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ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST.

Prince Oscar, of Sweden, and his bride have gone to Carlscrona, their future residence, in the south of Sweden. They are now known as the Prince and Princess Bernadotte.

The largest known flower is the *Bullia*, a native of Sumatra. It measures three feet in diameter, weighs fifteen pounds and has a calyx holding six quarts. The odor is offensive.

The statement is made that no less than six species of North American birds have become extinct during the last ten years, and it is claimed that English sparrows were the main cause.

A box of manuscripts relating to Poe has been recently discovered in Georgia. It is thought that they may be those of Griswold, who was known to possess many of Poe's papers, all of which unaccountably disappeared.

The gold shipped and withdrawn for export at New York so far this month amounts to \$5,600,000. The assay office still has \$85,000,000 in gold bars on hand and \$11,500,000 in double eagles deposited to its credit in the sub-treasury.

Goat Island, at Niagara Falls, is being washed away by the rapid current, and the State Engineer recommends an appropriation by the legislature for the erection of a retaining wall of timber to prevent further ravages.

Judge Hare, of Philadelphia, gave his advice to a wife-beater who was discharged upon the appeal of the abused wife: "When you find yourself getting angry again fill your mouth with water and keep it shut all you cool off."

While Sarah Edmonds, a young daughter of William Edmonds, of Wheatland, Penn., was lowering a window, a flash of lightning struck the house, passing through the girl's body and tearing off her shoes. She died before medical aid could be summoned.

Since Minister Hubbard was appointed to the Court of Japan by President Cleveland our trade with that country has grown from \$13,600,000 to \$25,000,000, \$2,500,000 in excess of the total English-Japanese trade for the same year. It also exceeds the German-Japan trade by \$19,000,000, and that of France by \$12,000,000.

The Duke of Sutherland has been once impoverished by the agricultural depression in England and Scotland that he contemplates selling St. Alfred House, the wonderful mansion, which, when Queen Victoria entered, struck her as being so magnificent that she said to the Duke: "I came from my house to your palace."

Ex-Queen Isabella of Spain, who will visit England for the first time this season, has an income of \$1,000,000 a year, but is said to be always in debt. She maintains no house in Paris, but always resides at a hotel. She spends vast sums in horses. Her executive ability is clearly shown by the ease with which she constantly spends more than her enormous income amounts to.

A great parrot show is to be held in Berlin this summer. Prizes are to be given for the polly who can use the most phrases and for the oldest parrot. It is said that a polly who has seen eighty years will be present. It is related that Curico, the celebrated naturalist, had a polly in his vestibule who, upon seeing a stranger, would cry out: "What do you want with my master?" And when a reply was given he would respond: "Don't talk so much."

The Bavarian General, Sigmund von Franckh, died recently in Munich. He was Minister of War from 1866 to 1875, and at the outbreak of the Franco-German war it was greatly due to his influence that Bavaria at once joined Prussia, instead of simply maintaining an armed neutrality. When the unification of Germany was consummated he exerted his patriotic zeal to secure for Bavaria, as far as possible, an independent position in the new empire. Franckh was among the German Generals who received large pecuniary rewards at the close of the war.

PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

NEW OREGON IRON WORKS

A Sailor Drowned. Chinese Murderer in Chinatown. Earthquake at San Francisco.

INDUSTRIAL FAIR BUILDINGS.

Ready for Work.

Everything is now in readiness for starting up the works of the Oregon Iron and Steel Company at Oswego. The ore road is ballasted, and ore is being hauled from the mine to the stock house. The company has had made in Portland twenty hopper-shaped cars of stout boiler iron, the bottoms of which can be opened to let the ore run out. These will make two trains of ten cars each, one of which can be loaded while the other is unloading. Everything is arranged so that the ore is not handled from the time it leaves the mine till it is in the shape of pigs. The company received 100 tons of coke from England on the Anamba and sixty tons from the Sound to be used in the pipe foundry. The fires will soon be blown in, and as soon as some pig iron is made the work of casting pipes will begin.

Industrial Fair Buildings.

The exposition building is progressing very favorably. The roof of corrugated iron is nearly completed on the eastern section and the work of boarding it in is well advanced. The galleries are partly floored and from the main floor one can form some idea of what this department will look like when completed. The arched trusses to support the roof of the central or garden department are in place. In the eastern division are over forty boxes of ribbed glass, three eighths inch in thickness, and about 2x7 feet in size for the roof of the garden. The frame of the first story of the western division is up and the work is well in hand and the whole huge structure will be covered in good time before the rainy season sets in. The building will, without doubt, be what the committee claim for it, the finest and largest building of its kind on the coast. It is not going to look like a huge barn at all, but will be a handsome building, and a credit to the association.

A Sailor Drowned.

Harry Downing, a seafaring man, aged 36 years, was drowned off the foot of Walnut street, in Alameda, Cal., while bathing with some companions. When reached he was feebly swimming with his head under water. He could not be resuscitated.

Deer Poisoned.

A large number of deer have been found dead in the woods near Grass Valley, Cal. It is supposed poison has been put out on their feeding grounds.

Earthquake at San Jose.

A severe earthquake shock was felt at San Jose, Cal. The vibrations continued five seconds. No damage was done.

Disastrous Cloud Burst.

There was a great cloud-burst at Perris, Cal. A house was blown down and several persons were severely injured.

Killed by a Caving Bank.

S. T. Johns was killed at Austin, Nev., by a caving bank in the Magdalena mine.

Killed by a Train.

Frank Maley, a twelve-year-old boy attempted to jump on a passenger train on the railroad bridge at Sacto, Cal. He was knocked down and received injuries which caused his death.

An Earthquake Shock.

A sharp shock of earthquake was felt at San Francisco. The motion appeared to be up and down and was accompanied by a deep rumbling sound. As it occurred during the hour of morning service in the churches it created momentary consternation in some of the edifices, although in no instance was there an effort to leave the buildings.

Killed by Drinking Coal Oil.

The 3-year-old son of Joseph Frey, Jr., of Santa Cruz, Cal., died from drinking coal oil. He and an older brother were playing, and the latter

asked the little fellow to suck a long time at the spout of a coal oil can. The child drank quite a quantity and died the second day.

Suicide of a Student.

Carl Riley, a student of a business college at San Francisco, while in a supposed state of momentary insanity shot himself in the eye with a Smith & Wesson revolver. The ball went through his head and lodged in the wall. He was but 18 years of age. His parents reside in Woodland, Cal., and his father is reputed to be a wealthy land owner. For the past three or four days he has been somewhat sick, but his illness was of such a nature as not to excite comment. When his room was searched his trunk was packed, but no letters were found to shed any light upon the case.

Captain and Crew Drunk.

Henry Weatherbee, owner of the schooner *Pet*, which was dashed to pieces at the northern entrance to Golden Gate, says the loss of the schooner was caused almost, if not entirely, by the captain and crew being under the influence of liquor.

Sad Awakening of a Wife.

When Mrs. S. D. Smith awoke, at Marysville, Cal., and reached over to kiss her husband at her side, she found he was dead. The cause was heart disease.

Sad Case of Poverty.

Mrs. Hutchins, an aged widow, has been living alone at Albany, Or., for some time. A friend, who happened to call, found the door locked. Calling assistance, the window was pried up and an entrance effected. Mrs. Hutchins, in getting up, had fallen in such a manner as to break her hip. A surgeon was sent for, and the poor old lady was properly attended to. Being aged and feeble, her recovery is doubtful. Her husband died a few months ago, a county charge.

Fire at Harrisville.

Fire broke out at Harrisville, Cal., in a large brick building owned by Mrs. E. C. Ross and occupied by Tuen Wo & Co., Chinese butchers, and Quong Lung, Chinese general merchandise. It started in the second story among a lot of oil and lard. The building is gutted on the second floor and is badly damaged on the ground floor. The total loss to both places is \$9,000. The building was insured for \$1,500.

Murder in Chinatown.

Lung Bark Heong was stabbed and killed by some unknown assailant at San Francisco. The police were notified of the murder by Tin Tock, foreman of a gang of Chinese laborers, who stated that he had paid Heong and several others \$90 each during the day for work. Several Chinamen occupying the building said they heard a struggle and Heong exclaim that he was being robbed. The police arrested a number of Chinese on suspicion.

Died on Ship Board.

John Freeman Smith, aged 70, a resident of Visalia, Cal., died on the steamer *Acapulco*, of typhoid-malarial fever. The body was embalmed and brought to San Francisco.

Discovery of Iron Ore.

Large quantities of ore have been discovered on Lopez island, near Port Townsend, W. T. Shafts are being sunk, and Peter Kirk, of Seattle, is examining the ore, which, it is claimed, exceeds the Texada ore of British Columbia. The mine was located and tested by George G. McNamara, and assays 32 per cent.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

White Wives for Chinamen.

Sam Wah, a Chinaman, and his wife Augusta, a white woman, were locked up at the armory police station at Chicago, charged with bringing white women from Milwaukee and furnishing them for wives to Chinamen at \$25 each. Through their matrimonial agency it is charged four or five local Chinamen have been furnished with wives.

Died in the Street.

Augustus V. Braconer, a well-known young man of St. Louis, who has run through with his fortune, was found on the street with his skull fractured and has since died. A citizen reported to the police that he had seen a man thrown out of Patrick Montague's saloon near where Braconer was found, and saw the pro-

prietor strike a man. The police arrested Patrick Montague, Edward Montague, his brother, Charles E. Powell, a lawyer, and Dr. Fosco, who were in the saloon at the time. Owing to Braconer's high connections and unfortunate life, the case is exciting much interest.

A Double Suicide.

Patrick Lynch and Annie Driscoll were found dead in a bedroom at Wilford, Coney Island. The gas had been turned on, possibly with the object of double suicide.

A Child Devoured by an Eagle.

The two-months-old son of Wm. Beattie, a farmer who lives on the Cimarron river, Kansas, was taken up by an eagle, while the child was playing in the front yard, and carried off. The babe was partly devoured, and was dead before the neighbors found it.

Suicide in a Baggage Car.

Wm. Syms, baggage-master on the Pittsburg and Chicago express on the Fort Wayne road, was found dead in the car near Beaver Falls. He had blown out his brains with the express messenger's revolver. The latter was asleep and knew nothing of the tragedy until awakened by the conductor.

Accident to a Helena Man.

George Crocker, a wealthy cattle man of Helena, Montana, met with a serious accident. A cab in which he was riding dashed against a curb stone, throwing Crocker against the glass side, breaking the glass and cutting his face badly. It is believed that he will lose his eye sight.

Thieving Conductors.

Several Wagner palace car conductors have been discharged at New York. It is asserted that a systematic course of thieving, running into thousands of dollars, was discovered.

A Lynching in Missouri.

Word comes from Steelville, Mo., that Louis Davis was lynched by a mob of forty men. The jail was broken open with sledge hammers and Davis was soon overpowered, taken a half mile and lynched. He made no confession. He was charged with murdering David Miller last January. Miller was found dead in a field. Davis's boots fitted the tracks of the murderer.

A Fatal Prize Fight.

A prize fight took place at Grand Forks, Dakota, between George Fulljames and an unknown. Fulljames received a blow over the heart that knocked him out and resulted in his death. The unknown was arrested and locked up, but afterwards made his escape.

Pleasure Seekers Drowned.

The Erie railroad ferryboat swamped a small boat between the New York and New Jersey shore, throwing three young men and a girl into the water. The girl and one of the men were drowned, and the bodies swept away by the tide.

A Gigantic Robbery.

Thieves entered the pay car on the Lake Shore road, in the outskirts of Buffalo, N. Y., administered ether to the occupants, and escaped with \$400,000.

A Murderer Arrested.

A man supposed to be the murderer of S. Morris Wain and Harry Stone of Philadelphia and New York, was arrested at Lander, N. Y., while trying to dispose of a camp outfit.

A Check Lost or Stolen.

An alarm was sent out from New York police headquarters warning the banks to stop payment of a check for \$1,480, drawn by D. D. Withers to the order of Geo. W. Hearst, the California senator, and endorsed by him. Both are prominent horsemen, and the check represented the balance of a trade between them. It was either lost or stolen.

Big Fire in a Brewery.

Fire broke out in the brewery buildings of Henry Elias, in New York. Three upper stories of the main structure were burned out, and the ice house was completely wrecked. Above the second story in the ice house was stored \$180,000 worth of beer, and it is thought possible that this was totally destroyed, the loss, exclusive of the stored beer, will foot up more than \$150,000. The buildings were valued at \$600,000, and insured for \$200,000.

AGRICULTURAL.

DEVOTED TO THE INTERESTS OF FARMERS AND STOCKMEN.

Sylvania, Gt., has a stalk of corn ten feet high, and which contains seven well-developed shoots, six of which have put out silks.

More improvement in the farm and draft horses of this country has been made in the past five years than were made in the ten preceding years.

Next to a sure and certain provision for the great beyond, the health of the farmer and that of his household should be his first concern. Often times he makes it his last concern.

Mr. J. S. Woodward says he has been successful in curing the black-knot of plum trees in its early stage by the use of turpentine. He cuts off the knot and applies the turpentine.

The damage done to fruit trees by rabbits, borers and insects, may be prevented by applying pine tar to the bodies of the trees. Warm the tar and apply with a brush.

On all the fields where the mowers are to be used the advantage of the land having been previously rolled will be noticeable. Fields that have been rolled can be mowed easier, and the work done more completely than where the land is rough.

The carcass of every animal that dies of disease should be burned. Only by this process can the virus and germs be annihilated, and the spread of the disease be prevented. This is especially true of animals dying of diseases known to be contagious.

President Chamberlain, of the Iowa Agricultural College, does not believe in permanent pastures, preferring a regular rotation of crops, with clover and timothy meadow for two years of the rotation. The land, under rotation, is in better heart, and you get more grass, relatively.

The more the cabbage plants are hoed the better they will thrive. The cabbage is a plant that succeeds best when given clean cultivation and plenty of manure, as it is a grass feeder. During dry seasons the loose earth around the plants assist in retaining moisture.

The sour currants are sure to be plagued with the currant worm. Look for them. A little hellebore dusted on the leaves is an efficient protection. The worm never gets a second taste of this insect destroyer. Apply it early in the morning, while dew is on the leaves of the bushes.

The pineapple season is now at its height. New York merchants are receiving about ten thousand barrels a week. The barrels contain twenty-five to thirty extra large "pines," or forty to sixty small ones. The season lasts from April until August, and about five million pineapples are imported each year.

An oblong form is better than a square one for the home garden. Seeds sown or planted in rows instead of little beds simplifies the whole matter, and admits of the use of the plow and cultivator instead of the spade, the hoe and the rake, and makes its cultivation a pleasure instead of a dreaded task.

A. C. Hammond, secretary of the Illinois Horticultural Society, says he sprayed his orchard of 300 trees with London purple and gathered 500 bushels of apples, 85 per cent. of which were marketable and nearly 75 per cent. perfect. From the same number of unsprayed trees in an adjoining orchard he did not gather a peck of perfect fruit.

It does not take long to patch up and save a tree that has been completely girdled with mice. Take several slips of last year's growth of the required length, shave each of the ends to a fine point, and insert one above and the other below in the living bark. A union will be formed and the sear'd place will, after a few years, be grown over. While new bark is being formed on the grafts, the girdle place should be covered with soil to exclude air. It is well to use these whip grafts wherever a large patch has been eaten out. In a tree girdled all around, four or five grafts should be inserted; they should be of the same variety as the tree is grafted to, and to make sure of this, had better be cut from the tree to be operated upon.

MARKET REPORT.

RELIABLE QUOTATIONS CAREFULLY REVISED EVERY WEEK.

WHEAT—Valley, \$1.30@1.31; Walla Walla, \$1.20@1.22.

BARLEY—Whole, \$1.10@1.12; ground, per ton, \$25.00@27.50.

OATS—Milling, 32@34c.; feed, 44@45c.

HAY—Baled, \$10@11.3.

SEED—Blue Grass, 14@16c.; Timothy, 9@10c.; Red Clover, 14@15c.

FLOUR—Patent Roller, \$4.00; Country Brand, \$3.75.

EGGS—Per doz., 25c.

BUTTER—Fancy roll, per pound, 25c.; pickled, 20@25c.; inferior grade, 15@25c.

CHEESE—Eastern, 16@20c.; Oregon, 14@16c.; California, 14@15c.

VEGETABLES—Beets, per sack, \$1.50; cabbage, per lb., 2@3c.; carrots, per sk., \$1.25; lettuce, per doz., 20c.; onions, \$1.00; potatoes, per 100 lbs., 40@50c.; radishes, per doz., 15@20c.; rhubarb, per lb., 6c.

HONEY—In comb, per lb., 18c.; strained, 5 gal. tins, per lb., 8@9c.

POULTRY—Chickens, per doz., \$4.00@6.00; ducks, per doz., \$5.00@6.00; geese, \$6.00@8.00; turkeys, per lb., 12@14c.

PROVISIONS—Oregon hams, 12@14c. per lb.; Eastern, 13@13.5c.; Eastern breakfast bacon, 12@14c. per lb.; Oregon 10@12c.; Eastern lard, 10@11.5c. per lb.; Oregon, 10@14c.

GREEN FRUITS—Apples, \$.50 @ .85c.; Sicily lemons, \$6.00@6.50 California, \$3.50@5.00; Naval oranges \$6.00; Riverside, \$4.00; Mediterranean, \$4.25.

DRIED FRUITS—Sun dried apples, 7@8c. per lb.; machine dried, 10@11c.; pitless plums, 13c.; Italian prunes, 10@14c.; peaches, 12@14c.; raisins, \$2.40@2.50.

WOOL—Valley, 17@18c.; Eastern Oregon, 9@15c.

HIDES—Dry beef hides, 8@10c.; culls, 6@7c.; kip and calf, 8@10c.; Murrain, 10@12c.; tallow, 3@3.5c.

LUMBER—Rough, per M, \$10.00; edged, per M, \$12.00; T. and G. sheathing, per M, \$13.00; No. 2 flooring, per M, \$18.00; No. 2 ceiling, per M, \$18.00; No. 2 rustic, per M, \$18.00; clear rough, per M, \$20.00; clear P. 4 S., per M, \$22.50; No. 1 flooring, per M, \$22.50; No. 1 rustic, per M, \$22.50; stepping, per M, \$25.00; over 12 inches wide, extra, \$1.00; lengths 40 to 50, extra, \$2.00; lengths 50 to 60, extra, \$4.00; 1 1/2 lath, per M, \$2.25; 1 1/4 lath, per M, \$2.50.

BEANS—Quote small whites, \$4.50; pinks, \$3; bayos, \$3; butter, \$4.50; Lima, \$4.50 per cental.

COFFEE—Quote Salvador, 17c.; Costa Rica, 18@20c.; Rio, 18@20c.; Java, 27c.; Arbuckle's roasted, 22c.

MEAT—Beef, wholesale, 2@3c.; dressed, 6c.; sheep, 3c.; dressed, 6c.; hogs, dressed, 8@9c.; veal, 5@7c.

PICKLES—Kegs quoted steady at \$1.35.

SALT—Liverpool grades of fine quoted \$18, \$19 and \$20 for the three sizes; stock salt, \$10.

SUGAR—Prices for barrels; Golden C, 6c.; extra C, 6 1/2c.; D, granulated, 7c.; crushed, fine crushed, cube and powdered, 7 1/2c.; extra C, 6 1/2c.; halves and boxes, 4c. higher.

A Literary Genius.

Jones—I say, Smith, I understand that Brown is something of a literary man.

Smith—Literary man, yes. Why, Brown writes for the waste baskets of some of the leading newspapers and magazines in the country.—N. Y. Sun.

"I notice," remarked Amy, "that the milkshake is making a heap of fuss now." "Yes," replied the High School girl, "the lactical agitation is responsible for considerable perturbation."—Pittsburgh Chronicle.

—The Queen of Roumania says man and wife should never cease to do a little courting, no matter how old they may be.

—The city of London is said to have fewer inhabitants to the house than any other of the large cities of Europe. Vienna has five times as many.

—American travelers in Ireland nowadays are furnished a traveling companion free of expense, it seems. Nevertheless, a government detective in one's tracks can hardly be said to add to the pleasure of a jaunt through Erin.