

EUGENE CITY GUARD

LATEST NEWS SUMMARY.

BY TELEGRAPH TO DATE.

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

San Francisco, Jan. 13.—Sterling exchange, London bankers, 60 days, 44 1/2; 90 days, 44 1/2; 60 days, 44 1/2.

New York, Jan. 13.—Sterling exchange, prime bankers, long, 44 1/2; short, 44 1/2. Good commercial, long, 44 1/2; short, 44 1/2. Consols—199, money, 100 5/16 second. U. S. Bonds—3 1/2, 100 1/2.

Gold and Stock Reports.

San Francisco Markets. Jan. 13. Receipts—Wheat, 67,500 cbls, all aboard ship; flour, 8000 qr sbs; potatoes, 1500 sbs; eggs, 15,000 doz.

Chicago, Jan. 13. Wheat—Market quiet, unchanged. Flour—Quiet and weak. Wool—Steady.

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San Francisco Markets. Jan. 13. Corn—Strong—yellow, 1 1/2; white, 1 1/2. River, 1 1/2; 25; Petaluma and Tomales, 1 1/2; 25; Humboldt, all kinds, 1 1/2.

California Grain Situation. The stock of grain on hand in the state January 1st, per produce exchange estimate, issued to-day is wheat 750,000 tons, barley 41,000 tons.

Portland Produce Market. FLOUR—Standard brands 45; country, 44 1/2 to 50 superfine, 45 to 50 1/2.

Butter—Fancy 27 1/2; good to choice, 27 1/2 to 30; fair, 26 1/2 to 27 1/2; in bulk, 26 1/2 to 27 1/2.

Onions—Quotation 11 1/2 to 12; small and medium, 11 1/2 to 12.

Apples—Per box, 40 to 45.

Peas—Per bushel, 1 1/2 to 2.

Timothy—Per ton, 12 to 14.

Hay—Per ton, 12 to 14.

Wool—Per lb, 1 1/2 to 2.

Shingles—Shaved, 22 1/2 per M.

Meats. Pork—Per cwt, 12 1/2 to 13.

Beef—Per cwt, 10 to 11.

Lard—Per cwt, 10 to 11.

Yeast—Per lb, 1 1/2 to 2.

Charley Sumner's Early Love.

The love, by pre-eminence of Charles Sumner's life was in his comparatively early days, for a woman who has been a happy wife and mother, and who is still living. Relinquished on account of her preference for the gentleman whom she afterwards married, it assumed in his mind the only blameless form of a baffled attachment, that of sentiment, which differs from love only in the absence of the appropriating element which is the distinguishing mark of the grand passion. He became the best friend of both parties, and after a lapse of time remembered the experience without regret or pain, though I have sometimes thought it made him doubtful of his own powers of pleasing. Three years before his death, after his marriage and separation from another woman, I spoke to him in commendation of certain literary productions of his early love that had attracted but little attention from the general public.

"Charming, charming," was his reply, with a softening of his face, a tender cadence in his voice, and a dreamy look in his hazel eyes, that I never saw when any other subject or any other person was under discussion. I observed during the evening that followed this quiet conversation that he only aroused from the pleasantly meditative mood into which my remark seemed to have thrown him, to assent to everything I said. It was an agreeable experience, but it was not intoxicating, for I was calmly aware that the remote but sure cause of all this bland approval was another woman. I thought of the quaint exclamation which Mrs. Oliphant put into the mouth of sweet, constant Margaret Maitland, after meeting the lover of her youth: "Among all the changeableness of this unstable world, how steadfast some things are."—Alpha Howard, in Providence Star.

A Powerful Preacher.

There are some curious stories respecting Fra Rocco, the celebrated Dominican preacher of Naples. On one occasion he preached a penitential sermon, and introduced so many illustrations of terror that he soon brought his hearers to their knees. While they were thus showing every contrition he cried out: "Now, all of you who sincerely repent of their sins, hold up your hands." Every man in that vast audience immediately stretched forth his hands.

Solid Petroleum.

According to a St. Petersburg paper, a German, Herr P. N. Dittmar, has practically solved the problem of rendering petroleum solid—a problem considerably studied by chemists of late in view of the large question of transport. A company has been formed in Russia to work the patent when completed. The transformation of the substance will not cost more than about 10 cents per thirty-six pounds. The mode of treatment is not yet disclosed, and chemists to whom samples of the solid petroleum have been sent have not been able to make out the nature of the foreign substances that are added to the proportion of 2, or at most 3 per cent to solidify the petroleum. The reporter of the St. Petersburg paper saw the product; he says it is of a wine-yellow color, and has the consistency of very stiff gelatine; it can be kneaded with the fingers like wax, and is yet somewhat breakable. A small piece of the thickness of a lead pencil and about an inch long could be lit at one end and held with the fingers. It melted like wax, and it was only after a little, when hot drops ran down, that the flame had to be blown out. The danger of fire is considerably less than with liquid petroleum. The product can be easily liquefied when required by the addition of vinegar, and the process is rapid. The vinegar in time separates out below and the petroleum above. It is not stated whether the same vinegar can be used repeatedly.

Teach Them Integrity.

Business men say that it is hard to find boys who can be trusted with the handling of money. They cannot withstand the temptations; and, now-a-days, owing to the various causes, temptations are stronger than formerly. Nine-tenths of the office and errand boys of to-day are holding positions of trust made so by necessities of business and they are the children, for the most part, of men whose stations in life have shown them the principles of business integrity. The boys themselves, unused to the luxury of spending money, charmed by its fascinations, induced by older companions sometimes, are led to petty thieving. The desire to spend is natural enough but few boys are philosophical enough either by nature or training, to withstand the temptation of availing themselves of the opportunities to steal small sums. Their home training has not made them strong and honest. The existence of this evil is suggestive to parents who expect their children to enter the lowest place of mercantile life; it is suggestive to parents who are lavish of their money with their boys, and it is also suggestive to the business men who are, and who are to be, dependent on help of this kind. It is not enough that a boy "takes" to a business life, as in any other science he should be instructed and his instructor should be his employer, and should be qualified to instruct. The elements of business, and not the least among them is integrity, should be taught him, and taught him thoroughly, at home.

Where Late Pencils Come From.

Any one who has children and who, about forty times a term, hears complaints about them, their breaking or loss, will perhaps be glad to know that the supply is about inexhaustible. There is not the slightest danger that the world will ever want for slate pencils. The hard, black German ones have been superseded of late years by the round white ones of clay slate. At the quarry near Castleton, Vt., about thirty-five workmen produce 50,000 pencils daily, and it is proposed to increase the daily output to 100,000. The blocks, when quarried, are sawed into pieces seven by twelve inches, split to a thickness of a half inch and smoothed by a planer. The block is passed under a semi-circular knife and after having been turned over, the process is repeated. The result is fifty seven inch pencils. A particle of quartz in the block would break all the pencils. They are pointed by a grindstone, turned, assorted and sent to the market in boxes of a hundred.

Making India Rubber Varnish.

Dr. Eder gives the following recipe: Inclose thirty grammes of finely cut caoutchouc in a capacious linen bag, and suspend this within a flask containing a litre of benzine, by means of a thread held fast by the stopper, so that the bag remains near the surface of the liquid. In the course of six or eight days the soluble portion of the caoutchouc, about 40 to 60 per cent, will pass into the benzine, while the contents of the bag will expand enormously. The clear solution, which is quite viscous and contains 1.2 to 1.5 per cent of caoutchouc, is then carefully separated. The swelled contents of the bag contains one-fourth to one third of the benzine used, and may be used for the preparation of an inferior kind of varnish. A solution of india rubber in benzine, kept in half-litre bottles, is decomposed on exposure to light, which may be seen by the change in the solution from a viscous to a thin fluid condition. Even in the dark this change goes on, but it requires about three times as much time.

It is asserted that the contents of the 1800 tanks in the oil regions of this country would fill a square reservoir having a side of 3747 feet, to a depth of ten feet. Some of the recently constructed iron tanks have a capacity of 35,000 barrels.

SHORT BITS.

The "Thousand Islands" number 1, 854 by actual count.

The man who can be flattered can be bought, and generally at the very lowest price.

Men seldom improve when they have no other models to fashion after than themselves.

A French inventor has patented an application of the electric light to bleaching of textiles and other substances.

There is thought to be danger in using fruit cans with zinc tops, in consequence of the formation of poisonous salts by the action of acids in the fruit upon the zinc.

One Kersey testified that Lieutenant Flipper was a perfect gentleman. It is strange—but nearly all those who have difficulties with their finances are the perfection of piety and gentility.

A machine has been invented by a German doctor for executing criminals by electricity. The criminal sits in a chair and is quietly, painlessly, instantly and gently ushered into another state of existence.

Terrifically sarcastic father: "Now, I must bid you good-night, for I have an engagement. But stay, why don't you stop and take breakfast with us some morning? You always go away an hour or two before it is ready."

Gray squirrel is much more popular in London this season than the white and black, so much seen during the past two or three winters. It has already gone up in price, owing to the great demand for it. Circular cloaks, long jackets and dolmans are lined with it.

Another proof of the truth of the popular notion that annuities are exceptionally long lived is afforded by the circumstance that over \$500 is still paid in pensions to servants of the Queen Charlotte, who died sixty-three years ago, and \$50 to a surviving attendant of George III.

A varnish of cement, which goes by the name of Chinese varnish, and renders card board or thick paper as hard and horny as papier mache, is easily prepared from blood, lime and alum. Three parts of fresh blood will beaten up to prevent the formation of fiber, is mixed with four parts of slacked lime and a little alum, the thick flowing mixture that results being at once ready for application to paper or card.

A New Weather Indicator.

Considering that a fall of the barometer in general indicates coming rain only when the moisture increases at the same time, Herr Klinkerfues, of Göttingen, has devised a combination of the barometer and the hygrometer. The horizontal axis of a rotating index has two supports behind, and between these a short piece projecting in an opposite direction to that of the index, which is more or less oblique. Over this piece passes a thin, soft cord of hygroscopic fibres (e.g., of human hair deprived of grease), reaching from the outer support to the middle of the corrugated plate of an aneroid case. It will be understood that when the air pressure increases, the cord is stretched and the index rises. But, if the moisture increases, the cord slackens and the index falls.

CHAS. SUMNER ON WOMAN'S DRESS.

With all Mr. Sumner's profound studies he was as good an authority on all matters relating to a woman's toilet as Worth himself. I recall the approval which he expressed of Michelet's theory that a woman should not yield to the dictates of fashion to the extent of making violent changes in her dress or the arrangement of her hair; but a certain uniformity, with minor variations, that just suggested a costume, so that people would say, "that looks like her," was more effective and more attractive than those sudden changes, which almost destroy a woman's identity and diminished the power of association. Mr. Sumner thought that nothing promoted a woman's appearance so much as, after suitable study of the subject, adhering to one style of arranging the hair. "Imagine," said he, "a Greek goddess changing the arrangement of her hair every few months!"—Alpha Howard, in Providence Press.

UNRECOGNIZED TALENT.—When a great man dies, be he writer or painter, statesman or scientific writer, we are apt rather to over than understate his achievements, seeking, perhaps, to atone for long continued neglect by a too tardy justice. But the man who dies after a long life of work in which he has just failed to be great, whose success has always been of that kind which gains ready appreciation within the little circle of friends to whom it is known, but which never touches the world at large—whose genius, in fact, has shown itself in pleasing greatly a few rather than touching the hearts or affecting the lives of the many—this man is apt, I think, to obtain but scanty justice, directly his powers of pleasing have ceased. And this is, of course, more certainly the case if he be one whose talents have been somewhat archaic, and if he has never cared to adapt them to the public measure of the useful, the beautiful or the true.—London Spectator.

LOST WORDS.—It is correctly stated in a recent article on Henry Clay that he never was at a loss for a word, or "boggled" while speaking, but that his drafts on the Kink's English were never dishonored. With Mr. Webster it was different, and he often would hesitate, and then rub his nose with the bent knuckle of his right thumb. Mr. Calhoun, when at a loss for a word, would give a petulant twist at his large turned-over shirt collar, and then run his bony fingers through his long gray hair until it stood up like the hair on an electric toy. Mr. Benton would sink his voice and mumble something that no one could understand, and General Cass would "aw-law!" in the English style, passing his hand beneath the lower edge of his capacious white waistcoat! Mr. Webster was almost invariably "stuck" when he attempted to use a Latin quotation, and when Mr. Everett was in the Senate he used invariably to appeal to him.



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