

## JUST A FEW SHORT TALES

### Of the Haps and Mishaps of Our Neighbors.

#### DEER AND WILDCAT IN MORTAL COMBAT

#### Miniature Electrical Plant Built by a Mokelumne Hill Boy—Coyote Attacks a Dog.

#### EL DORADO COUNTY.

Nugget, Placerville, January 5th.  
Marco Brono had his right hand entirely blown off Monday morning by the explosion of a giant powder cartridge. He lighted it and held it in his hand, with the above result. Dr. Rantz was called in to attend the sufferer and found the hand entirely off. The doctor amputated the ragged edge and Bruno is resting as easy as possible under the existing circumstances.

Democrat, Placerville, January 6th.  
Between Placerville and the Strahle slate quarry at Kelsey, broken only at the river, there is a broad and continuous belt of the best slate in the world. Of this we have the sworn testimony of experienced and scientific experts of several nationalities. Still better and more of it, there is the demand for the manufactured product vastly exceeding possible supply by present working force and appliances. With enlarged facilities of manufacture and transportation, our slate industry is slated for a splendid future.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Hinkson of Amador City spent Christmas in Placerville as the guests of Mrs. Hinkson's mother, Mrs. Knights.

W. W. Tong met with quite a painful accident a few days ago. While moving a harrow he tripped and fell, running one of the harrow teeth through his hand. The wound is doing nicely, and he says it doesn't make much difference anyway, as his buggy horse does not require a driver.

#### CALAVERAS COUNTY.

Chronicle, Mokelumne Hill, January 6th.  
Peter Dolma, a laundryman who up to ten days ago lived at Angels Camp, died suddenly at his lodgings at 411 Pacific street, some time yesterday afternoon. The man's death was discovered about 6 o'clock by an employe of the house, who reported it to the coroner. In Dolma's room were found two small bottles, one of which was filled with strychnine, while the other was empty. Its contents, from the appearance of a glass tumbler close by, had been utilized to destroy the man's life. The body was taken to the Morgue, where an inquest will be held.

#### Citizen, San Andreas, January 6th.

The news comes from the grading camps on the line of the extension of the Sierra Railway from Jamestown to Angels Camp that the recent storms have made the ground too soft for scraping, and, finding they could make no satisfactory progress in the uncertain weather, the contractors have laid off their crews until a dry spell is assured. The roadbed has been graded from Jamestown to Table Mountain, but work on the cut through the upheaval is not completed. Graders have moved on north of Table Mountain crossing and were working near the old settlement known as Jeffersonville when work was stopped, owing to the wetness of the country.

Work on the steel bridge over the Stanislaus river is being pushed along satisfactorily. Excavations of bedrock were made for the foundations of the steel cylinders, which form the north and south piers of the structure and the piers were finished last week. The false work on which the steel structure will be framed is being raised and no further delay is looked for in that work.

#### Prospect, San Andreas, January 6th.

J. C. Wilson and Martin Layman were arrested at an early hour Monday morning on Twenty-fourth street by Policeman Thompson, after a desperate struggle, and were booked on a charge of burglary. An additional charge of carrying a concealed weapon was registered against Wilson. Thompson saw the two men standing in the doorway of Mossford's hardware-store, 3825 Twenty-fourth street, and asked them what they were doing there at such an unseemly hour. They told him to mind his own business, and Thompson proceeded to do so by placing the handcuffs on Wilson's wrists.

The above article appeared in last Tuesday's San Francisco Call. The two men whose names appear therein were in San Andreas some time during the month of November last and remained here two or three days. They represented that they were ex-soldiers of the late war and photographers, and were taking orders for enlarging pictures. There is no doubt, however, but that the picture business was only a side issue or a convenient auxiliary to their crooked work.

One evening last week as Martin Donnellan was returning to town in a cart from his claim near the Donnellan bridge, a large coyote attacked his dog which was following a short distance behind the vehicle. The dog ran for his master, closely pursued by the coyote. Reaching the cart, the dog ran under it and the coyote approached within three feet of the rig. Martin picked up his gun quickly and fired

## VERY HIGHEST ANTIQUITY

### Creditor and Debtor, Spend-thrift and Miser.

#### "COURIER'S" IRONICAL EULOGY ON DEBT

#### Says Spend and Regale: Save a Dollar and You Lay It up for a Thief.

Debt is of the very highest antiquity. The first debt in the history of man is the debt of nature, and the first instinct is to put off the payment of it to the last moment. Many persons, it will be observed, following the natural procedure, would die before they would pay their debts. Society is composed of two classes, debtors and creditors. The creditor class has been erroneously supposed the more enviable. Never was there a greater misconception; and the hold it yet maintains upon opinion is a remarkable example of the obstinacy of error, notwithstanding the plainest lessons of experience. The debtor has the sympathies of mankind. He is seldom spoken of but with expressions of tenderness and compassion—"the poor debtor!" and "the unfortunate debtor!" On the other hand, harsh and hard-hearted are the epithets allotted to the creditor spoken of? No, the creditor never becomes the object of pity, unless he passes into the debtor class. A creditor may be ruined by the poor debtor, but it is not until he becomes unable to pay his own debts, that he begins to be compassionated. A debtor is a man of mark. Many eyes are fixed upon him; many have interest in his well-being; his movements are of concern; he cannot disappear unheeded; his name is in many mouths; he is a man of note—of promissory note; he fills the speculation of many minds; men conjecture about him, wonder and conjecture whether he will pay. He is a man of consequence, for many are running after him. His door is thronged with duns. He is inquired after every hour of the day. Judges hear of him and know him. Every meal he swallows, every coat he puts upon his back, every dollar he borrows, appears before the country in some formal document. Compare his notoriety with the obscure lot of the creditor, of the man who has nothing but claims on the world; a landlord, or fundholder, or some such disagreeable hard character. The man who pays his way is unknown in his neighborhood. You ask the milkman at his door, and he cannot tell you his name. You ask the butcher where Mr. Payall lives, and he will tell you there is no such person in the neighborhood. People that have his money fast in their pockets have no thought of his person or appellation. His house is only known: No. 71 is good pay, No. 71 is ready money. It is an anonymous house; its owner pays his way to obscurity. No one knows anything about him or heeds his movements. If a carriage be seen at his door, the neighborhood is not full of concern lest he be going to run away. If a package be moved from his home, a score of boys are not employed to watch whether it be carried to the pawnbroker. Mr. Payall fills no place in the public mind; no one has any hopes or fears about him.

#### TUOLUMNE COUNTY.

Independent, Sonora, January 6th.  
There was a hot time in the old town last Sunday night, when the year was ushered out and the new one welcomed with all varieties of noise. The ringing of bells, the explosion of dynamite and the unmusical fishbrows were, as usual, a part of the programme, but there was an addition to the celebration in the shape of the firing of the too handy revolver, which latter amusement would have gladly been dispensed with by our citizens. Bullets sped so lively during the night that a majority of the signs on both sides of Washington street were decorated with from one to six bullet-holes and many awnings were likewise perforated. The proper place for these wild and wooly revelers was in the lockup, and it is unfortunate that such wholesale disregard of peace and quietude should go unpunished. Noise is legitimate at the coming of the new year, but bullets are dangerous to life and no improvement to property.

#### New Era, Carters, January 5th.

E. S. Isenberg, a Sonora merchant, was mysteriously shot on New Year eve in that city while walking down Washington street. The bullet entered just above the heart, passed near the aorta and penetrated the lung, and, although the wound is a serious one, it may not result fatally. Who fired the shot is not known and may never be, as there was considerable promiscuous shooting on that night, and from all accounts there should have been numerous arrests. We are told that many participated in that careless and dangerous "amusement." The unfortunate man was picked up by two young men who were passing by and taken to the home of Otto Kanig, where he is under careful attention.

#### Union Democrat, Sonora, January 6th.

In making a professional call last week Dr. Bromley had occasion to travel the Parrot's Ferry road, and passing a particularly wild and lonely point his attention was arrested by two wild animals engaged in a life and death struggle. At the same time his horses stopped and trembled with fright. The fighting animals were probably seventy-five yards distant from the doctor, who soon discovered that a deer was struggling to free itself from the vicious grip of a large wildcat. The doctor endeavored to urge forward his horses, but they, too, were witnesses to the encounter and refused to move. Finally the deer fell to the ground, and the wildcat, discovering the observing party, sought safety in the brush. Tying his team, the doctor approached the scene of conflict, and there upon the ground lay the dead deer with a crimson stream flowing from a deep throat wound inflicted by the claws and teeth of the wildcat. Not forgetful of the methods pursued in his days of sportsmanship, the doctor hurriedly and properly hung the venison to a convenient tree and proceeded on his journey. He informed a young fellow of the sight he had witnessed, described the locality and the tree to which the venison was hanging. The following day the doctor was presented with a nice hunk of deer meat. We are conscious that many people unacquainted with Dr. Bromley will doubt the above, and we want to vouch for his veracity and sobriety.

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The post graduate student who was describing the Patagonian expedition had an enthralled audience. "And for nine days," he said, "after our boat was lost, we had nothing to eat except our college yell." His hearers shuddered. A scientific education held many possibilities. The modern and most effective cure for consumption and all liver troubles—the famous little pills known as Dr. Witt's Little Early Risers. City Pharmacy.

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#### On Every Bottle

Of Shilo's Consumption cure is this guarantee: "All we ask of you is to use two-thirds of the contents of this bottle faithfully, then if you can say you are not benefited, return the bottle to your druggist and he may refund the price paid." Price paid 5c, 50c and \$1. For sale by A. Goldner, Druggist.

#### Our Meats Will Win.

American beef no longer meets with disfavor in the British market. After years of experience with it the people are more friendly toward it than ever. Many shops now display signs calling attention to the fact that they handle "prime American beef," whereas, a few years ago, such an announcement would have seriously injured their trade. American beef has been tried and found satisfactory by the greatest and most critical meat-consuming nation of Europe. It is a safe prediction that sooner or later our meats will win a similar victory in other European countries. Merit and cheapness are a hard combination to keep down. These countries which now hold out against our good and cheap meats are placing themselves at a serious disadvantage industriously, as compared with their more liberal competitors. Dear food means dear labor, either in price or in efficiency, among civilized nations, and this means costly production, which makes competition impossible in these days of cheap products. It is only a question of time when Germany, which is making vigorous attempts to become the foremost industrial nation of Europe, will be forced to realize these truths, and to admit American meats in order to maintain her industrial position.

#### How Is Your Wife?

Has she lost her beauty? If so constipation, indigestion, sick headache, are the principal causes, Karl's Clover Root Tea has cured these ills for half a century. Price 25c and 50c. Money refunded if results are not satisfactory. For sale by A. Goldner, Druggist.

#### Minnesota's Pines Failing.

According to the best estimates available, there are now 7,000,000,000 feet of white pine still standing within the borders of the State of Minnesota. To one who is unacquainted with the magnitude of the lumber interests in the State this would seem to indicate that lumbering will continue to be one of the State's great industries for some years to come; but when it is stated further that this pine is melting away at the rate of 1,500,000,000 feet every year, it requires but a minute's computation to demonstrate that this industry is rapidly drawing to a close, and that in another five years, if the present rate of consumption continues, an end will have been reached to the lumber business of the State. The mills of Minneapolis will cut almost 120,000,000 feet more lumber this year than in any that has preceded it, and preparations are making for an even larger output for next season. This winter more than 15,000 men will be employed in the pine woods, and more logs will be banked, if conditions are favorable, than ever before. The wages paid these men will aggregate about \$150,000 per month, and they will be steadily employed until the spring break-up.

#### Tell Your Sister

A beautiful complexion is an impossibility without good pure blood. The sort that only exists in connection with good digestion, a healthy liver and bowels. Karl's Clover Root Tea acts directly on the bowels, liver and kidneys, keeping them in perfect health. Price 25c and 50c. For sale by A. Goldner, Druggist.

#### Agricultural Strategy.

Colonel Wylie, of Alabama, is something of an amateur farmer, but the darkies play sad havoc with his choice vegetables. This year he thought he would be a strategist, and so he called his old gardener to him and said: "Look here, Uncle Henry: I'm trying for an experiment with the west field for a chemist downtown. The corn is a poison variety, and if any one of the darkies about here touch it they will be killed sure. You'd better warn them, hadn't you?"

"Sartinly I will; sartinly I will," responded the old negro. "Well, do you think it will have any effect on them?" asked his employer. "Do you think it will prevent them from stealing it?"

"What do I think 'bout it?" queried the old man. "I think dar'll be a lot o' dade niggers 'round hyer sho'; dat's what I think 'bout it."

G. H. Appleton, Justice of the Peace, Clarksburg, N. J., says: "De Witt's Little Early Risers are the best pills made for constipation. We use no others." Quickly cure all liver and bowel troubles. City Pharmacy.

#### Elevating It.

"What we need," said the editor, "is higher criticism." Thereupon he issued orders to have the book reviewer and the dramatic critic given offices on the top floor.

## His Queer Catch.

### One of the queerest experiences in catching trout that any man ever had was that at Mooshead lake recently by a sportsman named Williams. He was standing on the apron of the dam at Wilson's, fishing in the quick water below, and had met with fair success. Near the shore, on his right hand, in a little eddy, he noticed a barrel lying on its side in several feet of water. He found that it was an old molasses barrel and was lying so that he could see the bung hole.

Of course, the barrel was full of water, and the man had no idea there was a fish inside of it, but just for curiosity he dropped his hook through the hole, and no sooner had it landed there than the water was boiling, and the fisherman knew that he had a trout on the other end. He played him until the fish was tired, and when he came to land him he could not get him through the hole. He secured a saw and sawed a piece out of the top of the barrel, near the hole. The fish came out. It weighed three pounds and was one of the handsomest square tails caught in that section this year.

One of the guides said that the trout must have gone into the barrel when quite small and had lived on bugs and worms which had taken up their abode inside.

#### Do You Know

Consumption is preventable! Science has proven that, and also that neglect is suicidal. The worst cold or cough can be cured with Shilo's Cough and Consumption Cure. Sold on positive guarantee for over fifty years. For sale by A. Goldner, Druggist.

#### Big Ships to Be.

Designs for the greatest battleships ever projected for the American Navy have been agreed upon by the Naval Construction, after several months of discussion over the important questions of battery, armor, speed, coal capacity, and displacement. The three new vessels—to be called the Georgia, the New Jersey and the Pennsylvania—will equal in formidability the finest battleships yet laid down by any foreign power, and with the American improvements will surpass in fighting force any ships now afloat.

The salient features of the design contemplate a displacement of 14,000 tons, as compared with the Oregon's 11,000. The speed is to be "at least nineteen knots," with a coal capacity of 2000 tons.

The total cost of each of these three ships when ready for sea will exceed \$7,000,000 each. They will cruise 7000 miles straightway, and there will not be three ships of similar offensive and defensive strength in the fleet of any possible enemy.

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"After doing this, however, they still came on, I kept on repeating the dose, with the same result, and each occasion gave me an opportunity to whip up my horses. Finally there was only one wolf left, yet on it came, with its fierce eyes glaring in anticipation of a good, hot supper."

Here the man who had been sitting in the corner burst forth into a fit of laughter. "Why, man," he said, "by your way of reckoning that last wolf must have had the rest of the pack inside of him!"

"Ah!" said the red-faced man, "now I remember, it did wobble a bit."

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