

The San Francisco Examiner, that chief of democratic dailies, is on file on our reading desk. Come and read it.

GENERAL NEWS.

A Baptist church is to be built at Puyallup, W. T., that will cost \$5000.

More than \$20,000 has been subscribed by Fresno people to build a Y. M. C. A. hall.

The Los Angeles Herald says that sixty car-loads of cattle are received there each week.

The ostrich farm at Fullerton, Los Angeles county, now has 136 full-grown birds.

Gov. Morehouse sent two companies of troops to Breder, Mo., to preserve order.

Andrew Carnegie's millionaire partner died suddenly of heart disease, at Pittsburg, Pa.

Third annual convention of the Confederation of Labor convened at St. Louis 11th inst.

A herd of 40 buffaloes was loaded on the cars last week at Winnipeg, for Minneapolis.

A mass-meeting of anarchists was held in Chicago, 14th inst. The mayor prohibited the meeting.

Minister Phelps proposes to leave England for America in January, before his successor is appointed.

The Panama Canal subscription threatens to be a failure after all the couraging promises made M. De Lesseps.

A very pleasant dancing party was given at the General Harney mansion in Sullivan, Mo., on the 20th ult.—Steelville Mirror.

The butchers of San Jose have agreed to close at 7 p m on and after January 1st next, and to keep their shops shut on Sundays.

The freight shipments eastward from San Jose for the week ending Dec. 12 were 365,820 lbs., more than half of which was dried fruit.

James Tucker, a hunter of Merced, has shipped over 5000 ducks and geese to the San Francisco market since the game season began.

Last Monday, 10th, thirty-three fine Percheron stallions from St. Louis passed through Reno. They are owned by a Lake county farmer.

The first smelt of the season was taken in a net in Lewis river, Oregon, last week. The fish hardly ever come to the Oregon rivers earlier than February.

An attempt is being made to perfect plans by which the three Americas can commemorate Christopher Columbus' discovery by a united effort at Washington, City.

The whisky trust gives evidence of weakness, and it is believed will shortly collapse, says a Cincinnati telegram, because many of the distillers refuse to co-operate.

Twenty-one families of immigrants, with wagons and considerable stock, arrived at Bakersfield on 14th inst., from Minnesota. The town is crowded with home-seekers and land speculators.

Two citizens in San Francisco have been contending for several months in the courts for possession of a two-inch strip of ground, which was decided last week in favor of the plaintiff in the case.

Virginia City, once a town that swarmed with "holy terrors," is now about the most orderly place on the Pacific Coast. Those composing its present population are people who have homes and are permanent residents.

Two swindlers named E. M. Doyle and Geo. H. Harrison made a raid on the confidence of The Dalles citizens in the early part of October, and were arrested in Oakland, Cal., Friday, Dec. 14th, by detectives, on charge of grand larceny, and returned to Portland, Ore., where other and graver charges will probably be preferred against them.

A frightful accident occurred at Puyallup station in the Cascade division of the N. P. R.R., by a freight train dashing into a Pullman sleeper, by which a woman was scalded to death and an engineer fatally injured. Blame is attached to the crew of the freight train.

Paint the church, schoolhouse, and courthouse white—purity ought ever be found within; any shade of blue for the dwelling house, since true friends should be dwellers therein; red is the color for schools—murder of souls, and often of bodies, is going on there; yellow for public halls, as jealousy is rarely on the outside, when meetings are held within; green for milliner shops—envy has an abiding place there, and a tongue like an adder's; and the soldiers' barracks black—death, grim and lean, sits down at the close of each day to cast up the number of victims to fall tomorrow.—Adin Argus.

The remains of a human being were found near the railroad about a mile west of Humboldt House, on Saturday, 8th inst. A telegram brought the coroner and a coffin from Winnemucca, a jury was summoned, and the following information gleaned: In a badger hole a part of the bones of a man about 5 feet, 6 inches in height, were found, and scattered about for a distance of 20 or 30 yards the remainder of the skeleton. About 200 yards from the badger hole a bed and two suits of clothing were found; next some papers and two memorandum books scattered about in the sagebrush. A certificate from Martin O'Brien, section foreman at Mill City, dated June 17th, 1888, that Louis Drange had worked 54 days, was found among the papers, also, an envelope containing fish-hooks, directed to "Matt Parrott, Esq., Reno. The pockets of the clothing were empty. The jury were of opinion, and found a verdict accordingly, that the deceased was named Louis Drange, and that he was murdered some person or persons to them unknown. The remains were buried near Humboldt House.

Any one knowing anything of Drange, will please communicate at with Coroner Walker, Winnemucca, Humboldt county, Nevada.—Daily Silver State.

With six whisky furnaces in full blast night and day; with three gambling dives in lively competition every day, Sunday not excepted; with two prostitute shebangs dancing to the devil's tunes on one of our best business streets, is it surprising to find grass grown over the steps to our two churches, an infidel instructing our children in one school house, and an ex-saloon keeper teaching in the other? Is it astonishing that the mayor of our little one-horse city stands in with our dens of vice, when it is notoriously known to every man that voted for him that he owned an interest in every house now used for immoral purposes, and sold out before he became a candidate for office. Who is responsible for this state of things? Every church that sends missionaries abroad, when such heathenism is in their own land; every easy-going Christian that sends children to school, or owns real estate in the town; every business man engaged in a reputable calling; every editor that lets his newspaper silently endorse the downfall of morality in this city; and every man of mature age that allows the appetites of his baser nature to set a vicious example for youth to follow.—Peoria Gazette.

We warn those meddling citizens who are charging us with political treachery, to go easy. It is true that The Kicker has been democratic at times, and that we have occasionally had a good word for the republican ticket, and that we have at intervals seemed to be red-hot for prohibition, but we were sort of feeling around to see what kind of a paper our subscribers preferred. We didn't propose to break ourselves in two in the first six months by getting left. We had a democrat and a republican roster ready for the election returns, and we didn't care a cent which way the old kangaroo jumped.

We shall now be a little more republican than democratic, as we want the county printing, but when ever we say anything distasteful to the democracy, we will, as soon as the matter is called to our attention, turn about and give Harrison a "wipe" in the next issue.

We shall be independent in nothing, and neutral in lots of things, hoping that the democrats will get there next time, and advising the republicans to hang on if it takes a rib. We are heavy on the political principles of our forefathers, but we have run our circulation up to 598 copies, and we don't propose to hit any of our subscribers between the eyes to tickle any partisan.—Arizona Kicker.

FROM WASHINGTON D. C.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 10.
ED. HERALD: The opening day of a session of Congress is always looked forward to in anxious anticipation by residents of Washington. In fact it may be said that the first day of the session is the only day upon which the average citizen of Washington evinces a sufficient degree of interest in the proceedings of Congress to induce him to attend its sessions. As a rule, the audiences that fill both House and Senate galleries are composed largely of sight-seeing visitors from out of town, who go to the Capitol out of mere curiosity, and from their gallery seats look down upon the more or less animated scene that may be in progress at the time upon the floor, in very much the same spirit that animates the audience at a circus or theater. As usual, the beginning of the session on Monday last drew to the Capitol an immense crowd that was composed largely of citizens of Washington. The galleries were filled to their utmost capacity and hundreds were unable to gain admittance. The desks of the presiding officers and those of many of the Senators and members were laden with floral offerings. Several of the floral designs had attached to them cards with bits of poetry. The most elaborate floral design in the House was noticed upon the desk of Representative Bliss, and upon a card attached were the following lines:

"Oh, Archie Bliss, we send you this Great bunch of fragrant posies,
And, Archie Bliss, we tell you this,
You're sweet as any rose is."
No attempt is made by the present minority in the House to disguise the pleasure experienced in the anticipation of their soon assuming control of the House, and the scenes of activity about the various committee rooms show the interest that is taken in the contest for the Speakership. This early opening of the Speakership contest it is expected will result in the calling of a special session of the new Congress soon after the fourth of March.

When the 26-inch telescope was constructed for the Naval Observatory, it was the largest refracting telescope in the world; with it the astronomer in charge, Prof. Adolph Hall, discovered Dionos and Phobos, the two moons of Mars, and many other interesting objects. For nine years and a half it held its position as the finest telescope in the world, but at the end of that time three larger ones were constructed in Europe: one in Russia, one in Germany, and one in France. A year ago America again gained the prestige when the great 34-inch instrument was erected in the Lick Observatory on the top of Mount Hamilton in California. With this the moon appears to be only sixty miles from the earth, and many new stars are constantly being discovered.

At present the University at Southern California is negotiating for a 42-inch telescope, and last week a bill was introduced to Congress for the appropriation of a million dollars to construct a monster 60-inch instrument for the Naval Observatory. If this measure is successful, it is estimated that the moon will appear to be only a few thousand yards from the earth, and then we can determine to a certainty whether or not it consists of green cheese.

The general comment on the President's message is that he has not slighted any subject, except civil service reform, the only objection that could be mustered up being as to its length. As Republicans can just now afford to be fair, the run of comment is generally favorable.

All indications point to an unusually great assemblage of persons at the inaugural ceremonies here next March, office-seekers, no doubt, materially swelling the list.

Cabinet-making has cooled a little, but still goes on. One thing seems apparent, which is, that Ben Butterworth has been named for one of the portfolios.

An unusual amount of interest is manifested in the coming Exposition at Washington.

The tunnel investigation is still proceeding, there being a congressional committee and a citizens' committee taking testimony. We hope that between two stools the interest of the public will not fall to the ground.

A fine picture of Ste. Genevieve, the patron saint of Paris, painted by Ernest L. Major, and which was at the Paris Exposition, is now on exhibition at the Corcoran Art Gallery.

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