

FRUIT GROWERS' CONVENTION.

Yesterday's Session of More Than Usual Interest.

Not Only to Members, But to Agriculturalists of the Great Commonwealth.

M. T. Kearney of Fresno Gives an Interesting Summary of the History of the Grape in California, and the Benefits to His County Since the Growers Had Formed Their Combination to Protect Prices.

SAN JOSE, Dec. 14.—This morning's session of the Horticultural Convention was one of great interest not only to the members, but it means much for the agriculture of this great State. M. Theodore Kearney of Fresno, President and General Manager of the California Raisin Growers' Association, opened the discussion. His subject was "The Raisin Industry—Review of the Season's Output and Operation Among the Farmers as Applied to the Raisin Industry."

This address was really a masterly summary of the history of the grape in California, with special reference to the raisin. He showed the period of terrible depression, and stated that in two years there was a loss in assessment in Fresno County of well on to two million dollars through the depression in the industry. Then the growers got together and formed their combination. They control 75 per cent. of the total product and growers are prosperous and contented, and Fresno County is prosperous.

The address made a profound impression. A committee was appointed to look after the publication of the speech, which shall be distributed free to the fruit growers of the State.

The address of A. H. Naffziger of Los Angeles will also be printed in the same pamphlet, not less than 20,000 copies to be issued.

A resolution protesting against any reciprocity treaty with Jamaica, France or elsewhere which will injure the fruit industry of the State was offered and went to the committee.

A resolution protesting against the adulteration of food products, olive oil, wine, etc., was offered and went to the same committee. This announces as the sense of the convention that Congress should enact laws against food adulteration as such practice will not only ruin California's great agricultural industries but those of the entire country as well.

There seems to be no doubt of the adoption of both resolutions, and they will be sent to California's representatives in Congress.

NEWS FROM THE ORIENT.

Advices Received Per the Steamship Empress of India.

VANCOUVER (B. C.), Dec. 14.—The steamship Empress of India arrived today from Yokohama, bringing advices to December 1st.

A Nanking dispatch says that two battalions of modern armed Chinese, sent to Kiangsai to assist the Governor in putting down the rioting against the Roman Catholic missionaries, dispersed and took their impedimenta to the hills. It is thought that they were Kaho Hui, secret society men.

It is reported that between seventy and eighty piratical craft infest the waterways at Canton. The steamer Cheong Kong was robbed of \$2,000 in gold, seventeen cases of opium and a large amount of personal property. The Captain and several officers were wounded.

A hard fight took place between pirates and the officers of the steamer Yangtze. Four pirates were killed, two drowned while trying to escape and the others were captured. Two of the steamer's crew were killed.

Carlowitz & Company of Shanghai has offered Chang Chi Tung, Viceroy of Hupeh, a loan of 4,000,000 marks for fifteen years at 7 per cent. interest, to enable him to construct a line of railway from the Pingshan coal mines to the iron works at Haynan.

Chinese advices state that a step is now on foot to mobilize an army of 100,000 men at Kiangsai to garrison the Yangtze delta. This step was instigated by the Viceroy Liu at Nanking, with the approval of the High Imperial Commissioner, He Kang Yi, during his visit there.

Li Hung Chang has been ordered to open ports with a view of investigating conditions as to the advisability of raising customs duties.

Within a few days it is expected that Kobe will be declared free from the plague. No cases except one of doubtful character has been reported there since the 17th ult.

The new German Lloyd steamer King Albert, which arrived yesterday, is the largest steamer which ever entered the port.

The hearing on the appeal of Robert

New Dental Parlors

Dr. J. D. Powell, D. D. S., has opened his new dental offices at the northeast corner of Fifth and K streets, and is prepared to do all kinds of dental work in a first class manner.

Dr. Powell is a graduate of the Philadelphia Dental College, one of the best in the country.

All work that goes out of the office is thoroughly inspected by him.

None but graduate dentists are employed.

Examinations free of charge.

Gold crowns \$10.00

Bridge work, per tooth 6.00

Extracting teeth (outlines) 6.00

No charge for extracting when plates are ordered.

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Miller, an American, under sentence of death for murder, has again been postponed to December 18th.

The Government mining bill does not contain the expected provision granting to foreigners the right to own and work mines in the empire. It is felt, however, that it is only a question of time when such rights will be freely conceded.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC SYSTEM.

Statement of Earnings for First Four Months of Fiscal Year.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—C. P. Huntington, President of the Southern Pacific Company, has issued a statement of the earnings of the company for October last and for the first four months of the present fiscal year.

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Sudden Death at San Francisco.

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Morphine in Parent's Stomach.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—Chemists Crackborn and Bothe state they have discovered indications of morphine in the contents of the stomach of Carlo Parenti, who died in Sacramento a few days ago, after drinking a cocktail. The analysis has not been completed.

Dewey Invited to California.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—An invitation signed by Mayor Phelan and the Grand Officers of the Native Sons of the Golden West has been sent to Admiral Dewey requesting his presence in this city on Admission Day, September 8, 1900.

Osgood Pleads Guilty.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—George L. Osgood, under indictment for bigamy for having wedded Thelie Alice Glover and Nellie Kinsella at about the same time, pleaded guilty to the charge against him to-day and will be sentenced on Saturday.

After the Gold Booms.

"The law that settlers follow the line of least resistance suffers an exception when men are seeking gold," says a writer in "Ainslee's," who goes on to prove it. "In the natural order of things, population would have worked itself in a constant progression toward the Rocky Mountains, crossing them only by compulsion, as the Alleghenies were crossed and the Mississippi and the Missouri Rivers. But where there is gold in sight there is no law. Humanity goes into Alaska with the same blind ardor that it went into California fifty years ago, with the same fatuousness that it swept to Pike's Peak in 1858. Population forsakes all its domiciles, its patronages and its prosperity, in the Argonaut 'period, and, as if driven by some monstrous wind, surges over the uneven earth to the Pacific and to the Rockies. The whole world knows how it did so, and the suffering that ensued is as common a story as the fortunes that were won. But the thing that is not known, the matter of lasting importance that is not often overlooked, is the migratory reaction, the settling back of the big flood to the places in which, either by necessity or by choice, it must finally rest. The character of the great West, the transmissouri, with its multiple variations, is determined by this phenomenon.

"A map and a book of census statistics will tell the story. It is the story of the oil from the pitcher again. Men and women touched the crest of the continent at Leadville, in Colorado, in 1858, but fell back on to the plains again before the sixties were expired. The Mormon emigration filled the valley of the Jordan in 1847, but the general tide of people either went to the lower valleys of the Sacramento and the San Joaquin on the Oriental side of the Sierra Nevada, or receded on the eastern slope of the Rockies. Successive mining discoveries enticed the hordes of prospectors into Northern Idaho and British Columbia, but the greater mass of the movers went back into the warmer regions of California and Oregon. Where the Comstock and the Consolidated Virginia silver mines once magnetized so many settlers as to beguile Congress into making a State of Nevada, there is little left now but the evidence of what has been and the promise of what may be when the immigration of the West begins to move again for less glorious promises than acres of oranges for the mere tilling of the soil, and monster timber for the mere heaving of the logs. The mesas of the two Southwestern Territories, Arizona and New Mexico, seem to have absorbed the hosts of traders and adventurers that went into them, as the sandy soil of their great areas drink in the freshets from the mountains."

The Biograph Caused a Groan.

It seems that among the treasures displayed by a biograph man now in the Crescent City is a series showing a crowd of spectators surging along lower Fifth avenue. The figures in the foreground include a chubby young man in a Scotch cap, holding a box camera in both hands, and evidently taking snap shots at the throng. He appeared at the lower right-hand corner of the scene, crossing rapidly toward the left, and, just before the film ended, he turned his face so that he was looking directly at the people in the theater, and smiled. This individual was immediately recognized as a young man whose abrupt departure from New Orleans not long ago was the scene of great grief among numerous creditors and overconfident friends. He passed as a newspaper correspondent, and developed a good deal of talent in the all-round bent. When his counterfeit presentation flashed into motion on the biograph screen a deep groan went up from victims in several different parts of the theater. Most deeply grieved of all who saw the first exhibition in New Orleans was a man himself in the photograph line. He not only recognized the chubby young man, but he recognized the camera in the young man's hand as one stolen from himself just before the youth so hastily started for the North.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.