

A CALIFORNIA TRAGEDY.

Three Persons Killed by Chinamen—Driving the Chinese from the Town and Demolishing their Buildings.

A San Francisco dispatch says: Some persons passing near Sargent's Ranch, about two miles from Rocklin, Placer county, heard several pistol shots, and as they approached the house, saw two men, who scaled the fence and ran away. On entering the house, the body of a Mrs. Oler, who with her husband and Sargent, occupied the premises, was found on the floor. She had been shot twice, and her head split open with an ax. An alarm was given, and a party of constables and citizens began a search. About fifty yards from the house the body of Mr. Oler was found. He had received three pistol shots. The party then followed the trail of the men, who were seen to jump the fence. Their tracks showed that they wore Chinese shoes. After crossing a ravine, three-quarters of a mile from the house, in a clump of willows, they found Sargent bleeding from wounds in the head and body. He was carried to the house and two Chinamen had called at the house shortly after noon and desired to purchase a certain mining claim from him. He accompanied them to the claim, and while returning they shot him five times in the body and head, and left him for dead. The man who was shot by the Chinamen had called at the house shortly after noon and desired to purchase a certain mining claim from him. He accompanied them to the claim, and while returning they shot him five times in the body and head, and left him for dead.

COMMUNIST SOCIETIES.

A Condensed History of the Different Communist Organizations of the United States.

The Amarna Community, Amarna, Iowa.—German. Number of members about fifteen hundred. Live in seven villages, all of which have a common interest. Own from twenty-five to thirty thousand acres of land. Business: agriculture, manufactures and merchandise. Emigrated to America and settled near Buffalo in 1842. Removed to Iowa in 1850. Marriage permitted, but not encouraged. Strongly religious. Call themselves "The True Inspiration Congregations" or "Inspirationists." Present leader in spiritual things, or "inspired instrument," Barbara Heynemann—now over eighty years of age. The temporal affairs are managed by trustees. The Harmonists, Economy, Pennsylvania.—Germans. Emigrated to this country in 1803-4. Organized into "The Harmony Society" in 1805. First settled in Butler county, Pennsylvania. Moved to Harmony, Pa., in 1814, and built the town of Harmony. Sold out to Robert Owen and returned to Pennsylvania in 1824, and built their present town of Economy on the eastern bank of the Ohio. Business: agriculture, manufactures and merchandise. Estimated worth several million of dollars. Members are married. Marriage practiced until 1807. Celibacy has since been the rule. George Rapp was their founder and leader until his death at the age of ninety. Jacob Henrich and Matthias Leisz are now their leaders. The Harmonists have their organization on religious principles. The Separatists, Zear, Ohio.—Germans. Emigrated from Wurtemberg in 1817, under the leadership of Joseph Baumeister. Adopted communism of property in 1810. Business: agriculture and manufactures. Estimated value of property one million dollars. Amount of land seven thousand five hundred acres. Celibates until 1828; marriage has since prevailed. Jacob Ackerman present leader, but shares his responsibilities with trustees chosen by members. The Harmonists have their organization on religious principles. The Separatists, Zear, Ohio.—Germans. Emigrated from Wurtemberg in 1817, under the leadership of Joseph Baumeister. Adopted communism of property in 1810. Business: agriculture and manufactures. Estimated value of property one million dollars. Amount of land seven thousand five hundred acres. Celibates until 1828; marriage has since prevailed. Jacob Ackerman present leader, but shares his responsibilities with trustees chosen by members. The Harmonists have their organization on religious principles.

Precautions Against Fire.

Now that the long evenings are coming on, and the lamp is coming into use, it is an excellent time to form strict habits of guarding against explosions. Every accident of this kind results from simple carelessness; and the following rules, while perhaps not covering all cases, will if observed undoubtedly render mishaps from fire exceedingly improbable:

- 1. Never buy anything but the best quality of oil.
2. Never make a sudden motion with a lamp, either in lighting it or setting it down.
3. Never place a lamp on the edge of a table or mantel.
4. Never fill a lamp after dark, even if you have to go without a light.
5. See that the lamp-wicks are always clean and that they work freely in the tube.
6. Never blow out a lamp from the top.
7. Never take a light to a closet where there are clothes. If necessary to go to the closet, place the light at a distance.
8. Use candles just as much as possible in going about the house and in bedrooms. They are cheaper, can't explode, and for very many purposes are just as good.
9. Matches should always be kept in a tin or earthen jar or tin.
10. They should never be left where rats or mice can get hold of them. There is nothing more to the taste of rats than phosphorus. They will eat it if they can get at it. A bunch of matches is almost certain to be set on fire if a rat gets at it.
11. Have perfectly good safes in every place where matches are to be used, and never let one remain upon the floor.
12. Never let a match go out of your hand after lighting it, until you are sure it is out; and then it is better to put it in the stove or an earthen dish.
13. It is far better to use the safety matches, that can only be lighted upon the box that contains them.
14. Have your fireplaces examined carefully in the fall, and at least once during the winter, by a competent person. All of the pipes and flues should be carefully looked to.
15. If there are any closets in the house near chimneys or flues, which these ought not to be, put nothing of a combustible nature in them. Such closets will soil silver and crack crockery.
16. Never leave any wood near a furnace, range or stove to dry.
17. Have your stoves looked at frequently, to see that there are no holes for coals to drop out.
18. Never put any hot ashes or coals in a wooden receptacle.
19. Be sure that there are no curtains or shades that can be blown into a gas-light.
20. Never examine a gas-meter after dark.

Osman Pasha.

The identity of Osman Pasha the Turkish commander, bids fair to be as perplexing a problem as that of the author of the Junius letters. Americans claim the name for R. Clay Crawford, and the Turkish Legation reports that the Marshal was born in Asia Minor of Mussulman parents. It is left for a Jewish newspaper, published in Pesth, to give a more detailed portrait of the hero of Plevna. According to this authority Osman Pasha was born in Hungary of Jewish parents named Wolf. On attaining his majority he changed his name to Farkas. He participated in the revolution of 1848, and after the subjection of Hungary he fled to Turkey and was appointed a lieutenant. His great powers as a linguist attracted the notice of the Sultan's household officers, and after a brief sojourn here he was named a professor in the military school at Constantinople. His course in that capacity gave such high satisfaction to the Sultan, that he was appointed superintendent of the education of the Sultan's children. During the Crimean war he conducted the correspondence between the Turkish, French and English armies, and on the conclusion of peace the Sultan raised him to the dignity of a Pasha. He was then appointed superintendent of the education of the Sultan's children. During the Crimean war he conducted the correspondence between the Turkish, French and English armies, and on the conclusion of peace the Sultan raised him to the dignity of a Pasha. He was then appointed superintendent of the education of the Sultan's children.

The Markets.

Table with multiple columns listing market prices for various commodities such as Beef, Mutton, Pork, Butter, Eggs, etc. in different locations like New York, Buffalo, Philadelphia, and Boston.

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THE RESPIRATORISTS. Their community at Brocton, N. Y., was founded by Thomas L. Harris and Lawrence O'Leary, in 1867.

A SCENE IN NISIEC. The correspondent of the Manchester (England) Guardian gives a vivid description of the scene in Nisiec which the Montenegro flag fluttered out from the staff of the citadel.

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