fairs by providing that the county fund now used for advertising purposes to induce immigration may, in the discretion of the county, be used to assist county fairs. Such a fund in the larger counties is fixed at \$5000 and in the smaller at \$2000. There is quite a large reduction in county salaries, usually from \$10,000 to \$15,000 a year, and in one or two instances reaching as high as \$30,000.

A strong lobby of justices of the peace and of constables will come here to-morrow to fight the bill when it reduces their salaries. To-morrow is the last day for the intro-

duction of bills, and the Senate and Assembly will probably be flooded with new measures.

MURDERED BY FOOTPADS.

Sad Fate of a Prominent Eastern Business Man.

NEWTON, Iowa, Feb. 24.—This community was greatly shocked this morning when the news spread that J. R. Sollinger, a prominent merchant and an ex-Sheriff, was dead and had probably been murdered.

Mr. Sollinger left his place of business about 9:30 P. M. yesterday and when he reached home his wife noticed blood flowing down his face. On asking what was the matter he stated that he had fallen or had been hit. These were the last words he said.

A physician was summoned and on examination a large gash was found in his head. He never regained consciousness, but died between 12 and 1 A. M.

It was generally believed he was waylaid on the highway, falling to bring down his victim, fled without accomplishing his purpose, presumably that of robbery, nothing on his person having been taken. Two clubs were found near the spot where the first blood was visible. Mr. Sollinger had been a captain in the army, and was a Mason and a G. A. R. man. He leaves a widow, one son and one daughter.

CARVER REPLIES TO LORIS.

Willing to Shoot a Match with the English Champion.

CHICAGO, Feb. 24.—Dr. W. F. Carver, the famous rifle shot, in reply to the challenge of John Loris, the English champion rifle and revolver shot, who offered to shoot with rifle and revolver against Carver for \$1000 and the champion of world says:

"I am not an expert with the revolver nor a trick rifle shot, but if Loris wants to arrange a match to shoot at objects with the rifle I will arrange a match to shoot at one or two thousand glass balls or blocks of wood or coal, for \$1500 or for \$2500 a side, and I will agree to shoot the match in England if Loris will allow expenses.

There is every probability of a match being consummated, as Loris is eager for a contest.

A Schooner on Jersey's Sands.

ATLANTIC CITY, Feb. 24.—A large freight schooner is ashore three miles off Brigantine beach. The life-saving crew has gone to her assistance.

DE CASTELLANES HAVE COME

RELATIVES OF MISS ANNA GOULD'S FIANCE ARRIVE AT NEW YORK.

THE SAME STEAMER ALSO BRINGS MME. REHAN, THE FRENCH ACTRESS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Marquis de Castellane and Count Jean de Castellane, father and brother respectively of Count de Castellane, who is to wed Miss Anna Gould, arrived to-day on the French line steamer La Champagne from Havre.

The steamer reports a remarkable fine winter passage. The saloon passengers were delighted with their quick trip and were able to sit on the decks throughout the voyage.

Mme. Rehan, the French actress, and her theatrical company were also passengers of the Champagne. The company numbers between thirty and forty persons. Mme. Rehan is accompanied by her husband, M. Porel, and her daughter. M. Porel is the proprietor of two theaters in Paris.

Among other passengers were: General Young, W. H. Brown, Colonel L. A. Blanchard and twenty-one Sisters of Charity. La Champagne brings 175,474 francs in specie. Mme. Rehan went to her hotel, accompanied by Maurice Grau. In the afternoon she took a drive through Broadway and Central Park. She was seen to-night at her hotel by a crowd of newspaper men. Her first impression of New York filled her with delight. The only cities in which she will play are Chicago, Boston, New Orleans, Montreal and probably Philadelphia.

The Beaudet Company Not Stranded.

CHICAGO, Feb. 24.—The rumor circulated regarding the stranding of the Louise Beaudet Opera Bouffe Company in this city is absolutely untrue and arose no doubt from the fact that Miss Beaudet was unable to appear at the matinee on Washington's birthday. The physician who has been almost constantly in attendance upon the lady since Thursday advised her that a rest was absolutely necessary.

Death of a Wealthy Distiller.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 24.—Paul Jones, one of Kentucky's wealthiest and most widely known distillers, died suddenly at 3:05 o'clock this morning at the Norton Infirmary from abscess of the brain. His death is a surprise to his many friends, who were not aware of his illness, he being indisposed less than forty-eight hours.

Burke Waterloo Dies Suddenly.

CHICAGO, Feb. 22.—Burke Waterloo, an editorial writer on the Herald and a brother of Stanley Waterloo, died suddenly to-night at the Southern Hotel. The malady which caused his death was a complication of the grippe. He was 35 years of age and leaves a widow.

BEDOUINS CAPTURE MUSCAT.

FIERCE FIGHTING FOR THE POSSESSION OF THE INDIAN OCEAN PORT OF ARABIA.

BRITISH RESIDENTS SAFELY REMOVED BEFORE THE CITY FELL.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—A Times dispatch from Calcutta reports the capture of the greater portion of the city of Muscat by insurgent Bedouins. The Sultan fled from the palace, but eventually regained the eastern portion of the town. The fighting continues.

Muscat, the capital of Oman, is on the Indian Ocean, near the eastern angle of Arabia. It is a port of great commercial importance, the harbor being completely sheltered.

All of the British residents of the capital were safely removed.

THE NEW OREGON SENATOR'S VIEWS.

THE NEED OF REFORM IN THE COUNTRY'S FINANCIAL SYSTEM.

IT SHOULD BE ON THE LINES OF THE LAST REPUBLICAN PLATFORM.

THE SENATORIAL CONTEST.

REVIEW OF THE STRUGGLE THAT ENDED IN THE DEFEAT OF DOLPH.

PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 24.—United States Senator-elect George W. McBride was not prepared to outline his views at length on the money question, but in answer to a question to-day he said: "It is evident there is need of a reform in the financial system of the country, and it is my belief that such reform should proceed upon the lines of the last national Republican platform."

The struggle for the election of a successor to J. N. Dolph in the United States Senate, which had been carried on in the Legislature for thirty-three days, and which came to a close at 11:45 last night by the election of McBride, had been a bitter one from beginning to end. The contest has been a remarkable one in many respects.

One month before the Legislature met it was considered a certainty that Senator Dolph would have no opposition to reelection, but from that time until the Legislature met the free-silver men began a campaign to defeat his reelection. They had no particular candidate, but simply were opposed to Dolph on account of his views on the money question. On the second day of the session the Republicans went into caucus, when Dolph received the unanimous nomination.

The vote in separate session was taken one week from the time of the caucus, but twenty-four members of the House who had voted for him in caucus refused to do so in the separate session. He received a majority in the Senate, but lacked one in the House, his total vote, however, footed up forty-eight, a majority of two.

The next day in joint session four more votes left him, which prevented his election by one vote. He continued to drop off from day to day until his support got down to thirty-eight. The opposition stood firm, and it became evident several days ago that Dolph could not be elected, though his supporters agreed to stand by him to the last. Rather than cause a deadlock, however, they yielded at the last moment and brought forth McBride, upon whom all factions could unite, and he was chosen on the sixtieth ballot of the session.

George Washington McBride is a native son of Oregon, having been born in Yamhill County in 1854. He is a son of Dr. James McBride, who was well known as one of the earliest and sturdiest pioneers of this State. Mr. McBride was educated in the common schools and at Willamette University, Salem. In 1867 his parents left Yamhill County and located at St. Helens, Columbia County, which place he has made his home ever since. In 1882 he was elected to the Oregon House of Representatives and was subsequently chosen speaker of that body. In 1886 Mr. McBride was nominated by the Republicans for Secretary of State and was elected. His popularity is attested by the fact that two of the principal nominees on the ticket with him, Governor and Treasurer, were defeated. Mr. McBride performed the duties of his office so satisfactorily that he was re-nominated by acclamation in 1890 and re-elected by a handsome majority. He served out the full term and retired the first of the present year to give way to his successor.

Owing to the prolonged contest for Senator last night the Legislature was unable to elect State Railroad Commissioners.

ASSIST NATURE

a little now and then in removing offending matter from the stomach and bowels and you thereby avoid a multitude of distressing derangements and diseases, and will have less frequent need of your doctor's service. Of all known agents for this purpose, Doctor Pierce's Pleasant Pellets are the best. Once used, they are always in favor. Their secondary effect is to keep the bowels open and regular, not to further constipate, as is the case with other pills. Hence, their great popularity with sufferers from habitual constipation, piles and their attendant discomfort and manifold derangements. The "Pellets" are purely vegetable and perfectly harmless in any condition of the system. No care is required while using them; they do not interfere with the diet, habits or occupation, and produce no pain, griping or shock to the system. They act in a mild, easy and natural way and there is no reaction afterward. Their help lasts.

The Pellets cure biliousness, sick and bilious headache, dizziness, costiveness, or constipation, sour stomach, loss of appetite, coated tongue, indigestion, or dyspepsia, windy belchings, heartburn, pain and distress after eating, and kindred derangements of the liver, stomach and bowels. In proof of their superior excellence, it can be truthfully said, that they are always adopted as a household remedy after the first trial. Put up in sealed, glass vials, therefore always fresh and reliable. One little "Pellet" is a laxative, two are mildly cathartic.

Accept no substitute that may be recommended to be "just as good." It may be better for the dealer, because of paying him a better profit, but he is not the one who needs help.



MISS M. BERTOLA



L. I. FISH



MRS. SIMON BLUM



J. E. RODGERS



J. C. WITTENMYER



SIMON BLUM

PROMINENT PEOPLE OF MARTINEZ. [Drawn by a "Call" artist from photographs.]

particular, has drawn a map for the CALL showing these available routes from a constructive point of view. The line through Marsh Creek passes by way of Byron, Concord, Walnut Creek, Lafayette, San Pablo to Oakland is not thought to be so good for

Costa owe no bills, they are virtually free from debt. In proportion to the valuation of real property, \$18,735,088 in 1894, the sum total of mortgages—\$3,064,667—carried by individuals is very light. This record-searher, who is proud of the

ter, who is the wife of Dr. Perrine, the professor of electrical engineering at Stanford University, and incidentally make the acquaintance of a new granddaughter whom they have never seen.

Mr. Roebling is a quiet, unassuming man, who does not appear to have reached middle age. He would be passed in a crowd without remark, yet his name is familiar to scientists the world over. It was by his firm that the building of the Brooklyn bridge was undertaken, and after his father's death he took entire charge of the work and completed one of the greatest pieces of engineering in the world.

"The weather in the East," said Mr. Roebling in an interview, "has been exceptionally cold and stormy. When we were in Birmingham, Ala., the snow was nearly a foot deep on the ground, and you know, snow is almost unheard of in that locality. It has been that way all through the South and a Florida orange is a very scarce article in the market.

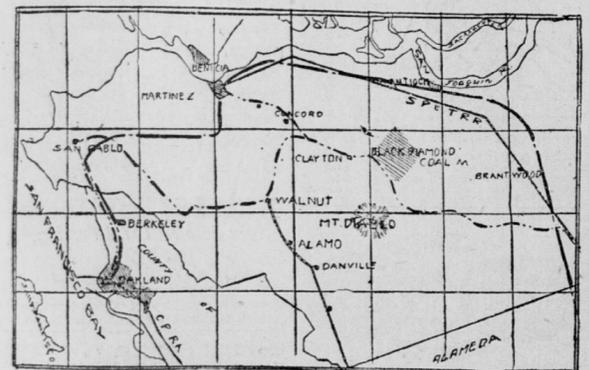
"It is too bad about the Florida orange growers, many of them are entirely ruined, and their product can not possibly figure in the market for five or six years to come. The trees themselves in many cases are killed, and it will necessitate a complete re-planting of many orchards. All over the South we found snow and ice, though we had gone there to escape it. Only when we reached California did we find the mild temperature and green grass we sought."

COLONEL THORNTON DYING. Serious Illness at Fresno of a San Francisco Attorney.

FRESNO, Feb. 24.—Colonel Harry L. Thornton, the well-known lawyer of San Francisco, is lying in a very critical condition at a local hotel. He is not expected to live. He was stricken with pneumonia about two days ago.

A Reeds Rancher's Sudden Death.

SAN RAFAEL, Feb. 24.—Frank Cruz, who keeps a chicken ranch at Reeds, Marin County, was found dead there this morn-



TWO AVAILABLE ROUTES FOR THE PROPOSED SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY ROAD VIA MARTINEZ.

[The heavy line from Antioch through Martinez and San Pablo to Oakland shows the route deemed the best by the Martinez people. The black line from Martinez through Concord and Walnut to San Pablo and thence to Oakland is a second available route. Reproduced from a sketch drawn expressly for the "Call."]

the reason that it would necessitate the purchase of the Smith narrow-gauge from Lafayette which, some think, is not in the market, because of a controlling interest held by the ever-present Southern Pacific.

In the case of this money-hungry Martinez would give money subscriptions street franchises through the town and land on the water front for depot, wharf and warehouse purposes, in order to have

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