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CITY ITEMS.

TEST OF BLOOD AND SPEED.—The stock-raiser has no better data to influence his judgment in relation to the choice of a horse for the performance of his duties than the performance of his horse in a race. In California, the blooded stallions are imported, and have to rely on the word of their local owners or the honors of the track. The trotting horse is a different matter. He is bred in California, and his blood is known to the owner. In a great measure, therefore, the result of the match will be made, best three in five, in harness, to wit, for \$500.

WHY IS IT?—A gentleman asks us why it is that for the last three days the National flag has not been hoisted at our public buildings. We were unable to answer; but are assured that no American flag has been displayed there since the 15th of February.

DAY PROMISERS.—All those who have the time to spare, and wish to pass a pleasant hour, should not forget that a vocal and instrumental concert will be given at Tucker's Hall, tomorrow night, at 7 o'clock.

KNICKERBOCKER No. 5.—The benefit of Knickerbocker No. 5 will take place on Monday evening, March 12th, at which occasion the following gentlemen will be present: Mr. J. D. Smith, Mr. J. D. Smith, Mr. J. D. Smith, and other talent will participate.

STREET MERCHANTS.—Officials have noticed a number of male beggars in the streets. It is hard to believe that the same individuals would be so bold as to make money before the eyes of the public.

FLOWERS.—The bouquet vendor fairly tempt one by the magnificent and fragrant collection of flowers they offer. Cactus japonica, tube roses, and other flowers are to be seen in great variety.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.—Mr. Yeoman, the gentlemanly clerk of the Provisional, will please accept our acknowledgments for his kind attention to us yesterday, on board that steamer.

AN OBITUARY.—The Opera House was crowded to-day with a large number of people to witness the performance of the opera, "The Barber of Seville." The performance was highly successful.

YESTERDAY'S MAIL.—The Post Office in this city yesterday, sent East 14,236 letters, 1,234 newspapers, 4,115 west by steamer, and 6,522 by overland.

A Visit to the State Prison.

How it is Conducted under the State auspices.—A Peep Behind the Curtain.—Condition of the Prisoners.—Plans for Employing them with Profit to the State.

We recently accompanied His Excellency Governor Downey, and the Hon. Johnson Prior, Secretary of State, to the State Prison at San Quentin on the occasion of their regular monthly visit to that institution. The prison is easily reached every day in the fine steamer Petaluma, which touches on the upward trip at the Point about 7 P. M. The State Prison, situated on a rocky point, is a large and imposing building, and is one of the most important establishments in the State.

Mr. Snowden has already commenced his economical working system with signal success. Among the first things he has done is to have the prisoners make their own clothing. This has been done by having the prisoners make their own clothing, and this has been done by having the prisoners make their own clothing.

During the session of the Legislature of 1852, an Act was passed, authorizing Governor Bigler to purchase a piece of property upon which to locate a State Prison. The property selected was twenty acres of land, situated on the point of San Quentin, in Marin County.

Mr. Snowden has found out tailors enough in the State to set to work and uniform the whole of the State. He has found out tailors enough in the State to set to work and uniform the whole of the State. He has found out tailors enough in the State to set to work and uniform the whole of the State.

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Christianity in China.

The late reports from China seem to indicate that the rebels in the Celestial Kingdom are much nearer to Christianity than they have been heretofore. A Mr. Griffith, an English missionary, who visited the Celestial Kingdom, has published a long account of his journey. It appears that the "Celestial King," the leader of their revolution, is a divine man, and a younger brother of Jesus, has miraculous power, and superhuman wisdom and knowledge; but with this exception, they seem to be good Christians.

The city wall is about 35 English miles in circumference, and it encloses a space much larger than that of any other city in the world. It is a city of 10,000,000 people, and it is a city of 10,000,000 people. It is a city of 10,000,000 people, and it is a city of 10,000,000 people.

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COURT PROCEEDINGS.

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