CHRISTMAS TIME.

The Day That Comes but Once a Year is Now at Hand.

The City's Streets Blocked With **Busy Purchasers.**

Elaborate Musical Exercises Arranged by the Different Churches - Fine Weather Promised.

If old Santa Claus deigned to cast his glance over San Francisco yesterday, a complacent feeling must have taken possession of that guardian of the welfare of the children of the earth as he saw the throngs of devotees bringing offerings to his shrine. Although slightly out of the latitude of the two elements with which that jolly old myth likes to surround himself, ice and snow, nevertheless, the preparations for celebrating the day consecrated by the children to their patron have been going on with great vigor for some weeks past in San Francisco, which did not stop until the last electric light went out on the principal etreets as the clock struck the hour of midnight on Christmas Eve. On Monday and. Tuesday the stores of Kearny and Market streets were crowded with purchasers, repre-

and second celebration of Holy Communion at 11 o'clock. St. Mary's Cathedral, corner of Dupont and California streets, will be decorated to-day for the last Christmas services which the present congregation will hold within its walls. The Young Ladies' Choral Circle is rehearsing the music which will be sung at the masses. A high mass will be celebrated at 5 o'clock in the morning, and a pontifical high mass at 10:30 o'clock, when the Archbishop will give the Papal benediction. At the Church of Notre Dame des Vic-toires, Bush street, there will be Christmas services of a most attractive character. The church has been handsomely decorated, and the music will be exceptionally fine, the latter being under the director. During the serv-ice M. de Guille, the favorite tenor, will sing "Noel," by Adam, and Gounod's "Ave Maria." The Sabbath Schools of the Unitarian, Cal-vary, First Congregational, Franklin-street Presbyterian and St. Mary's (Catholic), held their Christmas entertainments Tuasday even-ing. Tuesday the stores of Kearny and Market streets were crowded with purchasers, repre-senting all classes and conditions of life. The storekeepers sought to make their stocks more attractive by dressing their windows with all sorts of alluring devices of evergreens, holly branches and flowers, which in them-eelves betokened the tact that holiday-time was near. No branch of business escaped the decorative feature. Even the unasthetic but eminently practical butcher-shops and grocery-stores underwent a grand transformation, and quarters of beef and hannehes of mutton that erst appealed to passers-by for purchase in their natural, un-adorned state, now appeared clothed in dainty covers and looked too sweet to eat. But ere the markets closed on Christmas Eve they went the way of all flesh. On Market and Kearny streets yesterday afternoon and even-ing it was almost impossible to thread one's way. An easy, good-natured throng it was, and almost every indi-vidual encountered bore some kind of a package, the contents of which could easily be divined by the bearers' smiling faces. The markets were the scenes of the greatest activity among purchasers, the Christmas din-ner being the prime requisite to the proper en-joyment of the day. Mauntains of turkeys and chickens, tons of beef and muttor rapidly disappeared from the counters of the dealers to find their way to the 50,000 and odd homes of the great city. The notion-stores were the next centers of activity, for here the masses made their purchases, he articles displayed on the bargain counters being suited to any-The Christmas entertainment of the Church The Christmas entertainment of the Charten of the Advent, which was to have occurred Monday evening, has been postponed until Friday evening at 8 o'clock, at Irving Hall, on account of the illness of Mrs. John Gray. The Howard-street M. E. Church Sunday School will hold its exhibition to-morrow evening. Presents will be given to all the scholars The M. E. Church on Bush street, between Scott and Devisadero, will give an entertain-ment next Friday evening. The annual Christmas festival of the Cen-tral Methodist Sunday School will take place on Thursday evening. The cantata "Imman-nel" will be given by the pupils, assisted by a choir of forty voices. J. J. Morris is musical director, Professor J. Katzenbach, organist, and Miss Carrie Abbott, pianist. The children in the Foundling Home on Cal-ifornis and Broderick will have their Christ-mas tree and dinner on Saturday. The Boys and Girls' Aid Society will rejoice on the same day. made their purchases, the articles displayed on the bargain counters being suited to any-sized purse, thin or plethoric. The sales-women and salesmen in these stores have not had a moment's respite since Monday morning, during the hours they were required to attend, which in the majority of cases were from S A. N. until morning, during the hours they were required to attend, which in the majority of cases were from 8 A. M. until 11 P. M. The sidewalk venders transformed Kearny and Market streets into one vast booth. Here all sorts of odd toys and gim-cracks were offered for sale, and found ready purchasers. Japanese trick blocks, a walking man trundling a perambulator, and a clever device of a wire-rope dancer, were among the toys most sought by fond parents for the delectation of the youngsters. A mania for purchasing articles scemed to have developed among the population of San Francisco, and the wonder is that the stocks on hand were not depleted leng ago. Thousands of homes last night reflected scenes of enjoyment and con-tentment. Those blessed with riches were not one whit happier, it is sale to say, than those whose lot it us to labor for a daily pittance. The same sweet sentiment prevailed alike in the massions of the rich and the tenements of the poor. The leveling tendency of a general feeling attests its power at Christmas time The same sweet sentiment prevaied alke in the massions of the rich and the tenements of the poor. The leveling tendency of a general feeling attests its power at Christmas time above all others. Money cannot buy the sim-ple joys that well up like gushing springs in the hearts of children. The value of the articles given as presents holds no place in their affections. It is the joy of a wish ful-filled that appeals to them most. Many a lit-tle heart has beat this morning at finding a tin trumpet or jack-in-the-box in the stocking hung on the mantel piece. The small boy or girl of Nob Hill has no advantage over their congener of Tar Flat at Christmastide, ex-cept in the value of the general enjoyment, the homeless and friendless should not be forgot-ten. In all large cities there is always to be found a large number of these unfortunates, and while the majority of them owe their condition in life to their own actions, many of them arecreatures of misfortane. The various charitable and aid associations of this city have taken upon themselves the duty of pro-viding for these unfortunates to-day, and it is

have taken upon themselves the duty of pro-viding for these unfortunates to-day, and it is to be hoped that those who avail themselves of this means of obtaining a Christmas dinner will find a vacant seat at the table.

PACIFIC COAST COAL.

The Principal Sources of San Franeisco's Supply.

The Coal-Producing Regions of Calitornia.

Mount Diablo Deposits Likely to Hold Their Own for a Long Time to Come.

Other Valuable Deposits.

"Stabat Mater": prayer, from "Moses in Egypt," Rossini; "March of the Israelites," Costa. Services will be held in St. Luke's Church, corner of Van Ness avenne and Clay street. to-day as follows: Holy communion at 7 and 8 o'clock in the morning, and morning prayer, sermon and holy communion at 11 o'clock. The sermon will be delivered by Bishop William F. Nichols. A special musical service will be rendered by the vested choir. "At St. Francis' Church, Vallejo street. Beethoven's grand solemn high mass in C will be sung at 11 o'clock. Solosts-Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Sides, Miss Henneberry, Miss Brougham, Mr. Walsh and Mr. Woodbridge; offertory, "Noel," by A. Adam; sole, by Donaid de V. Graham: organist and director of the choir, Mr. H. J. Stewart. The Christmas services at St. Ignatius' Church to-day will be as follows: High mass will be sung at 5 o'clock in the morning, during which will be rendered Mercadante's Kyrie, Giorna and Credo, with Sanctus and Agnus Dei from La Hache, and Lambiloti's Pastorale for offertory, by Mme. Louise Giudi-celli. At 10:30 o'clock will be sung Aldiga's Kyrie and Gloria, Credo from Mercadante, Sanctus and Agnus Dei from Giorza. The grand Christmas anthem by Giorza will be rendered at the offertory by Mme. Louise Giud-icelli, Mrs. Griffin and J. C. Hughes. There will be the usual Christmas services at St. Stephen's Episoopal Church, Fulton street, nearjWebster, Rev. E. J. Lion officiat-ing. Early ocleork with full morning prayer, and second celebration of the Holy Com-munion at 7 o'clock, with full morning prayer, and second celebration of the Holy Com-munion at 7 o'clock with full morning prayer, and second celebration of the of Dupont and the o'clock. The high price of coal during the early part of December has naturally directed attention to the possibility of making California self-supplying in the matter of coal; at all events of cheapening the price of the article by open-ing up deposits near tide water, and abolishing the expensive process of importation,

transhipment and storage. Unfortunately the position of the coal indus-try in California has hither to been disastronsly affected by the inferior quality of the mined ancount. By far the larger proportion of the California coal is simply lignite, a half-way stage between the fossilized fibrons material of plants and trees and genuine coal, the perfectly metamorphosed product. That the minds of Californians have been

abundantly exercised in the direction of dis-covering workable veins of real coal is appar-

covering workable veins of real coal is appar-ent from recent exchanges issued in areas of coal possibilities. Says the Cottonwood Register of Shasta county : A gentleman from Pennsylvania while prospect-ing on Coal gulch, fifteen miles northeast of Mill-ville, recently discovered a large body of stone coal. After sinking about ten feet the bed appears to be inexhaustible, and is of better quality the further down he sinks. The discoverer is familiar with the coal mines of Pennsylvania and considers his find a valuable one. He claims that it is the best steam coal he has ever seen, and will no donbt put capital into it to develop extensively. This heretofore hidden treasure may prove a valuable discovery for Shasta county, and especially for the old town of Millville. We hope it may turn out as valuable as expected.

This is merely a case in point. The Santa Ana Standard is equally enthusiastic over the prospects of coal mining in the Santa Ana val-ley, and within the past three months active efforts have been made to boom the coal de-posits of Mendocino county in the Coast Range beyond Ukiah.

posits of Mendocino county in the Coast Range beyond Ukiah. It must, perforce, be admitted that the coal-producing resources of the Pacific Coast are far behind those of the Atlantic, not only as to quantity, but cuality. California is, un-doubtedly, less favored then any section west of the Rocky Monntains. All along the west-ern coast of this country, from British Co-lumbia to the Mexican line, the coalifields are small in extent and of comparatively recent geological origin. Most of the deposits aseem to belong to the Cretaceons and Liassic periods, and not one of the California deposits has been dentified, by accompanying fossils, with the Carboniferous period, the source of genuir-coal throughout the world. In Vancouver Island a certain quantity of fair bituminous or coking coal has been discovered, and small quantities of perfectly metamorphosed coal have been found in the State of Washington. This State is, indeed, the most liberally supplied with free-burning coal of any on the Pacific seaboard. Oregon comes next and California brings up the rear. It is not to say that Cali-fornia is destitute of coal. Plenty of carbon-iferous matter, locally called coal, has been found in the Coast Range and the foothills of the Sierra Nevadas. But the insufficiency of railroad transportation and the absence of navigable canals has so far brough about the condition that it costs more to bring the coal, such as it is, to market than to produce it for sale at the pit's mouth. Speaking in regard to the Pacific Coast gener-

such as it is, to market than to produce it for sale at the pit's mouth. Speaking in regard to the Pacific Coast gener-ally, from Alaska to the Mexican line, it may be stated without hesitation that the coal deposits of Vancouver Island are of great and increasing value, though no statistics are available in regard to them. As to the mines of Oregon and Washington, the best idea of their steady development can be gained from the receipts at han Francisco during the six years between 1871 and 1876, the rate of production in tone and variation in quantity having been quite similar since then:

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but a capricious and uncertain enterprise, while the cost of railroad construction in the region to be penetrated would be enormous. Coal has been found in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada, in the eastern part of Shasta county, in strata resting unconformably on the edges of the metamorphic auriferous slates of the Sierra. This coal is, however, very impure, soft and friable. Much larger and more important coal area is that which is being extensively mined in the lone valley, between Ione City and Car-bondale, in Amador county. A large quantity of this coal is consumed by the Southern Pacific Railroad in their locomotives, and with fairly satisfactory results. The lone coal is of recent geological origin, but it burns freely with a bright flame, and leaves little olinker or "ash." The bed is nearly horizontal, about fifteen inches thick, and not more than thirty of forty feet below surface. When first mined the coal cost no more than \$1 50 per ton, but the supply is limited, and transportation iacilities entirely inadequate. Deposits of coal hyae also been noted at Lin-coln, Placer county; at American canyon, So-lano county: in the range of bills east of the

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riod, are not more than 100 feet deep. Coal has been known to exist in Humboldt county for over twenty years, and it is antici-pated that the extension of the San Francisco and Northern Road northward from Ukiah will open a vast mining area. Even now local blacksmiths take out considerable quantities, local labor being cheaper than rates of trans-portation from San Francisco. Coal has been found at Eureka, Maple Creek, Arcats, Ja-coby Creek, Bear Creek, on the Eel river, and on the Hoopa Indian reservation. In Trinity county quantities of lighte and coal have been found on the forks of the Trinity River, and also at Cox's Bar, and on the divide between Little and Big French creeks. Coal has also been noted at Elder Creek, southwest of Red Bluff, in Tehama county. Small beds of coal are known to exist on Sulphur Creek, in Colusa county. In the Museum of the State Mining Bureau, a score of specimens of shale, lignite and coal from different parts of the State Mining Bureau, a score of specimens of shale, lignite and coal inches thick, upper level, Mark West coal mine, Sonoma county; lignite, three and one hall feet thick, lower level, Mark West coal mine, Sonoma county; shale, footwall of coal bed, over sixty feet thick, lower level, Mark West coal mine, Taylor mount-ain, Sonoma county; sandstone (carbonifer-ous), about twenty feet thick, croppings of coal measures, Sonoma mountain, three miles east of Petaluma; shale, one to five teet thick, Jordan coal mine, Taylor mountain, Sonoma county; lignite, five feet thick, Jordan coal east of Petaluma; shale, one to five feet thick, Jordan coal mine, Taylor mountain, Sonoma county; lignite, five feet thick, Jordan coal mine, Taylor mountain, Sonoma county; clay shale, three to six inches thick, foot wall of coal veiu, Sonoma mountain, three miles east of Petaluma; sandatone with lignite, six miles west of Max-well, Colusa county, in lower foothills; brown coal (lignite), from vein near Lancha Plana, Calaveras county: coal or lignite, near Eureka.

sandstone with lighte, six miles west of Max-well, Colusa county, in lower foothills; brown coal (lignite), from vein near Lancha Plana, Calaveras county; coal or lignite, near Eureka, Humboldt county; linarite, Cerro Gordo, Inyo county; coal (bituminous), Black Prince mine, two miles east of toll-gate, Cajon Pass, San Bernardino county, bed four feet thick; coal, Clover creek, Shasta county; coal, San Benito county; lignite, Oil City, San Benito county. Experiments made with the Mount Diablo coal, as compared with that from Nanaimo, Wellington and Seattle, gave results from which it appeared that, the value of the Mount Diablo article being represented by unity, Nanaimo was 1.335, Wellington 1.295 and Seattle 1.171. The Mount Diablo mines have been prac-tically forced out of existence by the pro-gressive development of the Washington coal fields. The Black Diamond Company, for instance, shipped from the Mount Diablo coal field at Nortonville. Contra Costa county. 75,094 tons in 1877, 60,173 tons in 1881, and only 6262 tons in 1885, the year of the "glut." At this time operations were sus-pended, the mines having reached a depth of 750 feet. A large quantity of coal undoubtedly remains in these mines, which in an era of high prices and scanty supply might be profit-tably brought to bank. Coal was discovered in San Luis Obispo county as early as 1863, on the beach at San Simeon, and was locally used for blacksmith-ing. Subsequently C. B. Rutherford of Oak-land streted the San Simeon Mining Company, but the enterprise was abandoned on the vein thinning out. Cannel coal has been found in small quantities at Sutter City, in Sutter county. Seams of lignite are common in the Shasta valley of Siskiyou county, along the line of the Oregon and California Railroad. Santa Barbara has thin beds of coal at Loma Paloma, the head of Santa Incz creek, and at the Mission. There is evidentit, then, no dearth of coal in the state, but the thinness of the seams, the poor quality of the product and the cost of transportation



Wounds M. J. Mitchell.

He Sends a Big Bullet Into His Victim's Brain.

The Tragedy Was Caused by a Quarrel About Money-Both Men Had Been Drinking All Day.

Charles William Lemperle, a boat crimper living in the rear of 726 Washington street, fatally shot M. J. Mitchell, also a boat crimper, supposed to have lived at 1755 Howard street. Lemperle celebrated his sixtieth birthday yes terday by getting very drunk. He is a large man, and wears dark grey chin-whiskers and mustache. He is a German, and for years worked for Porter, Slessinger & Co. He has a wife and a son and daughter. Mitchell is a large Irishman, and wears brown chin-whiskers. He has a shoe shop somewhere on Twenty-second street. About a week ago he got some work from Lemperle, which he attended to at his shop and returned when finished. Lemperle told him that he had

Mitchell for that work, but paid him for what was well done. Yesterday Mitchell again on Lemperle and asked for called called on Lemperle and asked for the money. The German felt good-natured, and although he refused to pay for the bad work, he invited Mitchell to help him celebrate his sixtieth anniversary. Mitchell agreed, and the two spent the day royally, drinking wine and beer. They were joined by two other men, one named Ryan, but the latter left be-fore the shooting. A little after 7 o'clock Willie Lemperle, the Receiving

A little after 7 o'clock Willie Lemperle, the twelve-year-old son, went to the Receiving Hospital and said a man was hurt up the street. A little later a man reported the tragedy at the Central Police Station. Officer Melendy went in the patrol wagon and found the wounded man-who was supposed to be only drunk-in a narrow passageway leading to the Lemperle residence-an old, detached cot-tage in the rear. He was leaning against Lemperle's workshop, which is simply an out-building. He had a large builet-hole in the left temple from which his brains were oozing. He was able to walk, and entered the prison hospital walking remarkably steady. Al-though he could talk he would not say much, but several times he acknowledged that he had shot himself. Dr. Williams said that Mitchell will surely die.

had shot himself. Dr. Williams said that Mitchell will surely die. Lemperle was arrested a few minutes later by Officer Charlie Reynolds and Detective Seymour. He was very drunk, but after be-coming a little more sober he said that shortly after 6 o'clock he paid Mitchell for the work he had done and they had some words about the spoiled work. In the quarrel Mitchell struck him above the eye and Lemperle went into the house and got his pistol. On return-ing to the hallway, near the shop, Mitchell again struck him in the chest, and seized him by the throat. The two grappled and Lem-perle tried to throw Mitchell away from him. He told Mitchell to let him alone and leave the premises.

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Mitchell again attempted to strike him and. Lemperle fired one shot at him and threw the weapon towards Chinatown. He sent his boy to get a physician. The detectives hunted for the weapon but could not find it. Willie Lemperle said he was in the kitchen and heard one shot fired at about 7:50 o'clock. He ran out and saw Mit-chell in the hall bleeding. After sponging his head he went back into the kitchen and stayed with his mother.

Mrs. Lemperle said that during the after-noon her husband, Mitchell and another man had been drinking heavily. In the evening they began to talk about their ability as boxers and wrestlers and Mitchell and her husband

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was presented at this house on a former occa-sion. There will be a matinee to-day. The Emma Juch Opera Company will commence a season of English opera a week from to-morrow evening.

THE BUSH .- Gus Williams and John T. Kelly have caught on in great style in their amusin farce-comedy, "U and I." Matinee to-day.

THE CALIFORNIA .- The Howard Athenaeum Specialty Company is playing to splendid houses, Matinee to-day.

THE ALCAZAR .- The Christmas bill at this house is very strong. "Turned Up," and "Rough Diamonds" will be kept on another week. Matinee to-day.

THE TIVOLI .- "The Wondertul Lamp" is one of the pretriest burlesque operas seen at this nouse in a long time.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE.-George T. Ulmer in "The Volunteer" is the attraction at this house. Christmas matinee this afternoon.

POWELL-STREET THEATRE. - Baggesen's Vaudevilles. New acts and specialties at the matinee to-day.

THE ORPHEUM .- "Traviata " was sung last evening. To night "Rigoletto.

Nore.-M. de Pachmann will give a piano recital at Irving Hall, Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The programme will be a miscel-laneous one.

Kansas Gets a Welcome Wetting. KANSAS CITY, December 24th .- The first snow of the season fell to-day, in northwestern Missouri and northern Kansas. Some of the incoming trains on the Western roads were de incoming trains on the Western roads were de-layed for two or three hours. A despatch from Wichita, Kanaas, says that a soaking rain fell-in the southern part of Kanaas to-day. It was just what the country needed, and will doubt-less extinguish the threatened invasion of the Hessian fly. A special from Topeka says the State Board of Agriculture has received tele-graphic advices from the northern half of the-State to the effect that a snowstorm to-day covered winter wheat. The snow was badly needed. needed.

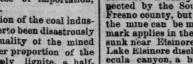
Utah's First Bishop.

ROME, December 24th-The Pope has erected. the Vicarate of Utah mto a diocese. Father Scarettan has been appointed first Bishop of the new diocese.

THE CALIFORNIA! Strictly European Plan.

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expected.

And only And Society will rejoic of the same day. Rev. J. Sanders Reed has distributed 250 tickets to newsboys for a Christmas dinner. The Infant Shelter Directors will give the children a Christmas tree and dinner on Sat-MRS, ALLEN NOT INSANE. . After Hearing Testimony Judge Coffey Orders Her Discharge.

The Deputy Sheriff who accompanied Mrs. Al-len from the Home of Inebriates to the new City Hall yesterday bore a letter from Dr. Jewell to the Commissioners. The writer stated that

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with find a vacant seat at the table. As Christmas is essentially a day of home enjoyment, there will be none of the usual holiday sports or games given by any of the athletic clubs. The Custom-house, Postoffice and United States Courts will be closed to-day, according to law. The Postoffice, however, will be open between 9 and iC A. M., and there will be one morning delivery. morning delivery. Lieutenant Finley, the United States Signal

Officer, has issued the following special Christmas bulletin: If present indications continue California will have pleasant weather for Christmas. The winds are likely to be northerly and the air quite cool, which

to be northerly and the air quite cool, which will probably develop occasional fogs. The printing house of Upton Bros. will tender a Christmas dinner to their employees to-day at the Cosmopolitan Rotisserie, Sacra-mento street, in recognition of their faithful services during the past year. Music, song and toast-making will serve to make the occa-sion a neasant one.

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ard J. Wilmot. At the Centenary Methodist Episcopal Church, congregational singing, led by George C. Snook. The organist, William F. Hooke, will render the following selections: Choral, in G, from "Christmas Oratorio," J. S. Bach; "Gloria." from Mozart's Twelfth Mass; "An-dante Favori," in F, Mozart; march from "Athalia," Mendelseohn. In the evening:

Whitess was asked in he know whether Mrs. Allen was addicted to the use of morphine. He was positive that she was not. Drs. D. F. Ragan and Happersberg testified that they had made an examination of Mrs. Allen, and were satisfied that she was perfectly sound of mind and not dangerous to herself or any other person. any other person. Commissioners of Insanity Belinge and

scholare. The M. E. Church on Bush street, between

The hearing of evidence on the charge of insanity against Mrs. Marion Allen, wife of

Henry H. Allen, the millionaire, was resumed

before Judge Coffey, in chambers, yesterday

urday morning.

Phelan testified that they considered the lady Bane.

A number of other witnesses testified in behalf of Mrs. Allen, all declaring that she had never shown any signs of violent insanity to their knowledge, though she was personally and intimately known to them all. They swore further that she had never been addict-ed to morphine or liquor drinking habits, as had been alleged. Judge Coffey ordered the lady discharged

from custody.

Death of J. G. Foster.

'Junius G. Foster, well known in this city for many years as proprietor of the Cliff House, died on Tuesday last at his home at Paraiso Springs. Captain Fester was born in Septem ber, 1822, in Sheffield, Massachusetts. For several years following the discovery of gold in California he was employed on the mail steamers on the Nicaragua route. For some time he was purser on the steamer Uncle Sam. Upon arriving in San Francisco he was for some time keeper of the International Hotel, then located on Jackson street. Subsequently he founded the Cliff House and remained as proprieter until 1884, when he went to Paraiso Springs as proprietor of the hotel at that re-sort. The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from St. John's Presby-terian Church, corner of Octavia and Califor-nia streets. ber, 1822, in Sheffield, Massachusetts. For nia streets.

Presidency of Federated Trades.

Charles Grambarth has consented to run for the Presidency of the Council of Federated Trades. The Carpenters', the Cooks and Watters', and the Coopers' Unions have passed resolutions en-dorsing him for that position. He thinks un-der the circumstances that he is not justified in refusing to be a candidate, or in supporting Mr. Curry any longer for that position.

Men Discharged for Cause.

The foreman of the shipyard at the Union Iron Works, named Henry Anderson, and the foreman of the carpenters in the same yard, foreman of the carpenters in the same yard, named Briggs, were discharged for compelling the men employed in the yard to board with them if they desired to hold their places. They were in this way making a profit on the men employed, and when Mr. Scott was informed of the matter he promptly discharged them both

King Kalakaua's Movements.

King Kalakaua visited Palo Alto yesterday King Kalakaua visited Palo Alto yesterday morning. Last evening he dined at the Cah-fornia Hotel as the guest of Consul-General McKinley, and on Saturday he will leave for San Diego. To-day he will attend the Christ-mas services of one of the Episcopal churches. Colonel George W. Macfarlane, King Kala-kana's clumberlain, has been confined to his bee by illness for several days.

only about three-fourths of the coal which the beds contained has been extracted and utilized in this estimate of the output. The value of Mount Diablo coal previous to the recent rapid advance in prices of all kinds of coal, ranged from §5 to §7 a ton. The comparatively small differences in value at individual periods have arisen from the fact that the charges for mining, land transportation and water transportation have rately reached their high-est of lowest values at the same epoch. The Mount Diablo coal field is about ten or twelve miles long, and includes the principal caryons, in the edge of the San Joaquin plain, these canyons in the northern slope of the range, being those in which the best paying mines are located. The coal beds vary greatly both in thickness and quality of coal. The average height of the villages in the Diablo coal region is from 700 to 850 feet. All the beds are more or less disturbed by what geolo-gists are wont to term "faults" and disloca-tions, that is to say, disruption of the originally horizontal layers by heat, pressure and up-heaval. In this manner some of the strata have been "thrown" from fifteen to one hundred feet out of continuity. Smaller "throws" and "jumps" are very numerous. One of the drawbacks of the Mount Diablo mines is that the coal is liable to spontaneous combustion, and in some cases it is necessary to shut up the old workings so as to prevent access of air to the "gob," which would other-wise heat and eventually take fire. The Empire mine, which isabout four hundred feet above tide-water, is one of the nearest to tide water, being only five miles from Antioch. It may be said in concluding the story of the Mount Diablo mines that the average Mount Diablo coal is fairly hard and bears handling and transportation better than most varieties of California coal. Mount Diablo coal is fairly hard and bears handing and transportation better than most varieties of California coal. There are numerous smaller coal fields scattered through the Coast Range from Cre

There are numerous smaller coal fields scattered through the Coast Range from Cres-cent City to San Diego, and on the corre-sponding western foothills of the Sierra Ne-vada. Many of these are absolutely worth-less, either from inferior quality of the coal itself, or from difficulty of working and trans-rootation

itself, or from difficulty of working and trans-portation. Among the most promising are the mines on the Eel river in Mendoeino county, respecting which so much has been said and written during the past three or four months. The principal bed of coal is fifteen feet thick, and is of good quality, except in the middle portion, where a five-inch streak of shale is found. The overlying coal shales are about seventy-five feet thick, and these again are overlaid by hard metamorphic rocks. Beneath the coal there are about twenty feet of shales, under-laid by sandstone. The quality of the coal is undoubtedly better than that of Mount Diablo mines in certain essential particulars, but there is good reason to doubt if the product could be put on the market in San Francisco on competitive terms with the Washington and Vancouver coal. The opinion of experts seems to be that the rocks in which the Mendocino coal is found have been too much "faulted" and metamorphosed to render digging anything

the state, but the trinness of the seams, the poor quality of the product and the cost of transportation are fatal obstacles to develop-ment. Practically, it seems that Washington must hold undisputed sovereignty as a coal-producing State on the Pacific seaboard of the United States.

Harrison's Old Partner Dying.

INDIANAPOLIS, December 24th. – Information was received to night that Judge Cyrus C. Hines, for thirty years a resident of this city, and for fifteen years the law partner of Presi-dent Harrison, at Ludlow, N. H., was to-day stricken with apoplexy and will die





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TALK IS CHEAP, and the press teems with advertisements of marsaparillas, and other liver, blood and lung remedies, but there is one medicine, and only one, the claims for which, as a cure for all imgering diseases arising from Torpid Liver or Biliousness, or from impure blood, are backed up by a positive guarantee! If it don't do just as represented in every case, the money paid for it is promptly refunded. This peculiar medicine sells beyond all others throughout the civilized world. And why should it not? "Talk is cheap," but when it's backed up by a positive guaran-tice, by a house of long established reputa-tion, for honesty, integrity and sound finan-cial standing, then words mean business! And that's just what the World's Dispensary Med-iguanteeing their Dr. Pierce's Golden Med-ieu Discovery. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medicel Discovery

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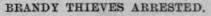


took off their coats and began to box for fun took off their coats and began to box for fun. She went to the market and when she returned she found Mitchell in the hallway bleeding. She bathed his head and face. The daughter was absent at the time. At a late hour last evening Pelice Surgeon Williams said that Mitchell was very low and that there was no hope for his recovery, as a large bullet is in his brain.

PROSPECTIVE PRIZE-FIGHT.

The Chances Are Favorable for a Fight Between Slavin and Corbett.

Joe Thompson, the Australian sport now in this city, received a letter yesterday from his brother Barney in London, which states that brother Barney in London, which states that Slavin, the pugliist, is willing to accept a prop-osition to fight Jim Corbett of San Francisco, before the California Athletic Club, in this city. The letter states that Slavin would doubless wire a reply to the query as to whether he would come here to meet Corbett, but the telegram has not yet been received. Still, sporting men think that negotiations for the prize-fight will be successful and that the meeting will be had. President Fulda of the California Club says that he has no doubt of Slavin's willingness to come, and that the club is ready to offer the purse whenever Corbett is. Corbett is



Two Barrels of Liquor Stolen From a Bonded Warehouse.

On Tuesday afternoon thieves entered Haslett & Bode's warehouse on Filbert and Battery streets, and remained secreted until after dark, when the doors were closed. During the night when the doors were closed. During the night they stole two twenty-six-gallon barrels of brandy, which they hid in a straw pile in a stable about a block away. Officer Egan found the stolen liquor yesterday, but left it where it was found. He and Officers O'Neil and Ellis hid near by and waited. About 8:30 o'clock last evening three men went to the barrels with demijohns and bits and proceeded to tap the casks. The officers raided the trio, but one escaped. However, they arrested Richard Ryan and Frank Savage, two ex-convicts, whom they charged with burglary.

A Fire on an Hotel.

At 6:15 o'clock last evening an alarm of fire At 6:15 o'clock last evening an alarm of fire was sounded from box 372 for a fire on the roof of the Hotel Pleasanton, on Jones and Sutter streets, caused by sparks falling from the large smokestack. Bafore the Fire De-partment arrived the fire was put out by the servents of the house with a few buckets of water. But little damage was done. The guests of the house were not aware that any-thing was amiss until after the blaze was ex-tinguished.

A Compositor Robbed. As C. S. Wells, a compositor on the ALTA, was walking along Larkin street, near Clay,

was walking along Larkin street, near Clay, Tuesday night, a masked man stepped out of a doorway, and, presenting a pistol at him, com-manded Wells to halt. The highwayman went through his pockets in approved style and re-lieved Wells of \$5 40 and a silver watch, but at the request of Mr. Wells the garroter re-turned the watch.

