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NEWS OF THE MORNING.

In New York yesterday Government bonds were quoted at 105 for 4s of 1907; 103 for 6s of 1881; 105 for 4s; sterling, 84 3/8 @ 85; silver bars, 113; silver coin, 1/2 discount buying, par selling.

San Francisco half dollars are quoted at par; trade dollars, 50 buying, 50 1/2 selling; Mexican dollars, 50 buying, 50 1/2 selling.

At Liverpool yesterday wheat was quoted at 106 1/2 for average California white, and 106 3/4 for 11 2 1/2 for club.

Miner's stocks in San Francisco are dull, weak and unsatisfactory. Yesterday's rates show a still lower scale for the most of the Constock shares.

The London Times states the report that Lord Lytton desires to have India.

The molars in the stove works at Reading, Pa., have struck for 15 per cent. advance in wages.

The County Hospital at Wauwatosa, Wis., was burned yesterday, several of the inmates perishing in the flames.

Francisco cattle has been sentenced at Newton, N. J., to be hanged April 3d.

General John Brisson, formerly a member of Congress from Pennsylvania, is dead.

A battle, in which fifteen lives were lost, was recently fought in Dakota between Gov. Vest and Unsettled Indians.

The elections in Bulgaria for the Assembly resulted in the re-election of most of the Liberal members.

Isaac Boothley, a bank cashier, committed suicide yesterday at Annapolis, Md.

At Newark, N. J., Monday night, Charles Decker killed himself.

Fire at Marysville; also at Wakeney, Ky.

The recent sale of the Atlantic and Great Western Railroad was confirmed yesterday.

George Easton shot and killed Clark Hamilton, Monday, in Chackamacon, Or.

Fork in snow fell at New York yesterday.

THE REPORT OF THE STATE ENGINEER.

We publish this morning the full report of the State Engineer. It is an elaborate and most important document, and it is so well arranged, notwithstanding its length, that the conclusions reached are easily ascertainable by the reader.

This is the first systematic effort that has been made to examine the great problem demanding solution, from a comprehensive standpoint, and the results of the inquiry are such as to fortify the position taken by this journal in regard to the policy of the future.

We must, however, point out that his labors have convinced him of the absolute necessity of dealing with the drainage, irrigation and debris questions as a whole, and have persuaded him of the futility of any partial or piecemeal attempts to obtain relief from the dangers which threaten the State.

In expressing views upon the financial considerations involved, it appears to us that Mr. Hall has overstepped the limits of his jurisdiction, however. It was no part of his duty to make suggestions as to how the expense of any relief system might or should be met, and as in discussing this subject he is entirely outside of his professional character, it is obvious that his remarks on this head are superfluous and without weight.

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SHASTA COUNTY.

More About the Vacant Land There—Letters of Inquiry Answered.

Iro (Shasta county), Jan. 26, 1880.

Numerous letters of inquiry relative to the subject-matter in my letters to your paper addressed to the homeless, have reached me, some of which I have answered in the way of letters, but as more have reached me, all from poor men with small families, I find my stock of patience somewhat taxed, and as the inquiries are all somewhat similar, I desire to give a detailed answer in the shape of further information to the homeless.

The railroad penetrates Shasta county about twenty or twenty-five miles, its present terminus being at Reading. The road is intended to continue through our county into Oregon, where legislation permitting freight and passenger fares have never been considered exorbitant.

What Market—Requisition Recognized—Acquitted—Held for Harder in the Second Degree.

PORTLAND, February 3d.—The weather is cold and cloudy.

TO ENCOURAGE STOCK BREEDING.

A bill has been introduced in the Legislature which emanates from gentlemen deeply interested in the improvement of stock in this State.

Persons desiring to come here by rail or otherwise should bring as much of their effects with them as the trunk of the case will admit.

One man wrote me, saying: "I would like to come to your county and get a home in the State of California."

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ST. FRANCISCO ITEMS.

[From San Francisco exchanges of February 3d.]

The City of Peking is at the dock, and, having completed discharging cargo, is being painted inside the hull.

The savings banks are now refusing deposits, excepting those small in amount, from persons already depositors. One bank has been refusing on an average \$30,000 a day.

The new steamer Columbia, now being built by John Roach at Astoria, for the Oregon Steamship Company, is to be launched within thirty days, and will be ready to leave Philadelphia for this port on the 1st of April.

The United States ship Adams came down from Mare Island today, Tuesday, for sea. She will go to Panama to transfer 500 apprentice boys to the Constitution, from thence to Peru, Chile, etc., and finally to Australia and the South Sea Islands.

FACTS AND FANCIES.

The baggage man is not a chest porter.

This is a joke by a proof-reader, and it's more than a joke: It takes but little time and space to turn man's laughter into manlaughter.

Little Gattie (after waiting some time for dessert)—"Uncle, don't you have anything after dinner?" "Yes, dear; the dyspepsia."

The only market reports boys care anything about is the rise and fall in leather when the mother holds her shoe in her god right hand.

If a man whistles in the street as if he were calling a dog, from three to seven men will stop suddenly and look about. Is Darwin right?

A milkman makes an excellent candidate for office. Practice with the pump-handle enables him to shake hands without experiencing fatigue.

A sailor is not a sailor when he is a board; a sailor is not a sailor when he is a shore; but he must be either ashore or aboard; therefore a sailor is not a sailor.

"Teacher—Peter, of what shape is the earth?" "Peter—Circular, teacher—'And how do you know that?'" Peter—"Why, sir, you told us so yesterday."

The young lady who worked a pair of slippers for her beau, with the unique design of a coiled snake on each, doesn't go to the theater at his expense any more.

If a man would keep both integrity and independence free from temptation, let him keep out of debt. Franklin said, "It is hard for an empty bag to stand upright."

A preacher, while instructing a class of orphans, told them God could do everything, whereupon one of them asked: "Can God make a rock so big that he can't lift it?"

The Frenchman who proposes to search the Red Sea for the remains of Pharaoh's army should first discover the bulrushes in which Moses was hid, and then follow up the trail.

"Is business good?" inquired a friend of an undertaker. "Business good," he reiterated. "You bet—two in walnut, two in rosewood, and three on ice at this blessed moment."

"Would you know this boy to be my son from his resemblance to me?" asked a gentleman. Mr. Curran replied, "Yes, sir; the maker's name is stamped upon the blade."

Sioux City has a grocer named Dahm. "Where did you get that butter?" "From the grocer, Dahm," responds the gentle wife; and the husband looks as if he had been asleep.

When the girl who has encouraged a young man for about two years suddenly turns around and tells him that she can never be more than a sister to him, he can for the first time see the freckles on her nose.

A shirt has two arms just as pantaloons have two legs. You are called a shirt and the other is only one. Isn't it time we let up on astronomy and paid more attention to the everyday trifles that vex the clearest mind?

A little girl who had fallen out of bed said at first: "It was because I slept too near the place where I got in." Then correcting herself she said: "No, it was because I slept too near the place where I fell out."

Maud—"And now you've shown me all your favors, dear, do tell me who was there the night of, course, I mean." "Ah—" "Oh, let me see! There were lots of Harvard men, of course—yes, and some real men."