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SAN FRANCISCO, SUNDAY, JUNE 28.

CITY ITEMS.

DEATH OF AN OLD CITIZEN.—We are pained to announce the death of Capt. John Fretz, brother of Capt. R. S. Fretz of the banking firm of Donohoe, Ralston & Co., of this city. Mr. Fretz had been in ill health for several years past, and lately went to the Napa White Sulphur Springs with the hope of recruiting, but he was apparently too exhausted to rally, and on Friday afternoon he passed away. When made acquainted with his critical condition, his brother started for the Springs, but did not reach him before he died. Last night his remains were brought to the city for burial. Capt. Fretz' life has been attended with many a change, having drifted in the course of his business from his birthplace in Eastern Pennsylvania to the shores of the Pacific, where he closed his eventful existence. He was born in 1811, in Bucks County, and while yet a boy left his native spot and emigrated to the great waters of the West, where, in the still early days of Western life, he engaged in trading on the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers, from Cincinnati to New Orleans. At a later period he settled in Memphis, Tenn., and engaged in general business, but having a taste of restless, active life, he again embarked on the water, and for several years was engaged in steamboating, settling down again at New Orleans with his brother in general business. In 1849 he took his departure for the Pacific Coast and remained at Panama, a member of the firm of Garrison & Fretz, until 1854, when he became a permanent resident of this State. He has been engaged in business in this city, and, subsequently, quartz mining in Calaveras county. We have known Captain Fretz ever since he came among us, and have ever found him to be a square, honest man, with a kind heart, full of charitable feelings and impulses, yet quiet and unobtrusive. He was greatly esteemed by a large circle of friends, among whom were many among us who knew him in his early life in the West. Captain Fretz was 52 years of age. His remains will be buried at Lone Mountain Cemetery this afternoon at two o'clock, from the residence of W. C. Ralston, Esq., No. 324 Fremont street, between Folsom and Harrison streets.

SANITARY FUND CONTRIBUTIONS.—The Executive Committee of the Sanitary Fund acknowledge, from the patriotic citizens of California, the following further contributions, in addition to those already made:

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Total	$767 50

VALUE OF CITY REAL ESTATE.—At the auction sale of Messrs. Cobb & Sinton, held on Saturday, the following described real estate, together with prices thereto annexed, was disposed of:

The 50-vara lots Nos. 533 and 534 were sold in subdivisions as follows: No. 1, on southeast corner of Dupont and Chestnut streets, 26x70 feet, $825; Nos. 2, 3, 4 and 5 adjoining, brought respectively $300, $300, $300 and $500.

House and lot on the south side of Chestnut street, near Dupont, 25 9x20 feet, sold for $1,500; also adjoining house and lot, 41 9 inches front by same depth, together with the dwelling house thereon, $1850. Six adjoining lots, each 22 11 inches, by same fronts and depths, brought respectfully, $395, $395, $390, $380, $380, $380.

A lot on Shipley street, near Sixth street, 25x75 feet in depth, was sold for $625.

Two lots on Filbert street, near Leavenworth, each 23x58 9 in dimensions, brought, the first, $320, and the second the same amount.

SUMMARY ARREST.—On Saturday, George Smith was convicted, in the Police Court, of assaulting a China merchant named Ah Ku, on Sacramento street. At the time officer Englander saw him strike the blow, but a witness named Flynn, swore that a man named Patrick Morrisey was the guilty party. The fact is, that both unquestionably had a hand in the first blow being given by Morrisey. Officer Watkins, the special policeman assigned to the Sacramento street beat, on the strength of Flynn's evidence, immediately got out a warrant against Morrisey, and seized him before he got out of the Court-room. This may be considered a summary arrest. A subpœna was also issued for Flynn, who will have an opportunity of corroborating the statement made on Saturday as to the guilt of Morrisey.

AN EQUINE PROCESSION.—The *habitués* of Montgomery street witnessed a novel spectacle last night. Some fifty immigrant horses, which had arrived on the Sacramento boat, were driven through that thoroughfare, two abreast, and dragging an old fashioned Pennsylvania wagon. Four big mules had the post of honor immediately in front of the wagon. The stock is the property of Messrs. Crim & Washburn, of this city. The animals are direct from Ohio, and have come through in excellent condition. They were taken out to the Willows Trotting Park, where they will have a capital chance to recruit, after the fatigues encountered in their overland tour.

MIDDLETON & SON'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE.—The regular weekly sale of real property, by John Middleton & Son, will take place at meridian on Monday, at their rooms on Montgomery street. The property offered consists of a homestead on Sixth street, between Brannan and Townsend streets; also, a large lot on Potter street, near Market; also, a large number of 50-vara lots in Hayes' Valley; elegant homestead property in the southern portion of the city, and in Horner's Addition.

POLICE BRIGADE.—Chief Burke had his force out on the streets yesterday. They marched through town, and, at intervals, executed sundry brilliant evolutions. Subsequently the staff repaired to Meiggs' wharf, and made the timbers of that pioneer wharf tremble as they marched along the rickety pier. We understand that the Chief of the Boston Police Department has converted his force into a military organization, which movement meets with the hearty approval of the citizens.

FIREMAN'S FUND INSURANCE COMPANY.—By reference to our advertising columns, it will be seen that the above named Company are now ready to insure against loss or damage by fire. The Directors have filled vacancies in their Board by the election of Messrs. L. L. Treadwell, Christian Reis and John O. Earl, all of whom are gentlemen who posess the confidence of this community.

SEAL ROCK STAGES.—Coaches will run at intervals this day to the new and elegant hotel, just opened by Foster, late of the International Hotel, at the termination of the Bush street and Point Lobos road. The "Cliff House" overhangs the ocean, and is within a few hundred rods of the famous "Seal Rocks." Further details are given in an advertisement which appears in this issue.

THE PURCHASE OF MONUMENTAL ENGINE.—The Virginia City Company, for whom the Monumental Engine, "Big Six," was bought, were facilitated in the purchase by a handsome advance made by J. O. Earle, President of the Gould and Curry Mining Company. The price paid, erroneously stated in yesterday's issue, was $4,000.

EARLY PEACHES.—The first peaches we have seen in this market were exhibited to us yesterday. They were grown in the orchard of M. R. Miller, Pleasant Valley. They are known as the "Early Tillotson." "Moor Park apricots," from the same orchard, are also for sale in this market, by Knapp, Burrell & Co.

SCHOOL EXHIBITION.—Our acknowledgments are due Miss Lammond and class for polite invitations to attend the closing exercises, and an exhibition of their Seminary, to be held in Central Hall on Tuesday evening next.

THANKS.—The mineralogical cabinet of Santa Clara College is indebted to Mr. R. Beating, one of the gradutes of the institution, for a valuable addition of specimens, lately received through his kindness.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH.—This afternoon at three o'clock there will be a convocation at Grace Cathedral of all the pupils connected with the various Protestant Episcopal Churches of this city.

A SPLENDID DIVIDEND.—On Friday, the famous Gould & Curry Gold and Silver Mining Company declared a dividend of $150 a foot. Who would not own stock in such an association.

PRISONER FROM THE SOUTH.—Deputy Sheriff Laine brought up on the *Senator*, from San Bernardino, one Mayfield, who is accused of being a Secessionist and horse thief.

Mr. Elliott, the engineer of the Marysville and Portland Railroad Company, has started to make his preliminary survey.

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POSITION OF HOOKER'S ARMY.

Carlisle Evacuated by the Rebels.

DOINGS OF THE GUERRILLAS.

MORE TROOPS CALLED OUT IN NEW JERSEY

Gen. Foster Making Preparations to Move to Fortress Monroe—Red Tape at a Discount in that Department.

News of June 26th.

PHILADELPHIA, June 26.—The *Press* publishes a special telegram from Harrisburg, stating that Gov. Curtin had received a dispatch from the operator at McConnellsburg, stating that the rebels under Jenkins had entered that town, after a severe skirmish with some of Gen. Milroy's troops. Milroy is preparing to drive the rebels out, and a battle is imminent. The excitement at Pittsburg is unabated, troops being organized rapidly.

The Harrisburg correspondent of the Philadelphia *Press*, says that Gen. Knipe was reinforced today by several regiments, and has been ordered to repel any further rebel advance.

It is generally understood that Hooker's army is at Maryland Heights, and that he is preparing to meet Lee in person from Hagerstown. The writer furnishing this information says that he thinks Lee and Longstreet were there [Hagerstown] on Wednesday, as an immense army was bivouacked around there. General Rhode's rebel division occupies Chambersburg. They captured about four thousand horses, and are still mounting infantry.

HARRISBURG, June 26.—General Knipe thinks that his force is sufficient to meet present emergencies. The enemy evacuated Carlisle last night. They are said to be ten thousand strong.

JEFFERSON CITY, June 25.—The majority report of the committee on Emancipation has been under discussion a1 day, without any action being taken.

CAIRO, June 26.—The steamer *Prima Donna*, loaded with commissary stores, and under the convoy of a gunboat, was fired on by guerrillas from the Arkansas shore on Sunday last. The guerrillas numbered from 200 to 300, and had six pieces of artillery. The first shot cut the *Prima Donna's* steam pipe, and rendered her helpless. She was struck several times afterwards and considerably damaged. A number of persons on board were killed or wounded. She was finally towed out of reach. The gunboat replied to the guerrillas' fire, but with what effect is not known, other than they soon got out of range.

Reports are received from Vicksburg to the evening of June 21st. There had been heavy cannonading in that direction, but result not known.

HARRISBURG, June 26, P. M.—Governor Curtin, by authority of the War Department, issues his proclamation to-morrow, calling out 50,000 militia to defend the State.

NEW YORK, June 26th.—The steamer *Creole* has arrived from New Orleans. Her dates are to June 19th. The New Orleans papers contain no news from Port Hudson. The Bank of Louisiana and the State Bank have been required to go into liquidation.

The gunboats *Blackstone* and *Curlew* were seen yesterday off Nantucket South Shoal. They reported the capture of the ship *Isaac Webb* by the pirate.

Governor Parks of New Jersey has issued a proclamation, calling upon citizens to enlist to fill up the ranks of the o d regiments, and also to raise five new regiments of infantry and cavalry for the war. Seven regiments of forty days men sent from Baltimore last evening, in consultation with Gen. Schenck.

A special dispatch to the *Post* says that there is neither alarm nor excitement at Washington.

NEWBERN, N. C., June 23.—So soon as the intelligence reached Gen. Foster of Lee's advance northward, he on his own responsibility, commenced making arrangements for embarking all his available troops for Fortress Monroe, to be used by Gen. Dix in taking Richmond, or to assist in repelling Lee's invasion, as Dix may think proper. Our waters since have been black with moving masses.

The New Odd Fellows' Hall.

The extensive edifice, until recently known as Tucker's Hall, has been so completely metamorphosed as to be totally unrecognizable by the multitudes who frequented it in earlier days. Here the votaries of Terpsichore were wont to enjoy the midnight dance, and here many of our readers have attended lectures, witnessed theatrical performances, and listened to the sweet notes of the vocalist, and the stirring strains of instrumental music.

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows having taken the building unto themselves, found it, of course, in no wise arranged as regards rooms, &c., for their accommodation. Radical repairs were necessary. The entire interior of the building needed, as it were, "to come out." Accordingly the metamorphose was made.

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

At the head of the flight of stairs at the main entrance on Montgomery street, the right door opens into the office of the Grand Secretary, T. Rogers Johnson. This apartment is very handsomely furnished. On all sides can be seen the rich regalia of the fraternity; the bright swords and other paraphernalia of the Order, glistening like silver, are neatly and tastefully displayed, whilst pictures of distinguished officers and seals of the various bodies ornament the walls. Of these latter there are no fewer than one hundred and nineteen, five of which Lodges are established in Nevada Territory. These latter, however, are under the jurisdiction of California. There is also displayed in the collection the seals of the Honolulu Lodges.

THE LIBRARY.

In the centre of the main hall are neat doors covered with green baize, on which are the capital initials of the Order. Beyond these, on the south side of the edifice, is the library. This is a spacious and truly elegant apartment. The ceiling is elaborately carved and ornamented, the walls adorned with paintings and the floor elegantly carpeted. The cases for books, periodicals, pamphlets, etc., have been built with a due regard to both taste and convenience. Sufficient space is left above them for paintings, pictures, etc., to be suspended on the walls. The library contains no less than ten thousand volumes of standard and miscellaneous literature. All unique works occupy a case by themselves. In this are some rare gems. On the leaf of one book we perceive the autograph of Benjamin Franklin. Another volume, looking like the "Domesday Book," bears the venerable date of "1450," and the title page the latin words, "*Anca sifris epistolæ.*" Amongst other literary curiosities we examined an antiquated work entitled "Descriptions of the Circumnavigations of the Globe." One chart represents California as a huge island, stretching along the main Pacific coast, from the tropics to Oregon. The name of the present Librarian, is John Phillips. Passing from the library to the *vis a vis* apartment, on the north, we enter the

READING ROOM.

This is very conveniently arranged, with inclined desks for papers, periodicals, etc., extending along one side of the room; opposite have been erected cabinets for the reception of ores, shells, and other mineralogical and conchological curiosities. The walls of this apartment are embellished with likenesses of all the Past Grand Masters of the order.

ENCAMPMENT HALL.

On ascending another flight of stairs, the visitor enters a conveniently fitted up anteroom for the accommodation of members, which opens on the right into a magnificent room called "Encampment Hall." This has been artistically painted in fresco, the lofty ceiling representing the full sun, with clouds beautifully and naturally painted. From the centre of the ceiling is suspended a mammoth bronze chandelier, with some twenty-eight burners, the whole of elaborate workmanship. On the walls are paintings suggestive of the principles of the order, emblems, etc. The dimensions of this chamber are thirty feet by fifty-seven feet six inches. The furniture for this Hall is not yet arranged, but one can at a glance perceive that when all things are "set to rights," a splendid *tout ensemble* will be presented to the visitor.

COVENANT HALL.

This is the grandest and most imposing chamber in the edifice. It fronts on Montgomery street, and in dimensions not less than forty by sixty-four feet. The ceiling is most elaborately carved and ornamented, and in the centre thereof two symmetrical glass reflectors with twelve burners each. On the further, or north side, is a dais, on which the Noble Grand's chair is placed, and at the other end of the chamber another rostrum, containing the chair of the Vice Grand. The canopy over the former is of scarlet, and over the latter blue damask. The minor canopies, on the sides of the apartment, are also tasteful, and the chairs, for officers, of exquisite workmanship. On either side of the Noble Grand's seat are elegantly executed paintings, in fresco, the one representing "David and Jonathan" and the other "Isaac and Rebecca at the Well." This chamber is completely furnished and presents a gorgeous spectacle. It is, we understand, to be formally inaugurated on Wednesday evening next, by the Templar Lodge. At the portals of this hall is a spacious withdrawing room, provided with wardrobe apartments for the convenience of members of the Order.

In all the arrangements of this hall, taste, judgment and skill have been exhibited, and for splendor, convenience and adaptability to the wants of the Order, we have never seen a hall equal to that of the Odd Fellows of San Francisco. The total expense of altering, re-fitting, painting and furnishing this hall cannot be less than $15,000. It is understood that the various rooms will be thrown open to the inspection of the public on Tuesday next.

DRAWING A DEADLY WEAPON.—Quite a disturbance was created in a disreputable establishment in St. Mark's Place early on Saturday morning. A man named Gorman pulled a pistol on the landlady of the house, whereupon the girls screamed, arousing the neighborhood. The police were on hand and conveyed the accused party to the Station House.

A TILL THIEF.—A lad fourteen years old was seen thrusting his hand into the money drawer of a grocery store on Pacific street, yesterday, but managed to run off before being nabbed by the person observing the movement. There are many juveniles like him about town, who are fit subjects for the Industrial School.

MARINE DISASTER.—The ship *Dublin*, which arrived from New Castle on Saturday morning, with one thousand tons of coal, encountered a terrific gale on the voyage, which lasted for twelve hours. The vessel was hove to, cargo shifted, bulwarks broken in, and everything moveable on deck swept away.

WINE, WOOL, AND STOCK JOURNAL.—The June number of this periodical has been received. It contains articles on the "Santa Clara Valley," "Sonoma Valley," "Wool Market," "Fermenting Vats," besides other miscellaneous matters, both original and selected.

BY STATE TELEGRAPH.

The San Jose Democratic Convention.

SAN JOSE, June 27.—The Democratic County Convention met here to-day, and passed resolutions endorsing the Butte Resolutions, and elected five delegates to the Sacramento Convention, and requested them to favor the adoption of those resolutions there.

Union Meeting in Stockton.

STOCKTON, June 27th—10 P. M.—A very large Union Meeting is being held here this evening. About 1200 persons are present, and the utmost enthusiasm is manifested. Hons. J. G. McCullough, Wm. Higby, J. M. Cavis, H. B. Underhill, and Gen. M. G. Cobb are addressing the meeting. San Joaquin County will give an overwhelming majority for the whole Union Ticket.

LETTER FROM SANTA CLARA.

[From an Occasional Correspondent.]

SANTA CLARA, June 26th.

Santa Clara College—Examination, Exercises, Etc., Etc.

EDITORS ALTA:—The twelfth annual commencement of this Institution took place on the 23d and 24th inst. The exercises were of the most interesting character. Thinking that you might be pleased to receive an account of this truly rich entertainment, I will mention some of its principal features. Six students delivered lectures on the chemistry of atmospheric air and the telegraph, illustrating every principle by appropriate and successful experiments. Among many other instruments there were two sets of Morse's telegraphic apparatus, which were put in operation at the opposite ends of the hall. During the playing of the band and the lecturing of the larger students, several pupils of the Grammar Class wrote impromptu compositions on subjects proposed by the audience, and read them after letting them circulate for inspection. This severe test of their proficiency was greatly applauded. Mr. M. Delmas delivered an oration on Dan. O'Connell with a grace and emphasis that proved him an accomplished orator and scholar. An interesting debate upon the necessity of Latin and Greek for a liberal education was also very creditably carried on by six other speakers, and was followed by a humorous dialogue, on town and country life. I was assured that nothing which is not original is allowed to be spoken at public exhibitions. The College Band of fifteen instruments discovered superior musical talent with masterly accuracy and taste. I was informed that it is to play in San Francisco, at St. Ignatius College, Market street, on the 30th inst.

The first evening wound up with the farce, "Make your Wills," performed by the junior students, and the second with "Hamlet," by the senior, after which the conferring of degrees and the distribution of premiums took place. One gold medal, and forty-four silver ones, together with seventy-nine choice books, were distributed among the successful candidates for academic honors. The handsome presents of forty dollars sent by Hon. W. M. Lent, to be given to the recipients of the highest honors, was bestowed on M. Delmas, J. Morris and Thos. Van Ness. Mr. Delmas, who came first in the list, having received the generous donation, immediately arose and made a present of it to the poor of the parish of Santa Clara. Long before the appointed hour the spacious College grounds were thronged by the friends and patrons of the institution, and, as soon as the doors were opened the vast exhibition hall was filled to its utmost capacity. Many, who came a little late, had to leave, being unable to find any available place either to sit or stand. All present seemed to be highly gratified at the scientific and literary performances of the students, and many of them declared, in my hearing, that it was one of the most successful College Commencements they had ever attended in California. VISITOR.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

SATURDAY, June 27, 1863.

U. S. District Court.

The survey of the Rancho of Anastasio Chabolla, in San Joaquin county, was confirmed.

Fourth District Court.

Sarah Morley *vs.* Lewis Morley.—Divorce granted.

M. J. Marshuetz *vs.* James C. White.—Suit commenced by plaintiff, when Public Administrator, to recover $850 which was found on the corpse of one Michael Hanly, which money defendant took without right. Argued and submitted.

S. B. Whipple *vs.* J. R. Spring.—Argued and submitted.

Police Court Proceedings.

THURSDAY, June 27th.

The cases on the docket to-day are few in number and trivial in importance, consisting of nine new and ten continued cases.

BEATING A CHINAMAN.—George Smith was convicted of being engaged in the disreputable business of assaulting a Chinaman, on the corner of Kearney and Sacramento streets, and held for sentence on the charge.

UNLICENSED PEDDLING.—Abraham Rotenberg, for peddling goods without a license, was fined $25 with the alternative of going to prison for ten days. M. Marks was also sentenced in like manner for the same offence.

SHIPPED TO CHINA.—A vicious young man named Thomas Kernon, *alias* Devine, who has frequently been caught with his hands in other people's pockets, was arraigned on a charge of petit larceny. An opportunity offering for a voyage to china, the Judge deemed it a good one for ridding the State of his company. He accordingly goes hence to the Oriental Kingdom.

THE THEATRICAL LICENSE CASES.—The cases of T. Maguire, for giving unlicensed performances, aided by Messrs. Billy Birch, Ben. Cotton, Abecog, Parker and Wells, were sent to the Court of Sessions. The law not going into effect, the first charges made were lancuel; but the second coming within the purview of the statute, were taken cognizance of as above stated.

DISMISSED.—The charge preferred against Charles Pierson, for petit larceny, after investigation, was dismissed.

INTERIOR ITEMS.

The Reese River Mines are looking up. The Webster Lead, one mile N. E. of Clifton, is said to be one of the notabilities of the District, and prospects well in gold and silver.

Much of the freight of the Soledad mining district is now landed from the steamer at Santa Barbara, which is nearly twice as far from the mines as Los Angeles; but over an easier road. The people of Los Angeles are talking of cutting a tunnel through the San Fernando Mountain—the chief difficulty to their road.

Two vessels are lying at the mouth of the Colorado, waiting for cargoes of copper ore from the La Paz mining district.

It is reported that a rich silver mine has been discovered in San Gabriel Cañon, Los Angeles county.

A new military camp, styled Camp Morrig, has been established near San Bernardino. It is occupied by Company K, of the First Cavalry, and Major Bennett is in command.

The grasshoppers have done much damage in Sonoma county.

The editor of the Redwood City *Gazette* undertook to bore an Artesian well, but at the depth of 95 feet the auger was arrested by a boulder. All his neighbors who have Artesian wells, found no rock within 130 feet of the surface.

Michael Zimmer and Bernard Isaacs drove a race, on Friday, from Ione City to Sacramento, a distance of forty miles, each with a horse and buggy. Zimmer won the race in three hours and fifty-five minutes, and Isaacs was only five minutes behind. The buggy used by Isaacs weighed one hundred pounds more than that of Zimmer's. The horses were scrubs, untried and untrained. Neither was injured by the race.

Three large stacks of grain, the property of Frank Graham, were burned at Elk Grove, in Sacramento county, on Friday. It is supposed that the fire caught from the pipe of some smoker.

On the 27th inst. the State Treasury contained $227,096, including $26,846 in the General Fund.

NEW MINING CORPORATIONS.—The following Mining Companies filed their certificates of incorporation yesterday:

Humboldt Tunneling Company.—Sphere of operations, Nevada Territory. Capital stock $2,500,000, in 10,000 shares. Trustees: M. Dore, D. Porter, H. A. Fox, R. J. Vandewater and A. H. Houston.

Atalanta Gold and Silver Mining Company.—Location, Devil's Gate, N. T. Capital stock $280,000, in 2800 shares. Trustees: J. W. Winans, F. Vassault, D. Norcross, G. W. Ryckman and B. F. Hart.

Don Juan Gold and Silver Mining Company.—Location, Esmeralda. Capital stock $280,000, in 1400 shares. Trustees: H. C. Mead, S. B. Goddard and C. Wittram.

General Kibbe Gold and Silver Mining Company.—Location, Esmeralda. Capital stock $280,000, in 1400 shares. Trustees: C. Wittram, H. C. Mead and S. B. Goddard.

Alba Nueva Silver Mining Company.—Location, Humboldt county, N. T. Capital stock $525,000, in 2100 shares. Trustees: R. C. Page, B. W. Vogelsdorff, J. C. Harmon, Wm. Langerman and H. Pferdorf.

Ophir and Auburn Consolidated Gold and Silver Quartz Mining Company.—Location, Placer county, Cal. Capital stock $500,000, in 2000 shares. Trustees: Wm. B. Swain, J. Bromley, R. C. Poland, James Moore and D. Choate.

Monte Albano Gold and Silver Mining Company.—Location, Esmeralda. Capital stock $280,000, in 1400 shares. Trustees: S. B. Goddard, H. C. Mead and C. Wittram.

Clear Creek Silver Mining Company.—Location, Humboldt county, N. T. Capital stock $675,000, in 1350 shares. Trustees: E. J. Pringle, F. Shockley, W. A. Piper, E. Hull and Levi Parsons.

California Gold and Silver Mining Company.—Location, Humboldt county, N. T. Capital stock $360,000, in 3600 shares. Trustees: Edward Jones, Wm. N. Anderson and H. D. Carpenter.

The Humboldt Gold and Silver Mining Company filed a certificate that the capital stock of the company has been increased from $250,000 to $1,250,000, in 5,000 shares of $250 each. The debts of the company are $4,111. The whole amount of the orginal capital stock, $250,000, was given in payment for a mill and some mining property in the Humboldt mining region, Nevada Territory.

LETTER FROM NAPLES—No. 3.

[From the Lady Correspondent of the ALTA CALIFORNIA.]

NAPLES, May 1863.

The Town Hall.

EDITORS ALTA: The Municipal Palace or Town Hall of Naples, is a large, substantial, unadorned building, like most of its compeers in this city; but though offering so little of architectural interest, I was desirous of visiting its "gran sala," or principal hall, in order to see the magnificent portraits of the King and Garibaldi, recently painted by Fagnani, a worthy son of this sunlit metropolis, at once an ardent patriot and partisan of the Italian unity, and a portrait painter, the charm and fidelity of whose pencil has won for him a brilliant and increasing reputation in Paris, where his artist-tent has been pitched for the last few years.

On entering the building, the porter happened to be absent, and I was not long in losing my way among the innumerable corridors of the "*primo piano.*" But no sooner had I explained to a black-eyed young woman who was selling lemonade and peanuts in an angle of the great staircase that I wanted to find the room that contained the picture of the King, than my difficulties were brought to an end. Those two words, "the King," seemed to exercise their usual magical effect on this young person, for the moment I had pronounced them she rose smilingly from her straw-bottomed chair, and without the least hesitation on the score of her wares, ran off to a little door at a short distance, where, having pulled a string, that brought out a "guardian," she informed me that the latter would show me the way to the "sala" in question. The explanation of my errand threw the "guardian" into an ecstacy of smiles, and induced a similar manifestation of satisfaction on the faces of all the soldiers on duty within earshot. My guide at once led the way to the great hall, in which the Syndicate holds its meetings, and whose only occupant was an official personage, who was busy writing at a desk in the centre of a raised platform. This personage, on hearing from the guardian the motive of my sudden appearance, bestowed upon me a most gracious and beaming smile, and politely authorized the inspection I wished to make with an amount of satisfaction at the mention of "the King," no whit less visible than that which had been so instantaneously manifested by the people I had already encountered on my way to the Hall.

Victor Emanuel.

The portrait of Victor Emanuel, three-quarter length, life size, and by far the best that has yet been taken of the bold, bluff, soldier King, was ordered by the municipality, for the adornment of the Sala, where it now hangs. The King, though he detests the business of "sitting," was desirous of gratifying the wish of the Neapolitans, to see his picture in the Town Hall, and gave Fagnani five long sittings of several hours each, conversing with the artist with characteristic affability and simplicity, and raising the affectionate enthusiasm with which the latter already regarded him, to a tolerably glowing pitch of hero-worship. The person of the King is one which it is particularly difficult to portray without falling into one or two of the extremes, of weakening or exaggeration. It is not easy to give his strong round head, thick neck, and short, sturdy build, his clear, bold eyes, his soldier-like simplicity, and utter absence of pride and pretension by which he is characterized, without the picture degenerating into that of a coarse, unkinglike bully; and if on the other hand, the artist endeavors to soften down the strongly-marked peculiarities of the man whose name has become "a pillar of strength" for Italy, he runs the risk of changing the portrait into a caricature, as destitute of nobility as of artistic charm. In the portrait which now occupies the place of honor in the *Sala del Municipe*, of Naples, both these dangers have been happily avoided. The artist has brought out, with consummate skill, the union of frankness, strength and simplicity, which marks the King, the goodness of heart which compensates so largely for his want of grace, and the plain common sense that has so admirably seconded the genius of the great and lamented statesman to whom Italy owes so much. The King is seen fronting the spectator, wearing a dark blue uniform without epaulettes, the collar and cuffs of his coat embroidered with silver, a belt clasped with the "White Cross of Savoy," the broad green ribbon of St. Maurice and St. Lazarus, and several other decorations. His left hand, ungloved, with a ring on the little finger, is on the hilt of his sword; the right hand, wearing a glove of buff leather, holds the other glove, and a flat cocked-hat trimmed with silver lace; short brown hair, clipped close to the head; the aggressive, turned-up whiskers, (which certainly do look a little like the "boar's tusks" to which his traducers are fond of comparing them,) and the beard, small at the chin and spreading out below it like a fan, are not the elements of the personality of an Antinous or an Adonis. But the full, open brow; the honest, fearless, blue eyes, large, clear, bright and kindly, that look down into yours with a directness and self-possession truly regal; the soft, white hand, delicate and strong, and the simple nobility of the attitude, abundantly suffice to give dignity to the personality of the *Re Galantuomo*, and to justify the enthusiasm with which he is regarded by the vast majority of the Italians. The King stands in a chamber of some old Italian *palazzo*, just indicated by a marble pillar, and the corner of the richly inlaid wall behind him. For this noble portrait, well and solidly painted, of a sobriety of tone that harmonizes admirably with the physiognomy of the King, but whose special and peculiar merit consists in the faithfulness with which it renders the moral as well as the physical personality of its illustrious original, the artist received from his municipal employers the sum of two thousand ducats—a price which, however moderate it might be regarded in America, in connection with a work of the intrinsic value of the portrait in question, seems to be incredibly great by the Neapolitans.

Garibaldi.

The portrait of Garibaldi, one of the most recent productions of the same artist, is placed, for the present, in the *Sala del Sindaco* adjoining the *Gran Sala*, where hangs the portrait of the King. "The most popular man of the age," as M. Drouyn de L'huys was pleased to style him in the letter of credentials he gave to Surgeon Nelaton, when the latter was sent by the French Government to give the benefit of his unrivalled skill to the wounded hero, is sitting, half turned from the spectator, but looking at you from under the rim of his gray beaver cap. A loose gray coat, under a gray cloak, lightly gathered over the knees, and just showing the shades of the well known red shirt, and the knees encased in gray trowsers; a white handkerchief is loosely knotted round his neck, and the red hilt of his sword is seen under the folds of his cloak. The calm, bright, honest eyes are overshadowed by the beaver, but you feel them looking out upon you, as he meets your gaze, with a most winning expression of goodness and gentleness, and a gleam of quiet humor playing over his face. The action of this charming portrait is as full of character as the glimpses given of the noble forehead and strangely attractive eyes, divined rather than seen, and the latent smile lurking beneath the short, bushy, yellow-brown beard. The left hand has fallen passively against the side; the right hand, advanced a little more towards the spectator, rests on the lap, the thumb and forefinger slightly fallen apart, as though they had just relaxed their hold of a cigar.

The sense of quiet power, of *bonhommie* and of repose in this beautiful portrait are given with admirable skill and feeling, and a subile rendering of character equal to that which has made so consummate a masterpiece of the portrait of Rafazzi, by the same accomplished painter; the attitude is wonderfully natural, easy and characteristic; the drapery of the cloak remarkably well and harmoniously managed. This admirable production, a labor of love on the part of the artist, who made a present of it to Garibaldi, has been presented by the latter to the city which holds him in such enthusiastic and reverent affection. Garibaldi, like the King, detests being painted; but, like the King, gave the artist repeated sittings, and considers this portrait to be by far the best likeness of himself that has ever been made—an opinion as decidedly professed in regard to the portrait of himself by Victor Emanuel. It may be scarcely credible, but it is, unfortunately, true, that Count de Persigny has absolutely prohibited the sale, in France, of the engraving of this noble portrait of Garibaldi, beautifully executed by M. Fagnani himself.

As remarked in my last, the true glory of Naples consists in its environs, in which the double charm of most perfect natural loveliness, and of the highest historical interest, combine to render this region irresistibly and perrenially attractive. Just out of the city, at the base of the long, low hill of Posilepo, on the shore of the bay, in which is the garden sepulchre, which tradition points out as the tomb of Virgil, is the curious tunnel known as the

Grotto of Posilipo,

Which seems to have served, from Pagan times, as a short cut between Naples and the luxurious villas which covered the now deserted promontories of Misenum and its neighborhood. This relic of other days, mentioned in the time of Nero, and probably dating from the earliest settlement of Cumæ and Naples, is an excavation in the volcanic tufa, 2,244 feet long and 21½ feet wide. Its height is unequal, varying from 25 to 69 feet. It has two circular air shafts, through whose grated apertures and overhanging greenery you catch a glimpse of the sky, and is lighted day and night by gas lamps. Strabo, Petronius and Seneca, speak of it as dark, narrow, low and gloomy. The latter says it was full of "darkness visible;" and Petronius remarks that people were obliged to stoop to pass through it. In the middle ages it was attributed to Virgil; the peoble believing, in the time of Petrarch, that the Latin poet had created it by magic incantations. In the fifteenth century its floor was lowered, leaving the marks of ancient aisles many feet above the present level. In the sixteenth century its floor was laid, the roof and sides were repaired and strengthened by the erection of arches, and masonry was let into them to give additional support. In the centre of this long gallery is a little shrine, with a picture of the Virgin. Formerly this was lit up with tapers; but since the introduction of gas into the tunnel, a few months ago, the shrine is lighted with little jets of gas. The long perspective of this tunnel, with the intense patch of sunlight at either end, and the long lines of glaring gaslights between them, and the countless open cabs, filled mostly with parties of foreign visitors, guide-books in hand; the primitive carts and pack-mules of the region; the *carrozzoli*, with their mass of grinning and joking "operatives," and the miscellaneous string of old women, children, dogs, donkeys and flower-girls, forms a really very striking and original scene, covered in by the lofty arching walls of dark brown tufa, and none the less interesting for the remembrance of the long lapse of centuries, the feet of whose children have passed through it in unbroken succession.

The Outskirts of the City.

Many villas with beautiful gardens and glorious views, are scattered about the hills in the outskirts of Naples. But these are all modern, while the stately and sybaritic dwellings to which this tunnel gave access, have long ago disappeared. For it is a curious fact that the lovely regions to the southeast of the city, now so thickly studded with villas and palaces, appear to have been utterly neglected by the people of Naples in the earliest historic times. The proximity of Vesuvius, and the Abruzzi, covered with forests, and full of wild beasts, was probably the reason of the preference accorded to the regions to the north and west of the capital. On the other hand, the spots most in favor with the Romans—Nisida, Procida, Ischia, Cumæ, the Elysian Fields, the shores of lakes Agnano, Avernus, and Futaro, all in highest repute in classic days, when they formed the delight of the wealthy and elegant nobles who retired to them to enjoy the pleasures of country life, are now deserted, scarcely a trace remaining of the villas, temples, theatres, basilicas, baths, groves, gardens, oyster-beds, and fish-ponds of old Roman days. Occasionally, however, as at Nisida, ruins overgrown with myrtles, ericas, and Spanish broom, still form a link between the Present and the Past, while enormous substructions attest the vast extent and solidity of the habitations with which the region was formerly covered. Nothing about these remains strikes modern eyes with more amazement than the