

NEWS OF THE RAIL.

The Effect of the Storm—Many Trains Delayed.

The railroads are making the best that they can out of a rather disagreeable situation. The rain, it appears, was much more serious all around this city than it was in it. Difficulty was experienced by the Southern Pacific in two or three places. The most serious breaks were in the Soledad cañon, and on the line to the East near Shorby's. In the latter direction there was a very deep washout made by the Christmas storm, which was repaired in a temporary fashion by crib work and sand bagging. This gave way and stopped all trains Friday. The overland lay at Colton all night, and the passengers were transferred over the break yesterday morning, and brought to this city at 10 o'clock. A pile-driver was sent down to the place where the road was washed out, and permanent repairs were effected. The first train got over at about 4 o'clock, and since then this division of the line has been all right.

Number 19 to the East, which should have gone out Friday evening, was held back until yesterday morning, and then dispatched for the East. This part of the line is now in such shape that the road can stand a moderate rainfall and still escape injury.

The ravages executed by the storm of Christmas upon the track through the Soledad cañon have already been fully described, and it may be readily understood that they were of a sort not to be easily nor quickly repaired. It rained very hard Thursday and Friday all along this part of the line, and in many places the crib work was washed out. The trains which should have arrived in this city on Friday were held back and did not move until late yesterday afternoon. They will arrive in this city early this morning if all goes well. The officers of the company are very confident that this division of the road will be all right today.

The Santa Ana and Santa Barbara divisions of the Southern Pacific are still useless. The intermittent rains which have prevailed for the last two days have made work almost impossible. Connection is still kept up with San Pedro, and the roadbed is in a very shaky condition between Cerritos and Long Beach junction. A large gang of men is at work along the line, piling in sand bags to keep the water away from the rails. The trains are compelled to run very slowly. One train got out to Long Beach yesterday, but owing to the quantity of mud which was washed upon the track it was unable to get back. In the event of heavier rains the company will exert themselves to the utmost to keep the San Pedro road open, in order to bring in passengers and freight from San Francisco by the steamship line.

The Cajon pass, on the Santa Fe, is blocked. There have been no very considerable land slides but the rain has washed down a quantity of mud and gravel over the track. The Santa Fe people are discussing with the Southern Pacific the advisability of sending their trains from Barstow up to Mojave to bring them in on the line of the latter company, and if the Southern Pacific northern connection is all right today, and the Cajon still impassable that plan will probably be adopted.

There are several obstructions on the Southern California line between here and Pasadena, and no trains ran over that part of the line yesterday and will not until Monday. This morning at 10:30 a train will start from this city for San Bernardino, over the Orange division of the line. No trains got through to San Diego yesterday. There are serious washouts in the vicinity of San Juan which will not be repaired for a couple of days.

While the rains continue travel will probably be very light, as the trains are compelled to run at a slow rate of speed and are more or less subject to stoppages. If the storm had only held off a few days longer both the roads would probably have been in a condition to stand a much severer fall of rain than the one which has just taken place.

The total number of people arriving in California during the first eleven months of the past year, by land and water, was 98,756. The total number leaving during the same time was 81,672, leaving a net gain in our population of 17,084. In 1888 the arrivals numbered 130,268 and departures 86,830, leaving a gain of 43,438. For 1887 the arrivals were 89,823, departures, 57,193, gain, 32,630.

During the eleven months ending November 30, 3,503,792 gallons of California wine were shipped from San Francisco to New York by sea. The amount shipped overland by rail from various points in the State during the same time amounted to 3,949,400 gallons. The total number of gallons exported by land and sea was 7,453,192, valued at \$3,048,909, or nearly 41 cents per gallon. During the first eleven months of 1888 the number of gallons exported amounted to 6,707,944, valued at \$2,704,413. For 1887 the number of gallons was 5,806,800, valued at \$2,380,700. The production of wine was less last year than for 1887 or 1888, and unless prices stiffen materially the falling off will continue next year, the grapes being dried instead of pressed.

W. H. Hart, the attorney of the Union Pacific at San Francisco, is in the city. He was seen yesterday by a Herald reporter, and asked about the proposed connection of the Utah Central with this city. He said that there was no longer any doubt about the purpose of the Union Pacific—that it intended to build through to the coast. With regard to when work would begin from this end, he said that he was not in a position to make definite statements, but that he thought in a few weeks there would be some important news in this matter.

It was learned yesterday from a very reliable source that work would probably begin between this city and San Pedro about the middle of February. The contract for the work between Milford and Pioche requires that it should be finished by the first of July. The line across the desert cannot be built during the hot summer weather, and the men now at work near Milford will probably be sent to this city and work on the San Pedro connection during the summer months. In order to expedite the work it will probably be started this winter or spring.

It is also stated on good authority that within a short time a large amount of stock of the Cross road between this city and Pasadena has been sold to St. Louis capitalists, and that it is now controlled by the agents of Jay Gould for the purpose of making it the Denver and Rio Grande connection into this city. A large party of surveyors are working down the Virgin river in Nevada in the interest of this line.

Chamber of Commerce.

The annual election of officers of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce will be held next Wednesday between 9 a. m. and 8 p. m. Any member more than three months in arrears for dues is disqualified from voting, and proxies are not allowed. At 2 p. m. the regular annual meeting will be held; President Jones will deliver his annual address. At 8 p. m. the directors will count the ballots. Nominations will be permitted on the day of election, and the directors will be present at 9 a. m. to receive any. The Secretary will be present from 9 a. m. to 8 p. m. to receipt for dues.

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FOR THE HERALD.

An Incident.
In deep San Felix's mountain dell
This pleasant chance a time befell:
A cloudless day
In early May.

The thundering car had borne away
From city's din and atmosphere,
To breathe the while the mountain air,
A hundred merry impulses and sighs;
By two and four, by tens and twelves,
They ranged the mountain's sloping side,
Or from the shadows, cool and wide,
Of giant live oaks, hoary limbed,
Gazed on the blue and white of peaks
That rose six thousand feet with streaks
Of mist-furzed, that coiled and climbed,
Like phantasmal armies, up their steep.
Lo! where his watch Calhoun keeps
Above San Felix's fabled leaves,
A giant rock its brow upheaves
Against the steadfast sky—the home
Of wild bees, where the nectared comb
Has leen while fifty harvest moons
Have filled and waned. The swallows' tunes,
In trills of music, tinkle down
The rocky shaft and owlets moan
And every in its crannies side
A thousand feet above where glides
The angel, its shattered crest
Sweeps to the mountain's lofty breast,
Clothed in witch-hazel copes green;
And so it stands, midway between
The rocky peak and valley's sod,
A statue carved by nature's God.
A grim and mighty shape to grace
My pathway to his secret place,
His dim and awful seat amid
The pale Sierras, tempest hid.

A challenge broke the reverent hush
That fell, what time we looked above
And felt a thrill of gladness rush
Like memory through our souls and prove
Our finer sense to nature shaped.
'Tis the scale the cliff, one cried and leaped
Like a flame to the shaggy cliff,
And, as the bounding herds that sniff
The air and mark their leader's course,
We paused a moment and, perforce
Of one desire, the challenge caught.
Then up the haze level we wrought,
Till all the valley stretched below.
A dream illumed with vernal glow;
Their echoes, as from fairy land,
Of pipes and laughter from the band
Of revelers that stayed behind.
Pursued us on the errand wind
That rose and fell with soft unrest;
But higher seemed the rock to rise
With every step, until the skies
Were pillared on its hoary crest.

Faint grew the stronger limbed, and need
Must yield the cavernous dead,
Stretch'd under hazel boughs, that lent
A fragrant shade, a trio spent
The vernal noon—the task forsook—
When lo! we lifted eyes, and on
The rocky dome exultant stood
The youngest of our troop—a lad
A tender years—in solitude
Leaving a step, ascended had
That stairway to the pile of clouds,
As one whose dauntless spirit prods
The steep path that leads to fame.
He stood and proudly carved his name
Across the giant's flinty brow,
Casting a victor's glance below.

A painter's canvas then became
My willing brain, and prophetic flame
Infused its breath and shaped the walls
Of speech's mingling undertone.
Lo! I mented in the valley's smile,
I made the Past to be alone:
The eternal hush was memory's own,
And that our hazy trying place
The Present's sweet sufficiency grace;
But the misty mountain roll'd
The viewless tide of years untold;
And so I read life's passing dream,
A pleasing task as well may seem—
We pass from memory's vale apace
And, happy, through our destined days
We toil and climb, but faint at last
Midway the Future and the Past;
And where we yield our vital breath,
We sink to silent sleep beneath
The fragrant hazel's sombre grace,
Will younger faith take up the race,
And, still on higher purpose bent,
Pursue again life's steep ascent,
Until it stands with shining feet
Where heaven and earth commingling meet?
—H. M. Du Bos.

A NEGRO'S LETTER.

He Addresses His Old Master, Now of Los Angeles.

Mr. John T. Brown, who lives in the south end of the city, is well known. He formerly lived in Georgia, where he owned slaves. He has been absent from there for many years, but a day or two ago he received a letter from an old slave, which runs as follows:

BROWNWOOD Ga Dec 20 1889
DEAR MASTER JOHN T. BROWN Dear
With much pleasure I write you to inform you of my health I am well at present and hoping to find you the same I am living with Mr. A. C. Hill and are getting along as well as I can expect and I want to hear from you and I thought I would write and see if I could hear from you and misties if you and her are well mast John I would be happy to hear from you and I want you to write me and tell me in your letter where Miss Mary Mary Post office is I want to hear from her so I must come to a close as Ever yours Truly
ADAM BROWN.

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Junior Classes.
On or about the 15th of the present month physical culture classes for juniors will be started by the Los Angeles Athletic Club. The motto of the club is "Health, recreation, grace and vigor," and it intends to give the young folks an opportunity of obtaining physical culture with all the advantages of a fully equipped gymnasium without any danger of injury. The classes will be held on Wednesday afternoons from 4 to 5:30 and Saturday mornings from 10 to 12. Terms \$1 per month, members' children free. So I must come to a close as Ever yours Truly
ADAM BROWN.

Rapid Meeting of the Heart.
Whenever one feels an uneasiness in the region of the heart, a slight pain in the shoulder, arm, or under the shoulder blade, or when you find yourself short of breath when exercising, or your heart has palpitations of beating fast, you have heart disease, and should take Dr. FLETCHER'S REMEDY. Descriptive treatise with each bottle; or address Jack Drug Co., N. Y.

Buggy robes and blankets at Foy's harness shop, 217 Los Angeles street.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.



Given Away!

The fine range in the window at No. 30 South Main street, opposite Mott market. For full particulars see card in the window. 420-4f

MISCELLANEOUS.

SPECIAL SALE AT COULTER'S For This Week.

Ladies' Silk and Wool Winter Skirts.

All pure wool French Cloth Skirt, with 7-in. Flounce, worth \$2.25, at.....	\$1.85
All pure wool French Cloth Skirts, in 5 shades, with 7-in. Pleated Flounce, worth \$2.75, at.....	\$2.00
French Cloth Wool Skirt, with 2 Flounces, worth \$3.00, at.....	\$2.45
French Cloth Skirt, with 3 in. Kilt Pleating and 3-in. Embroidery, in 5 shades, worth \$3.50, at.....	\$2.70
Quilted Alpaca Skirts, lined with Canton Flannel, worth \$2.50, at.....	\$1.85
Quilted Alpaca Skirts, lined with Canton Flannel, worth \$3.50, at.....	\$2.75
Princess Maternich, with Sateen Top, lined, and quilted border 7-in. deep, worth \$3.50, at.....	\$2.75
Princess Maternich, with Sateen Top, lined, and quilted border 9-in. deep, worth \$5.00, at.....	\$3.95
Princess Maternich, with Sateen Top, lined, and quilted border 12-in. deep, worth \$6.00, at.....	\$4.50
Princess Maternich, with Sateen Top, lined, and quilted border 16-in. deep, worth \$7.50, at.....	\$6.00
Princess Maternich, with Sateen Top, lined, and quilted border 12-in. deep, worth \$5.00, at.....	\$3.75
Ladies' French Cloth Skirts all wool, with 5-in. box pleated Flounce, worth \$4.50, at.....	\$2.75
Ladies' Fancy Stripe Cloth, with 7-in. box pleated Flounce, worth \$4.00, at.....	\$3.00
Ladies' All-wool French Cloth Skirts, with 3-in. Kilted Flounce and 5 Satin piped bands, worth \$4.75, at.....	\$3.25
Ladies' French Cloth, with 5 in. Flounce of Embroidered Velvet, and piped Satin bands, worth \$5.75, at.....	\$4.50
Solid Black Satin Skirts, with 15-in. of Quilting, lined with Canton Flannel, worth \$7.50, at.....	\$5.50
Solid Black Satin Skirts, extra quality, with 15-in. of Quilting, Sateen lined, worth \$10.00, at.....	\$8.50
Solid Black Satin Skirt, with Embroidered Flounce and Sateen Lining, worth \$7.50, at.....	\$5.00
All Silk Black Surah Skirts, worth \$15.00, at.....	\$11.50
All Silk Black Satin De Lyon Skirts, worth \$25.00, at.....	\$16.50
Infants' Zephyr, knitted, with and without bodies; Ladies' Zephyr Knitted Skirts, at half-price.....	1/2 PRICE.

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THE NEW YEAR, in its inception, turns another spoke in the wheel of time, and promises to be, at the end of the next twelve months, exactly as the force of circumstances will make it. Some, at the end of this period, by continuous hard work, will reap good results. Some will mourn the vagaries of the fickle goddess. Some will fold their hands and say, "We'll take it as it comes." And another class will modestly follow in the footsteps of success, whether it be gathered in a high or in a lowly calling. We are satisfied with the three hundred and sixty-five days' work of the year 1889, and if the year 1890 can make as good a showing we will have no reason to complain. To bring about this result means fifty-two weeks—six working days to the week—hard work with no letting up. It means that the confidence of every purchaser must not only be obtained, but held. It means that every dollar's worth of merchandise sold at 7 and 9 North Spring must be exactly as represented. In thanking our patrons for the courtesy extended us in the past, we promise to outbid all competitors for a continuation of it in the future, and prove our sincerity by getting down at once to value of dollars and cents. We commence the new year with a rush offering.

Wednesday, Jan. 8th.

19 CENTS.

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50 Dozen Ladies' full finished Cashmere Wool Hosiery, at 19 cents per pair, and will sell you a dozen pairs if you like. Navy, Brown and Garnet. We never sold this value in Hosiery under 40 cents, and at the quoted price means a reduction of over one half. We can give you any size you may ask for.

Wednesday, Jan. 8th.

35 CENTS.

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DRESS GOODS.

20 Pieces all-wool, 40 inches wide, fine quality Serges, which we have been selling at 60 cents we will close out at 35 cents per yard. All good colors to select from. Almost fifty per cent. reduction.

Wednesday, Jan. 8th.

30 CENTS.

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15 Pieces all-wool, 38 inches wide, fine quality Serges which we have been selling at 50 cents, we will close out at 30 cents per yard. Spring coloring to select from. Another reduction of almost fifty per cent.

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50 Pairs 10-4 White Blankets, full double bed size and very soft finish, at \$1.05 per pair. Regular selling price, \$1.75. Displayed in show window.

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50 pairs 10-4 White Blankets, at \$1.70 per pair. Excellent value at \$3.00. Guaranteed one-half wool, and large double bed size. Displayed in show window.

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We are cutting prices in Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods which cannot be compared with anything in the same class of goods ever offered by any of our competitors. We are displaying in show window.

Gentlemen's best quality Merino Vests and Drawers, at 35 cents apiece, or three garments for \$1.00. A reduction of 33 1/3 per cent.

All-wool Scarlet Vests and Drawers in all sizes, 85 cents apiece; worth \$3.00 per suit.

Nearly all-wool Scotch Underwear in all sizes, at 65 cents each; worth \$2.50 per suit.

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