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The semi-monthly issue of the Alta California, prepared for the mail steamer in double form, will be ready for delivery to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock.

The Cause of the Depression in Trade—The Cure.

We live on traffic and speculation—dependent on other countries for food, and on our own soil for the medium merely of exchange. Now we see the helpless es of our condition! As long as the gold flowed to our towns and cities in a steady stream, we could get bread and all other necessities.

Now we must not rely altogether upon the soil of California to produce the gold, or money, wherewith to purchase food, clothing, and other necessities. The real truth is, by far the largest part of the gold, sent to other countries, to supply us with necessities, was taken from the river banks, with comparatively little labor.

We give it in exchange to other States and nations, for food, clothing, and all the necessary and luxuries of life. Of all other commodities or products it is the most dangerous and seductive. An excess is fraught with as many evils as a scarcity.

It has now become a well established fact that no country on earth possesses so productive a soil—particularly for small grains—as the sea-board portion of California, including the San Joaquin and Sacramento valleys. Here is wealth that will make the new State perpetually rich and permanently strong.

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CITY INTELLIGENCE.

ST. VALENTINE'S DAY.—To-day is the immortal and time-honored anniversary of St. Valentine. Throughout England and in our northern cities of the Atlantic this day is celebrated by the sending of love-missives in the form of Valentines to the ladies.

CHANGE IN THE WEATHER.—The close of the rainy season and the opening of spring is strongly marked in San Francisco by the winds which blow in the morning. During the past four months we have had weather fit for a paradise, clear, calm and sun-shining.

ALDERMAN ROBINSON AND HIS CARD.—Our attention has been directed to a communication in yesterday's Picayune, signed D. G. Robinson, which requires notice from us only because its author is a member of the Board of Aldermen.

We understood Mr. Robinson, in using the terms "thieves and robbers," in the Board of Aldermen, on Monday evening, to apply them to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

WASHERWOMAN'S BAY.—On the margin of a pretty little lagoon between the city of San Francisco and the military post at the Presidio, is a settlement of some two or three hundred people, whose place of residence has been designated as Washerwoman's Bay.

An interesting scene is exhibited around the borders of the lake. Women of every clime and color are kneeling down upon the bank engaged in the pious work of washing, beneath the shade of their drying clothes. Men are pounding clothes in barrels, and hundreds are busy in the various departments of cleaning clothes.

At the lagoon are also a number of laundries upon a large scale, the principal of which was established and is owned by Mr. Easton.

Washerwoman's Bay is growing to be quite a village. A church has already been built there, in which service is performed weekly, and a daily school is kept. It is a quiet, pleasant little spot, and a walk or a ride out there will repay for the trouble.

A SMALL HAVEL.—The store of Messrs. Starkweather, Cianchan & Co., situated in Sansome street, near Jackson, was entered sometimes late on Wednesday night or early on Thursday morning, and a case of mathematical instruments, worth about \$15, stolen.

GAS.—We understand that two gentlemen of this city, Messrs. Wolleb and Fallor, have taken steps toward the establishment of gas works. We would refer to their advertisement in another column.

THE POLICE.—About twenty-five applications have been already made during the month of February, for situations on the Police. City scrip must be looking up.

STEAMER GOLD HUNTER.—The steamer Gold Hunter having been detained, will leave for Oregon to-day at 9 A. M.

FRENCH VAUDEVILLE COMPANY.—This company gave another of their amusing entertainments last evening at the theatre in Clay street. A performance is now given regularly every Thursday and Sunday evening.

IMPORTANT ARREST.—Jose Maria Viecha, a criminal who was sentenced to five years imprisonment in Sacramento, and who escaped, was arrested yesterday by officer Howard.

JENNY LIND THEATRE.—The light pieces played seem to take very well at the "Jenny." To-night the bill is three pieces—"The Illustrious Stranger," "The Stage Struck Lawyer," and "The Omnibus."

"THE WESTERN IMMIGRANTS."—As a confirmation of the correctness of the views embraced in the article headed "The cause of the depression of trade—the cure," and as an indication of the probable future movements of a large portion of our people now engaged in mining, and of many immigrants yet to come, the following extract from a letter of our valued correspondent, Robert Wilson, will be found interesting.

NEAR CASTORIA, Feb. 10, 1851. MESSRS EDITORS.—On my late trip over the Sierra Nevada, I had a good opportunity of judging of the population flowing into this country from the Western States.

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LAW COURTS.

SUPERIOR COURT.—The case of Thompson & Gillespie vs. G. O. Thompson et al. was given to the jury last evening, with instructions to return a sealed verdict this morning. No other business was transacted.

DISTRICT COURT.—In the case James Zoeling, for assaulting T. B. Kay, the jury rendered a verdict of not guilty.

M. T. O'Connor vs. B. R. Buckelew.—Three months allowed defendant to answer, unless he return sooner.

C. Coleman vs. John M. Clapp.—Order for publication. Scott & Norwood vs. John S. Van Ness.—Judgment in favor of plaintiff by default of defendant.

Wm. Pottle vs. Tarbox & Robb.—Judgment in favor of plaintiff for \$209.

J. G. Giles vs. Tarbox & Robb.—Judgment in favor of plaintiff for \$354.

Genterres vs. De Rosa.—Referred to F. J. Lippitt.

J. D. Hoppe vs. Miles L. Calender.—Referees report filed and confirmed.

Henry A. Lyons vs. Jesse B. Hart.—Motion for rehearing overruled.

COURT OF SESSIONS.—In the Court of Sessions, yesterday, Carlos Ellardo and George Lask, convicted of petit larceny, were sentenced to be imprisoned each 30 days. H. F. Hardy was also convicted of larceny, and sentence was postponed.

JUSTICES' COURT.—Before Judge McGowan.—James Beckett vs. Carroll.—The plaintiff, Mr. Beckett, is the owner of a fifty vara lot on the corner of Kearny and Bush streets, valued at \$25,000; about the 14th of January last he caused the same, preparatory to building thereon, to be enclosed by a substantial fence.

RECORDEE'S COURT.—After disposing of a few cases of drunkenness, the Recorder took up the charge against Christopher Key alias John Smith, charged with burglary. On Wednesday evening, Mr. Baty, who keeps a store on Kearny street, was informed that some one was in the store of his neighbors, Messrs. Shankley & Co. He went to the rear of the premises, and discovered a man making his egress from the store, and gave chase to him.

John Hamming was fined \$10 for assault and battery.

Indian Expedition.

STOCKTON, Feb. 10th, P. M. The expedition for the Indian country has not yet started, the mule and wagon train not having arrived as yet. The cause of its detention is unknown.

Rumors of murders in the vicinity of this place and the San Joaquin river have been floating about town all day. One is that two persons living about 15 miles off the river at Livermore's Ranch, were murdered—it was supposed by "Grovers."

Nothing new from the Indian country to-day. There appears to be but very little business doing here in town, except by the "Stockton House," the principal hotel in the place, where a well filled and well supplied table may be seen three times a day.

It is gratifying to be able to announce the safety of the old pioneer steamship California. From the agent of the Company, Capt. E. Knight, we have received the following communication: "Those who have friends on board of the P. M. S. S. Company's ship California, will be gratified to learn that they are all safe; the California having broken her cross tail and connecting links on the 1st inst., about 100 miles south of San Diego."

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THE OREGON STEAMSHIP.—We have carried away our cross-tail and links, and have no means of replacing them. We have been under sail three days. We have sent by the bearer information, up to Mr. Johnson at San Diego, of the above fact, and desired that should there be a proper vessel in that port capable of giving us a tow, that he would send her down.

STRENGTHSHIP CALIFORNIA. Off Todos los Santos, Feb. 3d, 1851. To GILMORE MERRITH, Esq. My Dear Sir—We have carried away our cross-tail and links, and have no means of replacing them.

THOS. A. BUDD, Commander. P. S.—We are now about 50 miles to SE of San Diego and becalmed. In connection with the above it may be well to remember certain facts. The California has been in service nearly two years and a half, without the means or the time to repair her machinery, performing hard service, especially during the first part of her career, ere many other ships had arrived on the coast; and yet in all that time not an accident has occurred to her until the recent one.

THE INDIAN EXPEDITION.—Col. McKee and the escort of the Indian Commissioners left Stockton on Wednesday morning last.

TODD & Co's EXPRESS.—We thank these punctual gentlemen for our San Joaquin correspondence.

SAN JOSE INTELLIGENCE.

Special Correspondence.

This has been an eventful day in the Legislature. The proceedings in both Houses have confirmed a fact too apparent before, that the breach between the House and the Senate is growing wider—that some of them regard each other with feelings little short of enmity, and that some are to be seriously apprehended.

MR. PRESIDENT:—A question of importance having arisen, which we the representatives of a common constituency have been unable to agree upon, and which led to a vote of censure against one of us, we hereby tender our resignations, respectively, as Senators from the Sixth Senatorial District, which we pray the Senate to accept, that our constituents may decide the matter for us.

The vote of censure alluded to was that contained in the resolution introduced by Mr. Broderick and passed by the Senate yesterday, declaring that Mr. Heydenfeldt, in addressing a note to Mr. Wheeler, in his official capacity as a Senator, and requesting that clergyman to preach on a question then pending before the Senate, had exceeded his powers as a Senator.

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SACRAMENTO INTELLIGENCE.

The Marysville Herald says that large numbers of persons for the new diggings of Scott's river, are daily passing through that city. Business in consequence is enlivened.

CORREY TREASURER.—Col. Levi W. Taylor has resigned his office of Treasurer of this county, and his resignation has been accepted—16.

SNOW.—Not a flake of snow has fallen the past winter at Nevada City or Rough and Ready. The mountains contiguous are covered only with a slight fall, which is daily melting under the influences of a bright sun—Transcript.

CRIMINAL TRIALS.—Thursday next has been set for the trial of criminals in the District Court, when we presume the trial of John Fisher and George Gahan, arrested on the charge of robbing the safe of Mr. Samuel Norris, of \$9,300, will come off.

THE CITY HOSPITAL.—For the week ending the 10th February, in the City Hospital there were admitted 3; discharged 2; died 1; remaining 23. There is a large falling off of patients, which is quite gratifying, as it serves to show the general health of the city—16.

BUSINESS IMPROVING.—The rush of miners has improved every branch of business very materially, within the last few days—16.

THE MINERS are said to be doing well near Newtown, one mile from Rough and Ready.

THE SETTLERS along the Cosumnes have determined upon irrigating their lands by damming the river and digging canals.

MR. SKINNER has recently built a large steam mill in Sacramento, on Second street.

THE SUGAR LOAF mountains at Nevada, are about to be tunneled for the purpose of striking a rich lead at that place.

RICH DIGGINGS are said to have been discovered near Bear River. The gold is taken from decomposed granite, near Steep-Hollow. So says the Times.

THE Transcript man announces the presence in Sacramento of a cat.

THEY have been deep in the horse-racing business in Sacramento lately.

THE NEW WORLD left Sacramento yesterday, was detained in the slough a half hour, yet we received our papers by her at our office at 10 o'clock last night. She made an excellent run.

THE following bill has passed both Houses, and only needs the signature of the Governor to become a law: A BILL CONCERNING ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELLORS AT LAW.

SECTION 1. Any white male citizen, of the age of twenty-one years, of good moral character, and who possesses the necessary qualifications of learning and ability, shall be entitled to admission as Attorney and Counsellor in all the Courts of this State.

SECTION 2. Every applicant for admission as Attorney and Counsellor, shall produce satisfactory testimonials of good moral character, and undergo a strict examination, in open Court, as to his qualifications, by one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of this State.

SECTION 3. If, upon the examination, he be found duly qualified, the Court shall admit him as Attorney and Counsellor in all the Courts of this State, and shall direct an order to be entered to that effect upon its record, and that a certificate of such admission be given to him by the Clerk of the Court, which certificate shall be his license.

SECTION 4. The District and County Courts of this State are authorized to admit as attorney and counsellor in their respective courts any white male citizen of the age of 21 years, and of good moral character, who possesses the requisite qualifications, on similar testimonials and like examinations as are required by the preceding sections, for admission by the Supreme Court, and may direct their clerks to give a certificate of such admission, which certificate shall be his license to practice in such courts.

SECTION 5. Every person, on his admission, shall take an oath or affirmation to support the constitution of the United States, and of this State, and to discharge the duties of attorney and counsellor, to the best of his knowledge and ability. A certificate of such oath or affirmation shall be endorsed on the license.

SECTION 6. The examination may be dispensed with in the case of a person who has been admitted attorney and counsellor in the highest courts of a sister State; his affidavit of such admission, or his license showing the same, shall be deemed sufficient to entitle him to admission.

SECTION 7. Each clerk shall keep a roll of attorneys and counsellors of the court of which he is clerk, which shall be a record of the court.

SECTION 8. If any person shall practice law, in any court, except a Justice's or recorder's court, without having received a license as attorney and counsellor, he shall be deemed guilty of a contempt of court, and punished as in other cases of contempt.

SECTION 9. An attorney and counsellor shall have authority, in and out of his client in any of the steps of an action or proceeding, by his agreement, filed with the clerk, or entered upon the minutes of the court, and not otherwise:

SECTION 10. The Attorney in an action or special proceeding may be changed at any time before judgment or final determination, as follows: 1st, upon his own consent, filed with the Clerk, or written and filed with the court, or upon the order of the Court, or Judge thereof, on the application of the client.

SECTION 11. When an Attorney is changed, as provided in the last section, written notice of the change and of the substitution of a new Attorney, or of the non-appearance of the party in person, shall be given to the adverse party; until then he shall be bound to recognize the former Attorney.

SECTION 12. When an Attorney dies, or is removed, or is suspended, or ceases to act as such, a party to an action for whom he was acting as Attorney, shall, before any proceeding, be had against him, be required by the adverse party, to appear in person, to appoint another Attorney, or to appear in person, to answer the action.

SECTION 13. An Attorney and Counsellor may be removed or suspended by the Supreme Court, and by no other court in this State, for either of the following causes, arising after his admission to practice:

SECTION 14. For a wilful disobedience or violation of the order of a court, requiring him to do or forbear an act connected with, or in the course of, his profession.

SECTION 15. In case of the removal of an Attorney or Counsellor of a felony, or misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, the clerk of the court in which the conviction was had, shall, within thirty days thereafter, transmit to the Supreme Court a certified copy of the record of conviction.

SECTION 16. The proceedings to remove or suspend Attorney and Counsellor, under the first subdivision of section 13, shall be taken by the court on the receipt of the certified copy of the record of conviction, and on the receipt of the certified copy of the record of conviction; the proceedings under the second subdivision of section 13, may be taken by the court for matters within its knowledge, or may be taken upon the information of another.

SECTION 17. If the proceeding be upon the information of another, the accusation shall be in writing, and shall be presented to the court.

SECTION 18. The accusation shall state the matters charged, and shall be verified by the oath of the person making it, or of some other person, to the effect that the charges therein contained are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

SECTION 19. After receiving the accusation, the court shall, if, in its opinion, the case requires it, make an order requiring the accused to appear and answer the accusation at a specified time in the same or a subsequent term, and shall cause a copy of the order and of the accusation to be served upon the accused, within a prescribed time, before the day appointed in the order.

SECTION 20. The accused must appear at the time appointed in the order, and answer the accusation, unless, for sufficient cause, he can procure another day for that purpose. If he do not appear, the court may proceed and determine the accusation in his absence.

SECTION 21. If he object to the sufficiency of the accusation, the objection shall be in writing, but need not be in any specific form; it being sufficient, if it present intelligibly the grounds of the objection. If he deny the truth of the accusation, the denial may be oral and without oath, and shall be entered upon the minutes.

SECTION 22. If an objection to the sufficiency of the accusation be not sustained, the accused shall answer it forthwith.