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HAS NO BIG FORTUNE.

George Miller Needs Few Heirs.

Curious Story of a Long Contest.

An Old Man Who Has Opposed His Stepdaughter's Claim for Years.

The telegram from New York concerning old George Miller of San Francisco, which was published in Friday's CHRONICLE, has brought to light a curious story of long-standing family trouble and protracted litigation. The telegram quoted a letter written by Mrs. S. E. Chapman to the Postmaster of Brooklyn. This letter stated that poor old George Miller was the possessor of a fortune of $40,000 and was looking for heirs. Among these heirs were ten brothers, but the letter explained that Miller was so old and feeble and so weak-minded that he had forgotten the names of the brothers.

Miller and Mrs. Chapman were seen in the same room at 1403 Mason street last night.

"I did not suppose the letter would be published," said Mrs. Chapman.

"You ought not to have written it that way," declared old Mr. Miller. "You said the lawyers were trying to get all my money away from me. You ought not to have said that."

"I didn't mean your lawyers," Mrs. Chapman hastened to explain. "I meant the lawyers on the other side."

"The other side" was found to mean the old man's stepdaughter, Mrs. J. M. Rendsburg, and her husband. Mr. and Mrs. Rendsburg were found a few doors away at 1407 Mason street.

"So he wants heirs for his $40,000?" repeated Mrs. Rendsburg. "He has no money at all and has not had for years. The property he claims is all mine and was duly awarded to me as a compromise out of court. The property originally belonged to my mother. It consists of these lots at Pacific and Mason streets and various pieces of outside property. When he married my mother he had not a cent. Before she died she was sick a long while. She did not live with him for years and they quarreled a great deal. Several times she started divorce suits and withdrew them. Once he started a suit for divorce, but couldn't get it. She left all her property to me by will, but after her death he produced a deed purporting to have been arranged by her just before her death, when she was out of her head, giving all the property to him. The court decided that he was not a proper person to have charge of me and a guardian was appointed. There would have been a contest over the property then, but that he succeeded in getting permission to adopt me by going before another court.

"After I was married I brought suit to get the property left to me by my mother's will. The Court was asked to set aside the deed made to Miller. The case was pending a long time. The old man was sick, and we took him to our house and attended to him for months. When he got out he brought suit for embezzlement against my husband, claiming that he had collected rent and not turned in the money. The case ended in acquittal, of course. There was talk of arresting Miller for malicious prosecution, but it was not done. Then a compromise was arrived at in the suit to set aside the deed. I agreed to give the rents to the old man during the rest of his lifetime, and the property was then given to me. That was four years ago. Nearly two years ago Miller became dissatisfied with the amount of money he was getting and sued to set aside the compromise, it being alleged that he was incompetent at the time he signed. That suit has not even been put on the calendar. I have offered time and again to give the old man a home with us if he will leave that woman, but he will not do it. I left orders at the grocery store to give them all they need at my expense."

BEFORE THE BUTTS.

MEDAL SHOOTING AT SHELL MOUND.

More Good Records Made by Various Sunday Sharpshooters.

Company F of the First Regiment held its monthly shoot for the company's medal yesterday at Shell Mound Park. The following were the leading scores:

J. Struve 44, G. Isakson 44, F. Pinkham 42, W. W. McYonan 42, H. O'Reilly 40, T. S. Webb 39.

Company F, Fifth Infantry Regiment, also held its monthly shoot for the company's medal at Shell Mound. The following scores were made:

Corporal Tyrrell 45, Private McGinnes 44, Travers 42, Campbell 41, Parsons 41, Webb 41, Captain Wethern 40, Sergeant Cobbledick 39, Private Wilson 39, Corporal McCrudden 39, Private Clough 39, Corporal Cobalt 38, Sergeant Pierce 37, Privates Stott 37, Unda 37, Moe 37, Sergeant Rennie 34, Privates Williams 34, Bortley 34, Beck 33, Corporal Harvey 32, Private Mitchell 31, Lieutenant Wenk 30, Private Boddy 29, F. Parsons 27, Finlay 26, Phelps 25.

The Nord-Deutcher Schuetzen Verein yesterday held their monthly shoot for best centers, with the following results:

First prize, J. Peters; second, H. Heeth; third, J. de Witt; fourth, W. Germs; fifth, D. von der Mehden; sixth, H. Stilling; seventh, H. Hellberg.

The medal for the twelve-months' shoot, presented by W. Glindeman, was awarded to L. Brand.

The Germania Schuetzen Club's monthly medal shoot was held yesterday, with the following results: Champion class, H. Heeth 422; first class, A. Mocker 405; second, not competed for; third, D. B. Faktor 420; fourth, John Treuteman 381; first-best shot, H. Hellberg 24; last-best shot, J. Peters 25.

The Redmen Schuetzen section held their monthly shoot yesterday. The champion medal was won by E. Blocau, 437; first-class medal, John D. Feldermann, 399; second-class medal, H. Bach, 340; medal for the best first shot, H. Bach, 25; medal for the best last shot, John D. Feldermann, 25.

The San Francisco Schuetzen Verein held their monthly shoot yesterday with the results as follows: Champion class medal, not won; first-class medal, A. H. Pape, 409; second-class medal, not won; third-class medal, N. Ahrens, 400; fourth-class medal, D. Dunker, 307; best first shot, H. Huber, 25; best last shot, H. H. Burfreund, 25.

AT SAN RAFAEL.

Strecker Makes a Fine String of Bullseyes.

The San Rafael ranges teemed with marksmen yesterday and the lead flew thick and fast from early in the morning until darkness forced a cessation of hostilities.

The several German shooting societies, which have stalls at San Rafael, furnished the day's sport, none of the National Guard or Naval Battalion marksmen putting in an appearance. The principal contest was the monthly bullseye shoot of the California Schuetzen Club, in which over forty sharp-shooters, including some of the best men in America, participated. Helm and Strecker, the champions, were there, and the latter did some wonderful shooting. In the twenty shots allowed him he perforated the bullseye fifteen times at 200 yards. It looked for a time as if he would tie, if not exceed Helm's top-notch record of sixteen centers, but two unlucky misses at the end of the score deprived him of that honor. Helm had an off day yesterday, getting but seven centers in his twenty shots. But in bullseye shooting the number of centers is not what wins the big prizes. The contest is for the best centers, that is, the winner is the one who sends his bullet closest to the center of the bullseye. To determine this the bullseyes are measured after the match.

The winner of yesterday's competition was Adolph Utschig. He scored but five bullseyes, yet he scored higher than Strecker, despite the latter's fifteen centers. Strecker won eleventh place. Following is the list of the winners in the order of their scores:

A. Utschig, E. Finking, L. Reubold, J. Utschig Jr., George Helm, F. Attinger, L. Bendel, A. Breuss, D. W. McLaughlin, W. Hahn, A. Strecker, J. Stanton, J. Straub, C. Thierbach, O. Burmeister, T. J. Carroll, J. B. Turner, H. Eckmann, H. R. Brown, C. J. Walden, F. Remelsburger, O. Bremer, L. Ritzau, N. Fredericks, A. Gehret, P. Brunotte, J. Waller, F. Hagerup, C. Eging and J. Fisher.

The record of bullseyes scored by the contestants was as follows:

F. C. Muller 2, P. Brunotte 6, L. C. Babin 4, A. Utschig 5, T. Remelsburger 3, F. Attinger 10, O. Burmeister 8, C. Sagehorn 1, C. J. Walden 8, F. C. Hagerup 5, L. Reubold 5, C. Eging 2, H. Enge 5, T. J. Carroll 8, L. Ritzau 4, H. R. Brown 8, D. McLaughlin 11, L. Bendel 7, A. Breuss 2, N. Fredericks 6, C. Thierbach 5, J. Straub 3, E. Finking 7, W. Hahn 6, P. Vogel 1, J. Utschig Jr. 5, George Helm 7, A. Strecker 15, A. Eckman 3, J. Waller 3, A. Gehret 5, J. Stanton 9, P. Jacoby 3, J. Bremer 4, J. Fetz 2.

The cadet company of the California Club also had a bullseye and medal shoot. The bullseye honors were carried off by F. Riehl Jr. The medals were won as follows: First class, Philip Bohr Jr., with 403 rings; second class, A. F. Reubold, 392; best first shot, P. Bohr Jr., 24; best last shot, P. Bohr Jr., 21.

The San Francisco Grutli Verein's bullseye shoot was participated in by eight members. The prizes were captured as follows: A. von Wyhl, first; F. Baumgartner, second; M. A. Tschurr, third; L. Hauser, fourth; Ed Kunz, fifth.

The shooting section of the San Francisco Turn Verein held its monthly medal shoot. Following were the winners:

Champion class medal, George Helm, with 422 rings; first class, no entries; second class, L. Ritzau, 395 rings; third class, A. Riechers, 333 rings. Helm also took the prize for the best first shot, scoring a 23, while John Utschig Sr. made the best last shot, also making 23.

Last, but not least was the shoot of the Ladies' California Schuetzen Club. Quite a number participated and the scores were exceptionally good. The ladies are getting to be quite enthusiastic in their practice, and if they keep it up it will only be a short time when the club can boast of being the crack ladies' shooting organization in the country. Two classes took part yesterday, the scores being as follows:

First class—Mrs. Eging 109, Mrs. Reubold 107, Mrs. McLaughlin 102, Miss McLaughlin 101, Miss L. Utschig 101, Mrs. Schuman 101.

Second class—Mrs. Turner 99, Miss Reubold 98, Mrs. Fisher 98, Miss K. Utschig 95, Mrs. Attinger 90, Mrs. Sagehorn 88.

Militiamen at the Butts.

SAN JOSE, October 21.—At the final shoot for class and team medals, held at Company B range to-day, Corporal Hubback won the first-class and trophy medals and Lieutenant Adel the second-class medal and Private Black the third-class. The team medals were won by Hubback, Penniman, Adel, Black, Wight, Compton, Oliver, Riley, Harkness and Munn.

OUTING OF ATHLETES.

Members of the San Francisco Athletic Club Enjoy a Picnic.

The members of the San Francisco Athletic Club held a picnic at Shell Mound Park yesterday at which numerous prizes were offered for games. The principal events were as follows:

One hundred yards, maiden race—D. Coleman first, W. Cunningham second. Time, 0:11. First prize, gold medal; second prize, silver medal.

Putting sixteen-pound shot—J. Jones awarded first prize of a gold medal; L. B. Jacques second prize, silver medal. Distance, 36 feet 4 inches.

Two-hundred-and-twenty-yard run—M. Walsh first prize, gold medal; G. Bates, second prize, silver medal.

Running high jump—Philip J. Dietz first prize, gold medal. Height, 4 feet 8 inches.

Two-hundred-and-twenty-yard race, open to all amateurs—Joe Soto first prize, $4 sweater; M. Brennan second prize, $2 hat.

George Martes was the president of the day. Philip J. Dietz and M. Sullivan acted as judges and the timekeepers were R. Gallagher, C. Reno and W. Daly.

TROUSSEAU IN A BARREL.

The Ruse by Which Suspicion Was Avoided.

There was an elopement from Popham Beach the other day that possessed some interesting features. The eloping couple, Charles Clark of Long Island and the daughter of Sergeant Jones of Popham, evidently had laid their plans thoroughly and with due deliberation. The young man first went to Boston and got a chance to work where he could earn his living. Then he came back to Popham and made frequent calls upon Miss Jones, from each of which he bore away some garment of hers, without her parents' knowledge, so that he soon had the greater part of her wardrobe at his home. Instead of packing these in a trunk, to avoid suspicion he put the things in a sugar barrel, and when the time came he got on board the steamboat Kennebec with his baggage and started. When the boat stopped at Popham Miss Jones got on board, and the voyage to Boston and matrimony was made without detection or interruption.—*Lewiston Journal.*

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AT SUTRO'S BATHS.

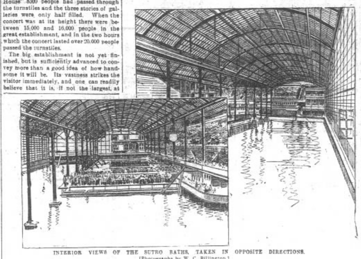
Scheel's Concert Largely Attended.

Thousands of People Were Present.

Crowds View the Establishment for the First Time—The Programme.

Fritz Scheel and his orchestra had a special benefit at the new Sutro Baths, near the Cliff House, yesterday afternoon. It was not, as many supposed, the opening of the baths, though a few Olympic Club swimmers did disport in the water. The opening of the baths, it is understood, will not take place until their millionaire owner has completed the electric road which now bears his name. Fritz Scheel, however, will probably give other concerts in the splendid pavilion, as the first one drew a tremendous audience. Half an hour before the band struck up the first notes of Bach's "Dedication of the House" 8500 people had passed through the turnstiles and the three stories of galleries were only half filled. When the concert was at its height there were between 15,000 and 16,000 people in the great establishment, and in the two hours which the concert lasted over 20,000 people passed the turnstiles.

The big establishment is not yet finished, but is sufficiently advanced to convey more than a good idea of how handsome it will be. Its vastness strikes the visitor immediately, and one can readily believe that it is, if not the largest, at



INTERIOR VIEWS OF THE SUTRO BATHS, TAKEN IN OPPOSITE DIRECTIONS.
[Photographs by W. C. Billington.]

least one of the largest bathing establishments in the world. The main building is over 500 feet in length and 300 in width. In other words, it is too large to stand on Union square, which measures 275 feet in width by 412 feet six inches in length. There are three galleries, rising one above the other on the two sides of the building adjacent to the sloping shores of the cove. The seats of these galleries were literally black with people during the concert, and applause moved in waves from end to end of the building. Adolph Sutro, owner and projector of the building, showed himself for one brief moment on the band stand near Fritz Scheel. He was immediately recognized and greeted with thunders of applause.

While the crowds were dense there was little difficulty in moving from one end of the building to the other by the many numerous passages and staircases which connect one tier of dressing-rooms with another, underneath the galleries mentioned. Every portion of the building was inspected. The dressing-rooms are large, and a number of them are provided with cold fresh water showers. Each dressing-room opens upon a corridor and numerous short hallways lead directly to the tanks. Of the latter there are five. The main tank is L-shaped and encloses three others on two sides. It is the intention to have water of different temperature in all of these four tanks. From the side nearest the dressing-rooms platforms run out along the sides of three of the tanks to the main tank. The fifth tank is at the foot of the main staircase and is oval in shape.

On each side of the stairs there are parterres full of plants such as are usually found only in conservatories, and the sloping banks of these flowers produce a most picturesque effect. The building is beautifully lighted throughout; in fact there is not a dark corner in it.

The programme rendered by Scheel's Band was excellent, and the only drawback was the need of a sounding-board, as in the softer movements the band was scarcely audible at the end of the building opposite to that at which it was stationed. Following is the programme which was rendered:

"The Dedication of the House," grand festival march by .... Bach
"Jubel" overture .... Carl Maria von Weber
"On the Beautiful Blue Danube" .... Strauss
Scenes Neapolitaines .... Massenet
(a) La Danse. (b) La Procession.
(c) L'Improvisateur. (d) La Fete.
Overture, "Mignon" .... Thomas
"Dream on the Ocean" waltz .... Gungl
Fantasia, "Carmen" .... Bizet
"An Afternoon at the Midway Plaisance of the World's Fair" .... Lueders
Start from the Illinois Central Depot; All out for the Midway; Chinese Theater; Old Vienna; Vienna Orchestra; Papa Seidl's Tyroleans; German Village; Military Band; Cavalry Band Trumpet Duo; Turkish Theater; the Street of Cairo; the Camels' Procession; Hagenbeck's Trained Lions.
Overture, "Wilhelm Tell" .... Rossini
"Vienna Bonbons" waltz .... Strauss
"Pilgrim Chorus, Song to the Evening Star," from Tannhauser .... Wagner
Trombone solo, Walter Colverd.
"Champagner" galop .... Wiegand

Many of the visitors, after thoroughly inspecting the inside, found their way out and round the settling tanks to where the water came pouring in through the channels cut in the rock for the purpose. Some of the more adventurous spirits, bent on watching the combing waves as they came rolling in, did not notice their increasing force and before they were aware of it received a drenching of spray. Those who had received a wetting then waited to see others get similarly caught.

The works outside the buildings are extensive. Not only do the settling-tanks extend clear round the bluff which shelters the cove, but a staircase of artificial stone leads to the top of the bluff, and from the platform above the play of waters from each side can be watched.

In addition to this, there is a tunnel right through the bluff just above the level of the settling-tanks. Many made the subterranean trip, and many others learning of it found their way through it, and so by the back entrance into the baths without paying the 25 cents demanded at the main entrance on the Cliff house road.

The races were of a very perfunctory order, in fact, as John Hammersmith himself said, the Olympic boys were there only to amuse themselves, and no time was kept. The swimmers dived off the galleries at one end of the tank and splashed about for half an hour or so, some of them swimming the length of the big tank.

CATHOLIC LADIES' AID.

Plans for the Monster Benefit All Completed.

The announcement that the Catholic Ladies' Aid Society is about to have its annual benefit is attracting considerable attention. The society is beyond a doubt one of the most popular and useful organizations of its kind in this State. It was organized for purely charitable purposes, regardless of creed or nationality, and has so far accomplished untold good among the poor of this city. The annual benefit is held for the purpose of securing the necessary funds to carry the society over the winter.

The performance arranged for next Wednesday evening at the Alcazar Theater is in every respect first class. A programme containing numerous instrumental and vocal selections has been prepared, and the success of this part of the venture is now assured. Among the leading features of the musical portion may be mentioned the tenor solo to be rendered by D. M. Jones of St. Ignatius' choir. Miss Sullivan of St. Francis de Sales, Oakland, will also sing, and Miss Annie Rooney is down for a popular number.

Miss Lucie M. Donovan will recite and the Western Addition Dramatic Company will perform Jerome K. Jerome's pathetic sketch "Sunset." The members of this organization are too well known to need an introduction to the public. A. W. Jones will act as stage manager.

AT THE THEATERS.

A Widely Famed Play to Be Seen at the Baldwin.

The Baldwin Theater reopens this evening with the well-known English stars, Mr. and Mrs. Kendal, in Pinero's much-written-about play, "The Second Mrs. Tanquary." There will be a crowded and fashionable audience.

At the California Theater to-night Katie Emmett will appear in her interesting play, "Killarney." Living pictures will be part of the bill.

"Fra Diavolo" will be put on this evening at the Tivoli Opera-house with a strong cast.

At Morosco's Grand Opera-house the play this week will be the strong melodrama, "Woman Against Woman."

At Stockwell's Theater Leonard Grover and his company will appear in "My Son-in-law," an amusing comedy.

The Orpheum will have several new features in the bill to-night.

The Auditorium concerts are still the popular resort. A very fine programme is announced for to-night, and the Strauss-night programme is to be repeated to-morrow night.

H. J. Stewart will give his organ recital at the First Unitarian Church on Wednesday night, and Mr. Bacheller will sing. The programme has been carefully selected.

A CROW THAT DREAMS.

It Had a Vision of Its Storehouse Robbed.

Wes Hearn has a crow, and he is the gawkiest, oddest, ugliest, but withal the smartest bird one ever saw. He has learned the accomplishments of men so well that he now dreams—actually has nightmares.

The crow, during the odd hours of his willing and luxurious captivity, has dug a hole in the wall, in which he deposits dainty morsels for the future when his appetite is not satiated.

Yesterday in his hole in the wall he carefully placed two pieces of cheese and three bits of meat, all the while casting a furtive eye to windward to see that no one learned the secret of his hiding place.

This done, he ruffled his feathers drew his neck down into them, and, standing on one foot, went fast asleep. Perhaps the immense quantity of cheese which he had gorged himself with a half hour before gave him indigestion, for he had a nightmare right on the spot.

Suddenly he woke up, and the air was rent with "Squawk! Squawk! Squawk!" in quick succession. He danced over in a flurry of excitement to his hole in the wall and jammed his bill in it three times. Everything was there. Nothing had been stolen. He sidled over to his perch, scratched his bill with his foot in a meditative way, and then ruffling his feathers into a muff, drew himself into them, supported the whole on one leg, and was soon again in the land of nod.—*Florida Times-Union.*

SMUGGLING IN FRANCE.

Custom-House Officials Earn Handsome Incomes.

As so much of the revenues of the French Republic are derived from indirect taxation, and among other matters from the tobacco and matches monopoly, rigidly retained in the hands of the State, it follows that the Custom-house has to employ a large number of sworn officers, whose duty it is to detect evasions of the payment of duty—in other words, smuggling. A waiter, having been charged with the offense of having purchased contraband cigars, has excused himself on the ground that the persons who sold the cigars were precisely the men who afterward arrested him. There is nothing astonishing in this plea, the fact being that when spies discover a fraud they are paid one-third of the fine inflicted, which is generally very heavy. Thus an official who brought to light two years since an illicit manufacture of candies earned no less than 200,000 francs at one haul, and he abandoned the calling. Numerous persons serve the Administration in the capacity of indicateur gratuitously for the sake of one-third of the fines imposed in consequence of their vigilance. A waiter who denounced his employer, a winESeller, last year received 35,000 francs.—*London Telegraph.*

Public Schools in New York.

Toward the expenses of the public school department of the city government the State contributes $700,000 this year. Against this there is raised by local taxation and paid to the State Treasurer by the city of New York $1,788,000, so the city is taxed $1,000,000 net toward the support of the schools of the State exclusive of the sums required to maintain the city's schools.

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Thoroughbred Classes Are Crowded.

Entries to Close Within a Few Days—More Special Prizes Offered.

A visit to the office of the Horse Show Association, in the Mills building, these days is equivalent to an object lesson which those who are interested in horse-breeding would do well to take in. It is now some months since President H. J. Crocker and his staff braced themselves for a determined effort to bring the Pacific Coast into line with the world across the Rockies by means of an exhibition which would illustrate the important and leading position which the State has achieved for itself in the short space of less than half a century in the breeding, raising and training of high-class horses. Confident as the gentlemen directing the association have been of the interest that would be created by their attempt, it is certain that they did not look for the amount of enthusiasm and practically universal co-operation on the part of horsemen, breeders and society generally, of which evidences are daily multiplying.

It is needless to say that the energy and resources which are called for to bring the show to a successful issue are immense, and nothing that the officials can do in contributing to such a result is left undone. One thing, however, is just at the present time uppermost in their minds, and that is a desire to see all entries come in from intending exhibitors without further delay. Judged by those that have already been made with the secretary and the known intentions in other quarters, the success of the show is practically assured, and it is therefore expecting but a small thing of owners that they will now fulfill their part of the engagements and not let the day for closing entries, next Thursday, go by without nominating their exhibits in due form. The architect of the association has completed his plans of the internal arrangements of the Mechanics' Pavilion, and everything is fixed in such a manner as will provide the most comfortable and convenient possible accommodation for the spectators and the numerous fine animals and equipages which are expected will be displayed in the arena.

The forthcoming show is modeled after similar events held annually at Madison square in New York, while in addition to all the features of those most interesting and successful exhibitions the local show will furnish a good opportunity to those local owners who breed heavy draught horses to exhibit their stock and compare notes, a very important consideration in an agricultural and stock-raising State like this. The directors of the association are determined that the present show shall be something more than ornamental, and the encouragement they afford to the useful sections of the horse-breeding industry cannot be too highly commended. One of their body, Joseph D. Grant, offers a prize—a $150 silver cup—for the best team of two or three horses shown by regular fire engines, and the competition being open to the cities of the State it is fully expected that it will be productive of much public interest, as well as a keen contest among the fire departments.

California is so strong in racehorses, thoroughbred and trotting, now at the stud, that an assemblage of animals of these types never before equaled at any show may reasonably be expected. As illustrating the feelings and intentions of eminent breeders, the following note has been appended to the special prize list lately issued by the association:

J. B. Haggin says: "The first annual Horse Show is deserving of success. When a horse show of this kind is given the best horses in the State should be shown, and I will do my part by exhibiting—but not for prizes or competition—such horses as Salvator, Firenzi if possible, Sir Modred, Darebin, Algona (dam of Flying Jib) and others."

No better, more practical or public-spirited indorsement of the undertaking could possibly have been given. In addition to the celebrated horses to be shown by Mr. Haggin there will be others likewise famous throughout the world, and all these great animals will be seen under conditions that must delight every one who can admire the noblest of all four-footed creatures.

Many people who are not attracted to the race course will embrace the opportunity to study these horses under show facilities, and will doubtless go away with a new and better understanding of the fascination which leads the best, the ablest and the wealthiest men in every community to devote much of their time, thought and resources to horse-owning and culture. In the Mechanics' Pavilion will be found entire freedom from the evils of the race track that are read and heard of so much, and the public will be able to satisfy themselves that pure love of the horse for his own beauty, good qualities and usefulness can be regarded as a national benefit.

It is to the thoroughbred horse that the world is primarily indebted for preserving those qualities which are of the greatest importance, namely, purity of descent, carriage, symmetry, speed, endurance and relative power, and it is only by the utmost care in breeding and attention to handling and development that these points can be maintained in the highest excellence. The influence thereby exercised in improving the breed of horses, speaking generally, is considered a matter needing Government supervision and support in very many older countries.

The approaching occasion will not be wanting in any of the features which make horse show week in New York a season of social pleasure and gayety that eclipses anything throughout the year, and it may safely be predicted that the last days of November in San Francisco will be brighter and more enjoyable than any seen in this city in many a day. There are but few people in the State who are unconcerned with horses in some shape or other, and with such opportunities as will be afforded them of gratifying their tastes and increasing their knowledge of the subject, it will be strange, indeed, if the Pavilion is not the rendezvous for thousands. The event occurs when, with good weather, the climate of San Francisco is delightful, and, with numerous visitors from other parts and work in the country districts needing little attention, there are sure to be great gatherings of folk to see the celebrities, quadruped and biped, that will repair to Larkin street to take part in the show.

The question is often asked of the show authorities what sort of a display they look for in the harness classes, and the querists seem generally surprised when they are informed that, in addition to a creditable showing in the roadster section, single and pairs, some ten four-in-hands, including coaches and brakes, several landaus and many good pairs will come into the arena. Among the coaches will be a duplicate of one that took the prize at the World's Fair in Chicago, and some of the teams that will be on hand will be of a quality that will prove how much interest the show has already created among those who are in a position to select, put together and keep fine harness horses.

The saddle classes also will draw into the ring many excellent animals unknown to fame, one might say, outside their own stables, with the result that many persons who can appreciate riding and yet seldom avail themselves of its enjoyments, will probably bestir themselves in the future and decide to keep up with the procession, to the great advantage of the shows of the future.

FROM THE ORIENT.

OUTRAGE BY BANDITS IN TONQUIN.

A Woman and Daughter Held for Ransom—Floods in China.

Chinese papers received by the Peking, which arrived yesterday, bring news that there is a likelihood of complications between France and the Chinese Government, because of outrages on the Tonquin border by Chinese land pirates. Details of the latest attack by these marauders, of which meager accounts have been printed, are also received.

M. Chaillet was the French Commissioner of Customs at the town of Moncay, on the Tonquin border. He resided there with his wife and daughter. Some months ago a band of Chinese marauders entered the town at night, attacked M. Chaillet's house, carried off his wife and daughter, and on M. Chaillet pursuing them, shot him down, after which they left town with their two captives.

Madame Chaillet has been allowed to communicate with Colonel Dumont, the commandant at Moncay, and she and her little girl are well treated. Emissaries of the band go regularly to Moncay to obtain supplies for the captives, but they always take different routes on leaving the town so as not to afford any indication of the direction in which the bandits are to be found. It has, however, been ascertained that Madame Chaillet and her daughter are near Pocsi. They have nothing to complain of as to their treatment, and are both well. The pirates demand a ransom of $20,000.

It is proposed to levy on the Chinese merchants of Tonquin for this ransom, but the feeling is general that the Peking officials must be appealed to. A customs employe named Carrere has been for many months in the hands of the bandits.

SEVERE FLOODS IN CHINA.

Miles of Land Under Water and Many Towns Destroyed.

Heavy rains have done great damage and caused the loss of many lives in Shantung and neighboring provinces of China. It is said the flood is more destructive and far-reaching than any experienced in half a century.

The Wei and other rivers which rise in the mountains of Shansi are not large. The Shansi mountains are treeless, with precipitous sides, down which the rains pour with great rapidity, like water off a tin roof. This year the flooded district covers portions of three provinces. A lake has been formed, extending more than 150 miles in length and varying in breadth from ten to thirty. This covers a fine agricultural region, on which were the growing crops, now a total loss. From 1000 to 2000 villages are more or less injured, some entirely destroyed. One containing a population of over 700 families has but two houses left standing.

It is impossible to approximate the loss of life. Reports continually come in of whole families swept away or buried under the walls of falling houses. Several hundred must have perished, as the flooded district was densely populated. From the reports received it is evident that most of those who perished were women and children.

To add to the horrors of flood, famine stares the survivors in the face. The loss of the coming harvest will leave them destitute. The prospect for the coming year offers no relief, for the farmers in the flooded section will not be able to plant for next year. Provisions were sent to the sufferers from other provinces, but the supply is inadequate.

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