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Strike you?

BRIEF MENTION.

There are at present four murderers confined in the Sacramento county jail. Chancery M. Dewey thinks that President Harrison will be renominated and re-elected.

The steamship Advance, from Brazil, has arrived at New York with yellow fever on board.
Minister Blair, who will soon depart for China, was tendered a dinner by Elliott W. Shepard of New York. Many prominent people were present.
Grover Cleveland says the interview in the New York papers regarding his position on free coinage contained expressions which he never uttered.
Jonas Nelson of New Mexico, who made the rich strike in the young America mine, is now a bonanza king. There is an immense fortune in sight in the mine.

Anthony Constock of the New York Society for the Prevention of Vice has begun a crusade against picturing women in lights. He will next make war against tightlaced men.

Miss Gabrielle Greeley, only surviving daughter of Horace Greeley, was married at Pleasantville, N. Y., to Rev. Frank Glendonin. The wedding was an elaborate one, and many prominent people were present.

Leont, Thackeray says, while Miss Elizabeth Sherman and her sister would accept the \$100,000 fund because it was to be given as a token of the subscribers' love for Gen. Sherman, the publication in the New York papers that Gen. Sherman was an imprudent man has caused the family much annoyance. He was just the reverse.

The charges of hoodlums and purchase of binding twine machinery for the Minnesota penitentiary and the subsequent mystery about the prison board will come to a focus. State Senator J. S. O'Brien of Stillwater, a member of the prison board, has brought action for \$50,000 damages for slander against Joseph C. Todd of Paterson, N. J., a binding twine manufacturer.

The warrant for California's share of the direct tax fund was drawn at the treasury department recently. It amounts to \$28,246.89, a sum much less than was thought. It was found among other things that there was a set-off in favor of the government of \$8,110 for arms furnished to the state and for other accounts of a minor character that reduced the amount to be paid.

President Harrison and party are loud in their praise of California. They received ovations everywhere. All the cities and towns put on their holiday attire, and everybody turned out to cheer the president. At San Diego the president received a telegram of congratulation from President Diaz of Mexico. At San Francisco the president held a public reception at the Mechanics' Pavilion, where many thousands shook hands with him.

The examination of Nicholas Bader, who attempted to enter the country at New York as an immigrant from Germany, disclosed the fact that he had not only no money nor friends but that he had been convicted of murder and served a long sentence in an insane asylum in Germany. He says when he was released the German authorities paid his expenses to this country. His affidavit has been sent to the treasury department with the suggestion that Germany be asked for an explanation.

The department of agriculture, in reporting upon the condition of farm animals, says in regard to California that live stock entered the winter in poor condition, owing to the drought last fall but are now generally healthy and doing well. The diseases were few. Some isolated cases of glanders in horses have been reported but the animals were promptly killed thus preventing the spread of the disease. Live stock, especially horses and cattle, have been better protected by the introduction of better blood. The climate is extremely favorable for all classes of domestic animals, as they need no winter protection in most parts of the state and very little feed outside the natural pasturage.

A tremendous explosion occurred at Rome which shook the city to its foundations and spread terror and dismay on all sides. The people rushed affrighted to the streets, houses rocked, pictures fell from the walls, thousands of panes of glass were broken everywhere, crockery was shattered, furniture overturned and chimneys crashed down upon the roofs and in some instances toppled over into the streets below. The explosion was the result of a bomb which exploded in the hands of a man who was then collapsed, which added still further to the feeling of terror. The Vatican was shaken violently and several historical windows were broken. The immense powder magazine at Pozza Pantaleo, four kilometers from the city, had exploded. Enormous damage was done to the neighboring fort which was filled with soldiers. Seven were killed.

The decoration of an officer of the order of Bolivar has just been conferred upon Frank Vincent, traveler and investigator, by the Republic of Venezuela in recognition of his "varied and valuable services to the literature of travel." Mr. Vincent belongs to nearly all the anthropological, archaeological, ethnological and geographical societies of the earth, and has written several books of travel. His name is printed next to that of Henry M. Stanley in the list of honorary members of the London Geographical society. He has received six decorations and thirty diplomas. Mr. Vincent has traveled 275,000 miles and written his name in the registers of over a thousand hotels. He is gifted in dialects and is on terms of intimacy with more than a thousand foreigners. Among his varied experiences he counts interviews and audiences with two emperors, two queens, two princes imperial, three viceroys, four maharajas, four emperors and five kings, and has done all this willingly and cheerfully and spent a fortune doing it.

The Parwell candidate in Silgo was defeated by a McCarthyite by 800 votes. Superintendent of Immigration Weber says Italian immigration is rapidly increasing.

TO SLEEP.
To sleep to sleep. The long bright day is done, And darkness from the fallen sun.
To sleep to sleep!
What's the joy, they vanish with the day, What's the grief, they sleep they fade away.
To sleep to sleep!
Sleep, mournful heart, and let the past be past! Sleep, happy soul! all life will sleep at last.
To sleep to sleep!
—Lord Tennyson in New York Truth.

COAST NEWS.

Livermore, Cal., wine producers are organizing for mutual protection.
The grand parlor N. S. G. W., is in session at Santa Rosa. The meeting is well attended.

Joseph Smalling, who killed his brother-in-law at Calaveras, Cal., last August, has been sent to prison for life.
Sonoma vineyardists claim their experience for a number of years past has proven the Tokay grapes to be the best for the coast.

The G. A. R., at their annual encampment at Santa Cruz elected Gen. W. H. L. Barnes department commander for the ensuing year.
The California State Medical society held its annual meeting at Sacramento last week. Many interesting and important papers were read.

A lot of household goods has been recovered from a regularly organized gang of thieves at Merced Falls, Cal. Three of the thieves are in jail.
Fruit buyers in Ventura, Cal., are offering \$20 a ton for green apricots and are endeavoring to make contracts for several years ahead with growers.

Mal George W. Barton, a newspaper man, died at the Stollman, Wash., insane asylum. He was well known in Nevada, Los Angeles and on the Sound.
Oscar Crandall, a young man of Red Bluff, Cal., was shot and killed by an unknown person as he was leaving a saloon. He lived with his mother and sister.

The agent of the Colville reservation has ordered the census takers off the land. The agent had not received formal instructions from Washington to permit the census.

A London circular says it is reported that Michael Davitt has decided to abandon his English career and emigrate to California with a view of making his home on the Pacific slope.

H. J. Edwards of San Jose has sued The Better Times for \$10,000 damages for libel. The ground is a published charge that Edwards handled the sack to buy votes in a recent election.

The salmon catch in the Columbia continues light, the average per boat being only five. The dealers at Portland cannot obtain enough to supply the market and are paying 8 cents a pound.

The slandering season has opened in the Riverside valley, and by June 30, 4,500 acres of new land will be set out to orange trees on Arlington heights. Of the property of the English syndicate, 1,800 acres will be improved.

Quite a sensation has been created at Snien, Cal., by the arrest of Capt. N. C. Brooks and his hired man, Sam Subrecht, charged by A. A. Dickie with stealing horses from the latter. Brooks was held in \$1,000 bail.

Manager Granger of the Northern Pacific and Yakima Irrigation company states that construction of the great Sunnyside canal, in the vicinity of Yakima, Wash., the estimated cost of which is \$1,500,000, will begin at once.

The Spokane city council has decided to submit a bonding proposition. It is proposed to issue \$100,000 in bonds according to the pressing needs of the city. The sum of half a million will be for the extension and improvement of the water system.

Louis Merson, editor of the Canning, Cal., Herald, died at Riverside. He was at the Arlington to assist in receiving President Harrison, when he was suddenly taken with a hemorrhage and died almost instantly. He was one of the brightest members of the newspaper profession in Stockton, he gave to his estate a large amount of money.

The will of William P. Hazleton of Tarrytown, N. Y., formerly of Stockton, Cal., has been filed for probate. It disposes of property valued at \$200,000. In the will the testator bequeaths to the city of Stockton \$75,000 in trust to purchase books and a site for a public library. Having been one of the pioneer teachers of Stockton he gives to his executor \$1,000 in trust to be invested as a fund to purchase silver medals to be presented annually to deserving pupils.

In commenting upon some of the things to be seen at the world's fair the Chicago Herald says: "California at the world's fair will be a university for the dissemination of useful knowledge all by itself. Its exhibit will not be a whole library of states upon their whole liberal and private enterprise as well as executive bodies of all municipalities fall in no way behind. One thing it will teach the world is that some things besides gold, fruit and big trees are produced there."

British consular reports from Spain and Portugal announce the remarkable success of the system of grafting American native vines, which results in preventing phylloxera and producing a good wine. The consul at Madeira writes that a large amount of new vines, mostly American, have been planted in the districts most celebrated for their wine and produces a superior quality. On the north side of the island, where all the vines were destroyed by phylloxera years ago, the new vines have given the first fine crop.

A mob of seventy soldiers went to the jail at Walla Walla and took A. J. Hunt, a gambler who killed Private Miller in a quarrel over a card game, from the guards and killed him. Threats of lynching Hunt had been made and the sheriff had doubled the guard. But the soldiers were determined and their plans were well laid. The telephone wire to the jail was cut and pickets were posted at all approaches to the building and no one was allowed to approach the place. The soldiers forced an entrance and compelled the turnkey to give them the key to Hunt's cell. Hunt was then taken to the court yard and riddled with bullets. An investigation is being made but there is little probability of anyone being punished.

Montreal is alarmed at the prospect of a serious flood caused by the breaking up of the ice in the river.
Baron Hirsch has bought 400,000 acres of land in the Argentine Republic upon which to place colonies of Jews.

Gen. Albert Pike, prominent as a Mason and poet, died at Washington. He served in the Mexican and civil wars. David Taylor, associate justice of supreme court of Wisconsin, died suddenly at a supper table of heart disease.

Superintending Architect of the Treasury Windmill has resigned to assume the position of superintendent of public works in Philadelphia.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

The miners' strike at Dortmund is assuming gigantic proportions. Ten thousand men are out.
San Domingo has sent an envoy to Washington to negotiate for reciprocity with the United States.

Charles Mitchell and Frank Slavin, the pugilists, were tendered a banquet on their arrival at New York.
A bill has been introduced in the Illinois legislature making it unlawful for combinations to attempt to control the live stock trade.

Clarence P. Dresser, the reporter who secured the famous "The public be damned" interview with Vanderbilt, died at Kansas City a few days ago.
The international convention of the Young Women's Christian association in session at Scranton, Pa., has elected Mrs. John V. Farwell of Chicago president.

The Havermeier Sugar company of New York is prosecuted by the census bureau for refusal of information. Other like prosecutions are contemplated.
Lord Wolsey, in an article in the United Service Magazine, highly appreciates Gen. Sherman as a man and soldier, and says his name will ever be honored wherever the English language is spoken.

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The exports of merchandise from the United States for the twelve months ended March 31 were \$72,010,877; imports, \$62,831,420. During March the gold exports exceeded the imports by \$4,541,566, and the silver exports exceeded the imports by \$1,021,572.

Andrew McKenna, aged 9, and Neil Moffatt, aged 11, at New York stole a five gallon oil can from a wagon. They drank heavily of its contents. The boys were found unconscious by a policeman and taken to a hospital where both died.

Mrs. Michael Sullivan, aged 65 years, of Pittsburgh, Pa., arose from bed and stabbed and seriously injured her husband, Michael Sullivan. She then cut her own throat from ear to ear. The only reason assigned for the deed was that she was tired of poverty and quarreling.

A dispatch from Port-au-Prince, Hayti, says that Acting Rear Admiral Walker, in command of the United States squadron of evolution, sailed for Chesapeake bay, and it is announced that the Haytian government has refused to grant the United States a lease for the proposed coaling station at the Mole St. Nicholas.

Jack the Ripper is doing his bloody work in New York. A man and woman registered at a cheap hotel the other night. They immediately retired, and as nothing was seen of them in the morning, the door of the room was broken in. On the bed lay the woman covered with blood. She had been dead for hours. Her abdomen was ripped open with a dull, broken table knife that lay in the blood. The viscera had been cut, and from appearances part of it was missing. The man had escaped. A very imperfect description of him is given to the police, and they went to work on it with the utmost secrecy and speed. They think he is Jack the Ripper.

Count Von Moltke is dead. He returned from a meeting of the reichstag and died shortly afterward from heart failure. The years of Von Moltke were the years of the century, and his honors were commensurate with his age. Gen. Helmuth Karl Bernhard, Count Von Moltke, was born at Parchim on October 26, 1800, of a well known Mecklenburg family. He entered army life at the age of 22, and history is replete with his triumphs in various European and Oriental wars. It was in the Franco-Prussian war that Von Moltke made the name that is known to all the civilized world. His was the master mind which directed the movements which gave Germany victory.

Wilhelmina Bacher of the town of Washington, Wis., came into court recently and pleaded guilty to having, on the 25th day of November, 1890, poisoned Michael Sell. Last November the husband of Wilhelmina Bacher told his eldest daughter that a year before his wife had poisoned her father by putting Paris green in his food, and that a few months previous Bacher himself had killed his 18-months-old son. He was afraid his wife was going to kill him and he intended to kill himself. An hour afterward he hung himself. His daughter at once told the story and the defendant was arrested. She admitted her guilt and said she did it to get rid of an old man who was living with them. She made application in writing for sentence and was sent to prison for life.

The Dominion parliament will be asked during the coming session to adopt a policy promoting trade and commerce with foreign countries by means of fast steamship lines. This step has been decided upon, as the government does not regard the prospect of negotiating trade arrangements with the United States as encouraging. The proposed arrangements include an Atlantic service, to be subsidized to the extent of \$5,000,000 per annum for a weekly service for ten years; a projected fortnightly service to Australia and New Zealand from a British Columbia port, with a subsidy of \$75,000 in addition to what may be offered in the other colonies; a monthly service to China and Japan, for which Canada and \$25,000 by Great Britain would provide the imperial parliament prefer to raise its grant to \$375,000 in order to provide for a fortnightly service Canada's contribution will be increased to \$125,000.

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Mr. J. M. Staats, who raised and is the present owner of Jay M., a thoroughbred horse, a son of the celebrated Allamont, will be in Independence Thursday, Friday and Saturday of each week.

ITEMS FOR OUR FARMERS.

How to Plant Fruit Trees—Oregon as a Dairy Country—Other Items on Various Subjects.

There is a difference of opinion regarding the proper time to prune fruit trees, some claiming winter to be the best, others that spring is the proper time, while early summer pruning is practiced and even July and August have their advocates.
When trees are pruned in the winter a considerable time must elapse before the wounds made begin to heal over. During this time the combined action of the frost and sun are injurious to the newly cut and exposed wood.
When trees are pruned in early spring the sap is then in a thin and watery state, it oozes out of the cut, causing premature decay and permanent injury to the tree.

When trees are pruned in early summer after the rush of their water sap is past, and the tree has fairly commenced to make a new growth, the wounds will commence at once to heal over. The exposed wood will remain sound for a longer period than if cut in early spring, and it does not check the growth of the tree as when done later in the season. The tree may have a light pruning in August if making too rapid growth, of wood, but not otherwise.

J. F. O'Donnell calls special attention to his new stock of sporting goods, consisting of guns, revolvers, fishing tackle, lady bamboo rods, etc.

A lady gardener says an easy method of starting seeds so as to have early vegetable plants is to scrape out turnips, fill them with good soil, and plant two or three seeds in each, setting them in a warm light place, and keeping them moist. When the weather is suitable, place these out in the garden at a suitable depth. The turnip will decay and the plant will thrive unchecked if properly cared for. Don't use potatoes instead of turnips. For more delicate plants, flowers, etc., make little square boxes out of thin writing paper or thick newspaper, merely folding them at the corners, as you would a paper in covering a book and tacking them with a needle and thread; make them about three inches square and two inches deep. Fill with good soil; start the seeds and put them out at the proper time, boxes and all without disturbing the roots. If you fear the paper is too strong for the roots to penetrate, cut carefully on the bottom of the box the shape of a cross and all will be well.

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We have often wondered if there were not places in Polk county where the natural condition would favor cranberry cultivation. The crop requires little care, and returns from \$400 to \$800 to the acre. The first essential is a marsh, good soil, and government of the water supply. A rich sandy soil is required. The plants are set about three feet apart. An embankment is thrown up around the cranberry patch and as occasion requires the water is allowed to dam up so as to thoroughly soak the land. The plants are cultivated like potatoes by plowing between the rows and keeping down weeds. If worms should infest the plants they can be entirely submerged and cause the worms to loosen their hold. After one or two years of cultivation the plants will almost take care of themselves for a series of years.

J. L. Stockton carries the finest line of trimmings in Polk county, call and see them when at Independence.

It is well known that cooked, or even soaked grain is better for animals than grain in its natural state. A saving may be effected in the consumption of oats for horses by simply soaking them in tepid water. Practical experiments which have been made show that by this method the ration for each animal may be reduced by a third. Horses whose teeth have seen their best days masticate the grain in its ordinary condition insufficiently and younger animals often eat so greedily that the greater proportion if it is swallowed whole. This waste may be obviated by the simple method suggested, which softens the grain that it is more completely masticated and digested, consequently yields more nutriment. Three hours is sufficient time to soak the grain, provided the water is not too cold.

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Seeding, summer fallowing etc. @ \$2..... 200.00
Seed, 2 bushels @ .50, 100 bushels..... 100.00
Harvesting and binding @ \$2..... 200.00
Threshing @ .07..... 210.00
Hauling to station average 5 miles @ .20 per bushel..... 120.00
Interest @ 10 per cent. on \$1,000 value of 100 acres of land, for two years..... 800.00
Repair of fences, etc..... 50.00
Total..... \$1,970.00
Or an average of \$19.70 per acre, or 65 1/3 cents per bushel, the cost of a bushel of wheat.

Mr. R. S. Middleham believes prune trees should be kept trimmed down so as not to become too heavy, and yet not branch so low as to interfere with cultivation when using a team. He plows within four feet of each tree, and does the rest by hand. His trees look thrifty and are of good shape.