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Camping time has come. Shake the old things and agitate the new.

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It takes parsimony to clip the wings of wealth.

A Sunday outing stops a Monday pouting. Will the bathing suits this season be out

of sight? In the judgment of a fool there are no wise men.

It is the slow worm that is caught by the early bird.

A noble sermon trims the lamp of It is a wise cat that learns wisdom from

Sunday ought to be a feast-day for all starved souls.

one singeing.

It is a superstition that there is no rest without change.

The Woman's Congress did not need a

sergeant-at-arms. Whenever an enterprise is undertaken something is done.

Men work for fame or fortune, but expect happiness as a gift.

The most delightful ethnological monster is the double eagle.

Many people will go a mile out of the way to hunt for temptation.

It is the wind of enterprise that raises

Tennis is getting ready to stick its monocle and say, "Aw!" No San Franciscan needs to leave the

There is room enough in the world for everybody to stretch himself.

City to try another climb.

The man who frowns at coquetry is often willing to wink at the coquette.

Many men fail in life by taking chances instead of seizing opportunities.

Pride is the lamp that keeps darkness out of a progressive man's soul.

Our ocean breezes find an æolian harp in the breast of every good citizen.

Blessed be the cobbler, even though it is only a half-soul that he gives us.

Some people carry their wealth in their pockets and others in their hearts.

To many Americans home is only an

eating-house and a sleeping place

The foolish man thinks he cannot spend a holiday without spending money.

The only light that can show us the road to heaven is that which shines within us

The man who knows that he is better than other people is a stranger to charity.

No man will have cause to regard marriage as a lottery if his wife is always win-

It is evident woman can talk through her millinery without putting on too many

The traveler who went around the world

Gold and goodness have to be very patient with each other in order to be

friendly. The hardest road to travel is that which passes through Self-Denial from Income to Comfort.

It is needless to say Sir Henry Irving can play the part of a knight with grace

It is somewhat unfortunate that the correct pronunciation of Ysave's name is a little slangy.

Demagogues being incapable of high

The San Francisco matinee-girl is the double-distilled extract of gold, sunshine, roses and balloons.

If self-conceit did not furnish its own buoyancy some men would never be able to carry their load.

If ages ago the tortoise had been moved by a strong desire to fly he would have had wings by this time. The coolest impudence of the season is

jingo shall shut up. It is one of the curiosities of life that the

man who plays the bass fiddle in a theater orchestra is generally bald.

Eastern writers are finding an exhaustless theme for varied discourse in the vicissitudes of the spring weather.

I'A great many men of San Francisco evi dently have not heeded Lord Chesterfield's in detail the dishes which are served for remark about "a rose in his buttonhole-a | that price. One very interesting feature of gentleman dressed.'

It would do the State good to herd all the silurians in some remote carryon and ers in the City explains this most interesterect a placard at the entrance warning ing phase of our City life. In no other the world that the colony is the graveyard of hope.

Professor Starr, who fills the chair of authropology at the University of Chicago, declares the American of the future will closely resemble the Indian type and may even be copper-colored.

Every Japanese now thinks that Macau lay made a mistake when he said it would be a traveler from New Zealand who would some day stand on a broken arch of London Bridge and view the ruins of St.

#### THE WOMAN'S CONGRESS.

The Woman's Congress has been the isco. It has every day attracted crowds not been composed of mere curiosity-lovers | home. seeking a novel entertainment. They from a genuine sympathy with its objects aims of progressive women and to estimate the ability of their leaders to deal with the

broader problems of life. The attendance of such audiences unday of the congress was marked by a more than ordinary brilliancy of discourse. The subjects which engaged the attention of generations has enabled them to master. the speakers covered a wide range and in And the economical American may be their entirety comprehended almost every ..MAY 26, 1895 may be said of the congress, therefore, may be his palate to the curious dishes with an almost literal truth, "there was served him, the presence of foreigner nothing it did not adorn."

That our society will derive much benefit from this assembly of intellectual women and their earnest discussions of great subjects, is certain. To doubt it would be to doubt the ability of our men and women of culture to acquire new ideas the congress in order to recognize its value. Much that was said would perhaps not receive the assent of the majority of delegates themselves. This does not detract, work accomplished. The congress has cursions into the regions of the bizarre. shown us how some of the difficult probgestions of how women seek to solve are wholly separate (barring a few points them.

was essentially accurate, and that the soof the discussions we may draw enlightenwhich are now regarded as distinctively the affairs of men. To the members of the congress, therefore, the press of the city may well extend congratulations. If they have not conciliated opponents they have won the favor of the impartial, the praise to their friends.

### THE MERCANTILE LIBRARY.

The action of the directors of the Mersolidate that institution with the Free Library was taken by a majority sufficiently large to make it decisive. There will be no consolidation. The friends of the Mercantile maybe feel assured that the institution will be maintained in full independence to supply the special requirements of its patrons and to fulfill in the intellectual life of the City the part it zation. An observer of the course which has so well filled in the past. The debate upon the proposed consolida-

the highest degree encouraging to the to the concrete woman it has addressed friends of the institution. So far from be- the women of all Christian lands. This is ing clouded by gloomy prospects the situa- altogether admirable and could hardly tion of the library is much better now than have been otherwise; but unless there it has been for some time past. While it come out of it a series of strictly local has liabilities of \$75,000 it has assets valued at about \$200,000. In addition to this, funds. He was also sanguine of a large the congress has gone astray. increase of members in the near future and cited as a fact justifying his expectation, that a number of new subscribing members had been added to the rolls last month.

One of the most effective arguments against consolidation is that the readers of the Mercantile Library are a different class from those who patronize the Free Li-Their tastes are different, and they call for a different class of books. It is evident, therefore, they can be best conditions our womankind can enjoy served by maintaining a library devoted to special privileges, which will operate to an their particular requirements. There are advancement of their general scheme of certainly enough people in San Francisco progress, it would be a neglect of duty to library which fills the position of the Mercantile. It has grown up to its present noble proportions because of the demand for it, and with a little co-operative energy on the part of its friends there is no reason why it should not continue to flourish and increase indefinitely.

# THE ORIGINAL MULVANEY.

Wherever the English language is read and tales of romance find a welcome, Rudin search of joy never found it until he got | yard Kipling's genius has made the fame of Private Mulvaney known. It is not too much to say that Mulvaney is the greatest creation of recent literature. Though he figures only in short stories, his personality is as real and as vital as that of any character presented in English fiction. It is a character, moreover, that attracts the admiration and wins the abiding sympathies of men. Had Kipling written nothing except his Mulvaney sketches, he would still hold a high place in the literature of the day, and would have been accorded no small honor because of the popular delight in the adventures and the philosophy of that racy specimen of the Irish soldier in India.

It will be regarded therefore as a rare thinking endeavor to reach the public treat to the lovers of romance and to the mind by tall talk. this morning an account of the original of Mulvaney. It will also be a matter of as ludicrous. And yet of all the graceful, pleasant surprise to find he is a resident refining and healthful occupations of San Francisco. The true name of the which women may follow that of scientific hero of those exquisite stories of life in the East Indian army of Great Britain is Wil- stantial allurements which our climate liam McManus. As a corporal in the offers in this particular might be regarded British army he knew Kipling when that as a special providence. brilliant story-writer was a boy and furnished him with the materials out of facts that the creation of a scientific school which the best of his romances have been of floriculture would be one of the greatest made. His real story is not inferior in interest to those which Kipling has told nia might set on foot. If their influence the demand of the mugwump that the about him, and our publication of it this morning may be accounted as one of the literary sensations of the day.

# A TASTE OF EUROPE.

It has not been very long since the CALL, in showing how cheaply one may live in San Francisco, named specifically a number of places where excellent meals may be had for 10 or 15 cents, and described matter did not receive special attenthe tion in that article, and it is that the very large number and great variety of foreign city in the world, thanks largely to the presence of these foreigners, may one live so well at so little cost.

Of course there are expensive restan rants conducted by foreigners. At the extreme opposite end of these cooked-food resources are the numerous little shops by Americans, who are not restaurateurs, but who keep on hand cooked substantials of a wide variety, which are bought and taken away, to be eaten at as an object lesson in the work they are home. As a rule these delightful resorts about to undertake. As a consequence are kept by New England Yankees, and

hard-working women. These are the Tribune for example says while the citithat were limited only by the capacity of resort for many good things which they the hall. These crowds, moreover, have could not produce for so small a cost at

But it is in restaurant living of the have been made up of earnest men and cheaper sort that the most instructive women, who attended the congress either phase of the subject is to be found. Along with a very large foreign population have needs. The prevailing foreigners represented by cheap restaurants are Germans, French, Italians and Spanish. The caterdoubtedly excited the emulation of the with them all their native deftness in prospeakers and roused them to put forward ducing and serving the most tempting their best efforts. As a consequence every dishes at the smallest cost, and have introduced into their art that fine skill in economy which the experience of many sure, when he takes a meal in one of these important problem of modern society. It restaurants, that, no matter how ill trained served him, the presence of foreigner nothing it did not touch, and it touched diners congenial to the environment will be a sufficient guarantee that nothing unwholesome will be set before him.

San Francisco has an uncommonly large element of educated Americans, mostly in the arts and professions, who are loosely classed as "Bohemians." In stronger evidence than these are certain social sets or to profit by new suggestions. It is not which, through organization and a renecessary to agree with all that was said at stricted range of tastes, governed by altogether wholesome ideas of propriety, have their own round of pleasures that are evolved entirely out of their own resources, and perhaps they have a tendency to however, from the substantial worth of the shrink from what they may regard as ex-

These represent the distinctively Amerems that confront the world are seen by ican idea of strict propriety fashioned intelligent women, and has given us sug- after the Anglo-American standard. They of social contact) from that large number No one can gainsay that the view of of free American spirits who see in the these problems presented in the congress large foreign population an opportunity to temper the rigidity of American modes of lutions offered were full of promise. Out living with those soft, elastic and infinitely various resources of wholesome life which ment, not only upon those questions that prevail in Europe and have not yet been concern women mainly, but upon many generally incorporated in the American generally incorporated in the American scheme.

It is these "Bohemians" who know best the fine story of life which may be read in the cheap restaurants kept by foreigners in San Francisco. Environment does not deter them. If they discover a cheap, dark of the judicious and given encouragement little corner in the Latin Quarter, where a soft-voiced and velvet - fingered senora serves the finest little Spanish dinners, steep hills and ill-lighted alleys have no terrors for them: and it is these, besides the poor among us, who understand best cantile Library on the proposition to con- the value of the delightful little restaurants which the less opulent foreigners have a way of hiding in the most unlikely corners of the City.

#### ONE NEEDED SCHOOL.

The Women's Congress will leave many waves breaking on the shores of our civilithis congress has taken will have seen that its efforts have taken no account of climate tion brought out a statement of facts in or geographical definition. In appealing movements, set in procession by our own women whose ambition for the good of

It was not to have been expected of the distinguished visiting women, who have led the congress, that they should be fawith us in the declaration that if we have in California peculiar 'avenues for the employment of feminine deftness and adaptbility, and that if from a seizure of these ignore them.

Suppose, for instance, that we could be brought to realize the possibilities which might be developed out of scientific floriculture in California. Then we should genial climate extends our local horizon in this regard far beyond the comprehension of those who have acquired a smattering of floriculture in the Eastern States. And yet it is a startling fact that among all the flower-growers of California there is but one woman who has taken rank with the leading men in the business. This is Mrs. Theodosia Shepard of Ventura, who as an invalid came to California to grow flowers for her health. To-day she is a sound and hearty woman, and one of the leading flower-seed producers of the country.

It is an astonishing fact that although the conditions under which flowers are cultivated in California are so radically different from those prevailing in the Eastern States, the catalogues of Eastern growers, absurdly inappropriate for our purposes, are largely followed by such of our amateur growers as have the diligence to read at all upon the subject. Comparatively few, however, go to that trouble

It is so easy for them to put a plant into the ground and idly observe its profusion of bloom that anything like special educaflower-growing is the finest, and the sub-

So few of our women are aware of these institutions which the women of Califorprove insufficient to attach a college of this kind to the State University or Stanford they would still have the privilege of founding an independent institution. In addition to whatever immediate financial benefits which those who acquire this education might secure in the shape of returns from seeds, plants, bulbs and essential oils, would be the incalculable general good which the whole State would enjoy from having its homes made beautiful with flowers intelligently grown.

# OUR EXCHANGES.

By reason of the cordial welcome and hospitable entertainment given to the visiting members of the Sacramento Valley Newspaper League, the pleasant town of Woodland is receiving an amount of commendation which will make its attractions known all over the Pacific Coast and to a considerable extent in the East. The praise given to the place, however, has not en indiscriminate and thoughtless. The editors met in Woodland to consider what is needed to advance the welfare of the valley and they studied that community they found even in Woodland some condiare conducted by earnest, anxious-faced, tions that should be changed. The Dixon succeeds to the baronetcy.

cheapest of all, and what they sell is as zens are progressive they are "greatly clean and sweet and dainty as the most handicapped in the existence of large principal feature of the week in San Fran- fastidious housewife could wish. It is to land holdings and a silurian spirit on the these places that the wisest housekeepers part of their owners, who although they would profit by the subdivision of their holdings stubbornly refuse to initiate a movement which would make that section a paradise." This is one of the evils that weighs most heavily upon many sections of California, and the newspapers of the State can hardly render a better service or from an intellectual desire to learn the come special means for catering to its than in striving to break it up. The praise given to Woodland will be none the less appreciated because this evil in her surroundings is noted, and on the other hand ers to these nationalities have brought the clear criticism of the situation contained in the Tribune may prove largely instrumental in bringing about a subdivis ion of the large land holdings under the

wholesome pressure of an educated public opinion. With a considerable force of argument the San Bernardino Sun urges the people of that section to grub-stake industrious men among the unemployed and send them out to search for gold. It claims, reasonably enough, that there is probably more gold in the mountain ranges and gravel beds of California than has yet been aken out, and says: "There has seldom been a period-not within twenty-five years certainly-when a greater number of rich discoveries have been made in California than within the past six months." That there are sufficient inducement

ahead to encourage prospecting for gold in many parts of the State is beyond question, but whether it is advisable to enter upon the adventure of grub-staking the verage unemployed man in these days is another consideration. The business of grub-staking was profitable enough in the old days when nearly every adventurer in California had a keen desire to search for many gold and went at it for the love of it. In these days, however, there are many idle men who have no aspirations in that way, and if given a grub-stake would simply go to some pleasant canyon in the mountain and have a picnic. It will not hurt the people of San Bernardino to grub-stake a man whom they know to be a true miner, or a man with gold-hunting instincts, but n helping the average unemployed wanderer, they will find it more profitable to stake him out where they can watch him earn his grub.

According to the Visalia Delta there is not vacant store or office-room in the city, nor a single desirable residence to let. It says: "Several of each could be rented at once if available, and in order to supply the demand more building will have to be done. A flourmill is building, and a fruitpacking establishment will follow. A new water system is being laid, and the streets fronting all business blocks will soon be Statements of this kind attest the solid foundation upon which the present revival of industry throughout the State is based. There is nothing in it of a speculative character. It comes to supply the permanent needs of our increasing population. During the two years of depression towns like Visalia have outgrown the existing equipment of the social organism, and now they have to set to work lively to provide new homes, offices, stores and shops to make room for themselves and afford exercise for their energies.

The editor of the Crescent City Record has given notice that "long communications on religious sects or creeds other than those that tend to harmonize the different denominations will be refused publication Director Biglow stated that friends of the their sex has been roused, we shall fear through the columns of the Record here institution had promised \$15,000 to the that one of the most valuable sequels of after." This resolution is wisely taken and shows a clear appreciation of the true limits of newspaper discussion. A live journal can concern itself only with those debates which tend to action and lead to miliar with the many avenues for dis- an understanding by which the majority tinctively feminine employment which can be brought to agree upon a policy and are made possible by the peculiarities of our climate. But they will carefully agree act with that unity which is necessary for the best success. This is true of all controversies whether religious or otherwise. There are too many discussions in the world over things which ought to be done for a newspaper to give any of its space to combats in the air over merely speculative opinions.

Not satisfied with the results of the ex-San Francisco and Portland, the Los Angeles Record urges another experiment with it in that city. It claims the value of that pavement is dependent upon the kind of wood used, and that in Australian cities start with the postulate that a peculiarly where the material is obtained from the gum tree the pavements even under the heavy traffic of Melbourne and Sydney, require to be relaid only about once in six vears. If these statements are correct it might prove a benefit to the State for Los Angeles to make the experiment. The gum tree grows with great vigor in California, and if it can be shown to make a substantial street paving there would be a good profit in growing it not only for home use, but for shipment to Eastern cities.

Lovers of good living will be pleased to learn that the San Diego World reports a successful attempt to propagate Eastern oysters in Alamitos Bay. The supply at resent is too small to be put upon the market, but the prospects are said to be so good the experimenters are sanguine of being able in a few years to supply the Pacific Coast with as delicious bivalves as ever grew in the Chesapeake. This of course is not the only place in which the oyster industry may soon be thriving, for Eastern oysters have been propagated at several points along the coast, but we can never have too much of a good thing of that kind and therefore there will be no little satisfaction in the cheering reports from the breeding grounds of Alamitos.

# PEOPLE TALKED ABOUT.

Colonel Bigger is now private secretary to Queen Victoria, in succession to the late Sir Henry Ponsonby.

Signor Grimaldi, the Italian Deputy, is the astest speaker known and runs off 200 words a minute quite easily.

Sarah Bernhardt is writing a book of her own life. If she tells all she knows, there will be mighty interesting reading in the volume. Mrs. Ella Wheeler Wilcox has a white Persian cat for which she paid \$400. She siders it worth several times as much as it cost

Professor Babcock of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Chicago, has been totally blind from birth, yet he has become one of the most successful practitioners in diseases of the Miss Lillian Russell keeps, it is said, a dish

of boiled carrots on her dressing table, which she eats instead of candy. She does this for the benefit of her complexion. It is said that William H. Van Tine of Cleve-

land, Ohio, although 75 years old, never uttered an oath, never used tobacco or tasted liquor or spoke an unkind word about any Frederick L. Sargent of Cambridge, suggests as a floral emblem of Massachusetts the blue flag (iris vervicolor) because it is "the embodi-ment of the State's cherished motto, 'With the

sword she seeks quiet peace under liberty." Whether the late Sir Patrick O'Brien did any thing else of note in the House of Commons he will at least be remembered for one motion One sultry day when the proceedings were dull he moved that the House adjourn to see his nephew bat in a cricket game. This nephew

#### AROUND THE CORRIDORS.

"I don't know where it got its name," said Jerome Fuller of Keeler, Inyo County, last evening at the Russ House, "but it is well named. The Spanish called it Death Valley long before the American occupation of Cali-fornia, and I am told that the Indians had a name somewhat similar, only the word they used meant quick death, instead of death."

Mr. Fuller was speaking of that desert of corrors in the southeast corner of California, near the Nevada line, known and designated as Death Valley. "The deposits of borax," continued Mr. Fuller, "would seem to indicate that this waste spot was once a lake, the waters of which were heavily charged with sodium. It was in all probability of volcanic origin. I uppose that there is no place on this planet s suppose that there is no place on this planet so near to the popular conception of hell as this awful valley. I have been told by travelers who have visited the Dead Sea region that it is a paradise compared with this pestilential spot, the home of vonomous reptiles and ver-min, and shunned alike by man and beast. Its baked and blistered soil breeds only noxious and venomous things. About the place there is something weird, uncanny, grim and ghoutish. Even the reptile life is of the most ghastly shape of rancorous nature and diabolically ugly Its dead do not decompose, but are baked in the scorching heat of countless scorching days. No tree, or flower, or shrub, or sign of vegetable life relieves the prospect of this drear waste spot, which lies 200 feet below the level of the sea and stretches away to the south fo a distance of forty miles. There is no shade and not a drop of moisture ever falls to cool this trackless waste of salt and sand shimmer ing under a sun that kills and then petrifies.
"Some of the California pioneers have goo

reason to remember Death Valley. In 1850 an emigrant train bound for Sacramento, and composed of about thirty persons, attempted to cross the deathtrap. Only one of them lived to tell the story. The others perished from heat and thirst. The sole survivor of this illfated train brought out a story of a gold discovery which, during the ten years following the death of his companions, lured many to destruction in the burning sands of the valley. Something over twenty years ago Lieutenant Wheeler of the army, while on an exploring expedition ordered the guide to cross the valley. The guide, knowing something of the treacherous pit, re-fused to obey the order. Then Wheeler ordered two soldiers with fixed bayonets to compel the reluctant native to take np the trail. They started out, the guide and his armed escorts but in about three hours one of the soldiers returned and staggered into camp unable to articulate. A relief party brought in the other soldier in a stricken condition. The guide went crazy and wandered away to die alone. Half an hour without water under the intens neat will drive a man insane, but water will not always save a man here. Many have dropped down with full canteens in their hands, never to get up again. For variety in reptile life there is no place like Death Valley. There are about ten different kinds of snakes, from the deadly rattler to the harmless little green snake of the temperate zone. pedes, scorpions, lizards, tarantulas and horned toads abound in great numbers. At night the alkali crust is alive with them, and by day they are always very much in evidence, so much se as to make Death Valley a pit of indescribable horrors.

Queen Victoria, having upon her seventy-sixth birthday conferred knighthood on Henry Irving, to him Horace Greeley Platt, presiden Bohemian Club, sent a message of congratulation, omitting the Queen entirely This was the message cabled to the eminen "The owl welcomes another knight." Fearing that Mr. Irving might be shocked it the message was misconstrued, Mr. Platt stipulated carefully with the telegraph company that knight should be spelled with a capital K Mr. Irving must have received the precious nessage on time and taken it to th with infinite delight, for he responded as fol-

lows: LONDON, 10:30 A. M., May 27. Horace G. Platt, Bohemian Club, San Francisco: Love and greeting. Warm thanks to brother HENRY IRVING.

The telegram from the new knight, who nightly impersonates the immortal knight, Don Quixote de la Mancha, will be framed and placed in the Red room.

C. M. McPhail, a banker of Cass City, Mich. s taking observations of California climate and products, with a view of establishing a home in this State. H. A. McCraney of the Supreme Court clerical department, has guided the man from Michigan to many of the picturesque points of interest hereabouts, and has all the time set forth the advantages which San Francisco possesses for holding a National convention to nominate a President of the United States, feeling sure that Mr. McPhail's L. Maetz, the Michigan representative in the Republican National Convention. Mr. Mc-Craney is chairman of the executive commit-tee of the Republican League of Newspapers, and feels it his duty to make a point wherever he can in favor of bringing a National Conven tion to the commercial metropolis of the Pacific

Morris Newton and John T. Sullivan were busy all day yesterday about the headquarter of the Santa Cruz Venetian Water Carnival, at the Grand Hotel. There are a great many athletic, musical and military organizations to arrange with about going down to take part in the show, and from this time on until the carnival begins there will always be a number of men from the city of the Holy Cross here. The large banner of the carnival floats over the Grand Hotel, and outside the windows of the committee-rooms are the carnival colors, yel-low and white. Each day a fresh supply of flowers are sent up from Santa Cruz to decorate

#### SPIRIT OF THE PRESS. The best way to avoid unpleasant criticism is

to do nothing that is likely to invite it .- San Luis Obispo Breeze. Enterprise will manage to find a market for all the energy our workers can produce.-Polk County (Or.) Itemizer.

Patronage, like charity, should begin at home. We cannot expect people abroad to use California products unless we are willing to use them ourselves.—Los Angeles Times.

A fiesta that is not a success is a fiasco. There is a distinction between a winning fight and a fizzle, a rainstorm and a drizzle, bursting fireworks and a sizzle.—Santa Cruz Sentinel. Mark this prediction: Within three years

there will be 100 pump plants running by Kern River power, and within five years there will be 500 such plants.—Kern County Echo. Now the doctors tell us we must have mi-

crobes or we cannot digest our food. We pre sume a ratio of microbes of about one to teen is about the right figure.—Pasadena News. Men who come here to live and invest their noney in dividend-paying industries are welome. But the man or company sending

us no good.-Pendleton East Oregonian It will be learned with much satisfaction that, although the Cuban revolution has com-pletely demoralized the tobacco trade, pure Havana cigars made from choicest native leaf, are being manufactured right straight along in the East where the cabbage crop was good.— Ogden (Utah) Standard.

money in for investment, while remaining in the East or in Europe as a resident, has done

Flush times or hard times, military or ne military, every American community owes to itself, and especially to its youth, the future citizens of the Republic, to keep alive the fires of patriotism by a proper tribute to the founders of our free government upon each recurring anniversary of our independence.—Fresno

The Trilby craze has evidently struck the mining center of Lovelock. By a location filed 160 acres are located, to be known as the "Triloy placer mine." As 160 acres contain 6,969,000 square feet, the mine perhaps is not inappropriately named, only Trilby's famous et were not presumed to be square.—Oroville Mercury. One thing in particular we can offer people

seeking for homes, and a most important thing it is. We can offer them the finest and most productive land in the world, without any productive land in the world, without any payment whatever on the purchase price for several years, thus enabling them to live and collivate the soil and produce a few crops before being called upon to make even the first of the Dead Sea.

payment on the land. Where but in Merced County can land be purchased on such terms? We venture to say it cannot be done elsewhere

in California.-Merced Sun. There is a difference between extravagance and that liberality which inspires the public citizen to encourage every legitimate public and private enterprise having for its purpose the development of resources and the increase of wealth and population, although lurian refuses to distinguish the difference .-Woodland Democrat.

The horse-raising industry is only lacking in one element at the present time to enjoy a genuine boom. If to the recent horse-canning industry could only be added a horse appetite, and that could be elevated to the degree fad, great wealth would immediately be in store for the owners of stock now almost worth-less.—Prineville (Or.) Review.

#### NAVAL LESSONS.

Lord Brassey's Naval Annual for 1895 has just come out, having been delayed by the compilation of parts taken from the Chino-Japanese conflict. This makes the publication the first official and most accurate account of the sea-fights in the Yellow Sea as yet given, and most valuable from an historical and scien

The author takes the five-hour battle of the Yalu as an object-lesson in armor, and states that as the Chinese ironclads Chen-Yuen and Ting-Yuen were each hit 200 times near the water-line and not seriously penetrated, it is proven that armor is effective against gun fire. And when it is remembered that those vessels were not protected by the Harveyized nickel plate now used by all navies, but by the old process, and against the most modern guns, the war student is convinced that the new stee cruisers need not fear the new rifles of her foe. Theoretically, the 6-inch and 13.3-inch guns of the Japs should have gone through and through the old armor of these Chinese cruisers, but practically they were a failure.

Passing over the miserable condition of the China fleet without an adequate supply of am

munition, without fairly intelligent officers, and even without a complete code of signals whereby ships could act in concert in fight, Lord Brassey and his co-writers come down to the superior speed of the Mikado's ships and the deadly work of their rapid-fire batteries. The China vessels were without this class of weapon, consequently they received from five to eight shots to the one they were able to fire in return gun for gun. The Japanese were able to steam around and around the enemy, practically holding them at their mercy, and had their gunners been equal to those of Europe and America in point of marksmanship their enemy would never have escaped annihilation in the first fight. The torpedo work on both sides was a failure, and both fleets, though well supplied with these

effective projectiles, did comparatively nothing m in their naval engagements. Another with the practical conclusion arrived at by Lord Brassey is the necessity of having the future war vessels, on going into action, totally without boats or any inflammable material on hoard Hammocks or wooden fittings are almost sure

to be set on fire by the bursting of shells, thus endangering the ship from a source that need not exist. In the matter of the boats, they are doubly useless, for if not splintered or by shells, they become disabled by the concussion of the heavy guns on their own ship One of the few practical lessons learned from

this woefully unequal conflict is concentration of fire upon one ship in a fleet fight. A crip-pled vessel in the column is a terrible drawback to the rest of the squadron and all their tactics must be deranged to protect her. The Japanese had several old ships in their fleet which were a constant source of weakness to the others. The military tops of the vessels of which so much was expected were only heard of in this naval conflict when several of them were struck by shells, and all of their occupants killed. Their position up in the air in range of high-flying projectiles makes it almost impossible for them to escape during a hot fire. Speaking of "end-on" as against "broadside" fire, the author believes in the greater efficiency of the latter.

A ship should of course have an all-round fire, but it is the broadside that decides the fight. Moreover, a ship end-on affords a better target, because all the difficulties in shooting lie in the range, and a shot that would pass over a ship were she broadside-on would likely strike her if end-on, as that position gives, in fact, a margin of 100 yards more range to the

Reverting again to the gun-fire work Lord Brassey says it would be interesting to know the speed of the gunners during the three hours' hot action at Yalu. The Japanese shi Yoshino fired 1200 rounds from her broadside of seven guns, or 173 rounds each gun-almost one per minute. The Chinese ironclads Chen-Yuen and Ting-Yuen fired their eight 12-inch impression will be faithfully reported to George guns each twenty-five times, and their four 6-inch guns each sixty-seven times in the three hours.

the author of the Annual calls attention to the torpedo-boats-the fight-deciders of ship engagements—and their construction in all the navies of the world. He also mentions, in a sort of grim way, the need of torpedo-hoat destroyers, and the great need of these little craft to protect the fleet from the almost sure destruction by their smaller enemy advocates the building by Great Britain of two ships for every one constructed by her neighbors, as by that means only can she maintain herself on the seas. Lord Brassey strikes the keynote when he calls for the sail. Ships must, for purposes of economy as well as in cases of emergency, have that invaluable auxiliary— the canvas—and in this he is seconded by the best experienced men in the United States

Summing up his conclusions, the author holds that the future vessel must be armored must be speedy, must have quick-fire guns smokeless powder, and must be torpedo-boats and torpedo-boat destroyers.

# PERSONAL.

Dr. J. M. Blodgett of Lodi is at the Grand. Senator E. C. Seymour of San Bernardino is in town. Dr. Wakefield of San Jose is staying at the

W. F. Knox, a lumberman of Sacramento, is W. P. McFaul, Assessor of Mendocino County, is at the Grand.

Sheriff W. C. Conroy of Placer County is stoping at the Russ. J. P. Mayne, a merchant of Fresno, is registered at the Lick.

George W. Hamilton, an attorney of Auburn, is visiting in town. Thomas H. Lynch, a merchant of Fresno, is staying at the Lick. S. G. Little, a banker of Bakersfield, arrived

V. Courtois, a vineyardist of Santa Rosa, registered at the Grand. Creighton Churchill of the navy registered yesterday at the Occidental. Judge G. W. Nichol of Sonora came in yester-

yesterday at the Russ.

day and is at the Occidental. H. C. Lechner and Ben Leet, merchants of Fresno, are guests at the Lick. Angus McKay, a mining man of Grass Valley, and Mrs. McKay are at the Lick.

John Gallegos Jr., a vineyardist of Mission San Jose, registered at the Palace. Stanton L. Carter, an attorney of Fresno, was one of yesterday's arrivals at the Lick

E. Avery McCarthy, who has been in Los Angeles for over two weeks, has returned. S. A. Knapp, a prominent merchant of Haw thorne, Nev., arrived in town yesterday. C. C. Walker, ex-State Treasurer of Nevada, arrived from Eureka yesterday and is staying

Frank Miller, cashier of the bank of D. O. Mills & Co., in Sacramento, came down yester-day and put up at the California.

R. B. Marshall of the United States Geological Survey returned yesterday from Washing ton, where he has been several months, and is at the Occidental.

Charles MacVeagh of New York, son of Wayne MacVeagh, United States Minister to Italy, and his family arrived from Santa Barbera yesterday and registered at the Palace. Mr. MacVeagh has been in Southern Cafilornia for about a year for the benefit of his health,

Dr. Bliss, the agent of the Palestine exploration fund, has discovered a ruined town east SUPPOSED TO BE HUMOROUS.

Tommy-Let's play we're politicians and hold silver debate. Johnny-No, I can't. Ma won't let me call

names.-Chicago Record.

H .- Is your boy fond of books?

D.—Very. I gave him a copy of "Robinson Crusoe" the other day and he got lots of fun out of it. H .- I didn't know he could read

D.—He can't read, but he tears the pages out and makes boats of them. Oh, yes, he's fond of books .- Carlisle (Tenn.) Indian Helper. Gaggs-I don't see why everybody calls Miss

Uptodate clever. I think she is very dull.
Waggs-That is very strange, for I heard she cut you yesterday in the street. "Isn't it singular," he remarked, "that you are a brunette when both of your parents are so very light?"

"That is very easily explained," she rejoined. Rising from the low divan where she had been reclining, she threw a lump of coal on the fire. "You see," she explained, while winsome dimples enwrapped her countenance in witchery. "I was born in a flat where babies were prohibited and had to be kept dark."—Detroit Tribune.

Wife-My dear, I need a little more of this stuff and some trimming to match. I wish you would drop into Bigg, Sale & Co.'s and get it. Husband (a smart fellow)-Let me see. know. That's the store where they have so many pretty girls, isn't it?

Wife-Y-e-s.
Husband-Yes, I remember. That blond girl at the trimming counter knows your tastes and will doubtless select just the sort of trimming you want-I mean the girl with the golden hair, alabaster skin, blue eyes and

Wife-There are a number of things I want downtown. Never mind, dear, I'll go and get them myself .- New York Weekly.

#### The Pea Pod.

Twelve lovers of music have organized a society called The Pea Pod, consisting of Mrs. Elizabeth Cook, Mrs. Millie Mann, Dr. M. E. Van Meter, Rev. Donald Ross, Dr. I. M. House tan, Dr. W. G. Thomas, Miss Bertha Hollmann, Dr. Mattner, George Mann, Miss Gertie Cohn Miss Rexbie Roller, Miss Vinnecombe. This society has discovered the most rapid and easy method of cultivating a taste for good music—it is to educate, educate, educate—not only the it is to educate, educate, educate—not only the juveniles, but adults. The society purposes to form classes free to all, young and old, to teach, them to read at sight, sing at sight and play at sight any given musical subject. Books will be open for enrollment of classes June 15 at Paul Von Janks' College, 1312½ Castro street; at the College of Music, rooms 13, 14 and 15. Mercantile Library, Van Ness and Golden Gate avenues, from 12 to 2 P. M. Examinations will be made bi-annually. Any one passing the examinations will be given a free scholarship in either of the colleges extending over a four years' course in piano, violin, vocal, languages, art, etc. Monthly concerts will be given by the best artists in the city, to which all of the patrons of the club will be admitted free.

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BACON Printing Company, 508 Clay street. \* PUREST imported cognacs, Holland gin and rdials for family use. Mohns & Kaltenbach, 29 Market street.

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rilla. It gives nerve, mental and bodily strength, WE recommend the use of Dr. Siegert's Angostura Bitters to our friends who suffer with dysp

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