

A New Kind of Competition.

High freight tariffs, competition, etc., are engrossing so much attention that the following from the Denver News will be appreciated:

The Union Pacific have put on a line of wagons drawn by oxen between Cheyenne and Longmont. A round trip can be made in from seven to eight days and the present daily capacity of the line is, as we learn, from four to five tons a day. The object is to try and force the Denver Pacific to give a rate on Union Pacific freight, and which is refused because the Union Pacific in turn will not give a western connection. It seems that the ox-line business will not stop here. We understand that the Kansas Pacific proposes to put on a similar line between Denver and Central and Georgetown to run opposition to the Colorado Central. This is what might be termed fighting the devil with fire. If an ox-line from Cheyenne to Longmont can succeed, it is more than certain that an ox-line in the mountains will, and especially since the Kansas Pacific have control of the freight at this end of the line. If this should be done it will be another demonstration of the extreme rivalry existing between these two roads, and all growing out of the one fact that the Union Pacific persists in violating its charter and refuses to give a western connection to the Denver and Kansas Pacific roads.

If the railroad companies can play this kind of a game and fight each other with ox-trains, it is possible that the same kind of tactics may be brought to bear against them. Our up-country friends who are dissatisfied with the high rates charged on the railroads and whose freight only requires transportation a short distance, can put on ox or mule trains and fairly run the iron horse off the track. It would be amusing if the weapons used by the railroad companies against each other should in the end be turned against themselves.

How to Make the Vineyard Profitable.

The difficulties under which wine making is struggling has induced those interested in vineyards to look around for some means of increasing the profits of viticulture. C. D. Brooks, in the *Rural Press*, gives his experience in making raisins, and it is possible that this branch of the grape-grower's money they have invested. He says:

"I have seen several inquiries in the *Rural* for information in regard to raisins. I send you a sample of those I raise and cure. The raisins are made from the 'Malaga Muscat,' or Muscat of Alexandria; after a long and close investigation, I am satisfied in my own mind that this is the raisin of commerce, and no other grape will make a raisin at all, but will simply be dried grapes when cured, except the 'Royal Muscadine,' which makes a fair raisin, though smaller and seed larger. I have had several hundred boxes of these raisins in market the last two years, and have had many letters of commendation and inquiry in regard to them.

"I find it to be a profitable business. They have brought in the San Francisco market this winter, fifteen cents per pound, wholesale. I am extending my vineyard of them every year; grow them on hill-slopes. What cuttings I don't use I have been giving away for several years. I paid twelve dollars per hundred for the first I set, and then cultivated for raisins. The habit of the grape will have to be closely observed by the cultivator.

"I have been prompted to write these lines because it is too bad for a person to set out vineyards for raisins, and cultivate them for four years, and then have nothing but dried grapes, that he can hardly sell at any price."

Those Perfect Codes.

The comforts flowing from careless and hasty legislation are pleasantly illustrated by the recent decision of the Supreme Court declaring the unconstitutionality of that portion of the Codes which delegates to the State Board of Equalization the right to fix the rate of taxation in certain cases. The attention of the Commissioners was called to this matter at the time, and one of the members of the commission held that the section was unconstitutional, and did his best to have the matter more thoroughly examined, but he was overborne by the others, who not content with hastily overruling his better judgment, sharply criticised him in the public prints. The Codes were then rushed hastily through the Legislature, and we have lately seen the glorification of Mr. Hammond over their perfection. It is unfortunate for him that the decision of the Supreme Court follows so closely upon his comparison of the work of the commission, with the Codes of Justinian, but it will we hope, be a lesson our legislators will not soon forget.

We have been receiving for some time two valuable publications from New York, the *Mercantile Journal* and the *Grocers' Price Current*, that we can safely recommend to the business men of this city. Both are complete in their make-up and are conducted with rare ability. Being published in the great center of American commerce and backed by ample capital, they are able to give an amount and variety of information on business matters that cannot be obtained from any other source. Both are published weekly, the *Journal* at \$5 and the *Price Current* at \$3 a year by the New York Mercantile Journal Company.

A Kansas Horror.

A correspondent of the Chicago Tribune, writing from Topeka, Kansas, March 24, says:

Since the Bender horror in Labeite county was discovered there has been nothing so much excited the people of this community as an atrocity that came to light last night in this city. A whole family—father, mother and son—by the name of Olds were arrested on suspicion of having murdered a neighbor named Daniel Ferris. He kept a grocery and provision store on Sixth avenue, near the east side of the city, and was carrying on a thriving trade. He slept in his store and scarcely ever left, doing his own cooking and having few intimate acquaintances in the city. He was a very prudent dealer and was generally believed to have a good deal of money. Fred Olds, the son, who is about seventeen years of age, has not done any work this winter, and was known to be without money. His being flush for several days past excited the suspicions of the neighbors and Mr. Cotrell informed J. M. Hightshoe, a relative of the deceased, that Ferris had not been seen around his place of business for the past two days, and that he had better look into the matter. Mr. Hightshoe, on receiving this word, called on officer Streeter and with Sheriff Wade, Marshal Hanna and Deputy Sheriff Davis, went to the store of Mr. Ferris, which they found in possession of Frank Olds and his son Fred. These men, who are well known in this city and who have been seen carrying goods away from the place at various times during the past two days, as stated by persons living in the vicinity, on being questioned by the officers, said that Ferris had gone East on the night train for the purpose of getting married and would be back in two or three days. This was denied by Mr. Hightshoe as an impossible thing to happen; for he felt sure if such had been the intention of Ferris it would have been communicated to him. On further questioning the Oldses they made contradictory statements, saying that Ferris had gone South to remain some time, and in short, so conducted themselves that they were arrested and locked up in the county jail. The officers then proceeded to search the premises and after a short time it was shown that their fears were well grounded; for it took but a short time to look through the place and to find blood on the stairway leading to the cellar. The examination was continued by digging in two or three places in the earth, and under a pile of potatoes which were there and covered about a foot deep the dead body was found, but it was not disturbed, just enough of one arm being uncovered to show the officers they were right.

Coroner Sheldon was at once called to the scene, and summoning a jury proceeded to the fearful task of unearthing the remains. After removing the potatoes and digging down about a foot the corpse was lifted from the place where the villains who committed the bloody deed had hidden it and brought up into the storeroom. An examination showed that Mr. Ferris had been shot through the head and had his throat cut almost from ear to ear, and was buried in this shallow hole with all his clothes on. The ball had entered the left side of the face just below the temple and gone clean through the head, coming out a little lower on the left side than where it entered on the right. An examination of the store showed a hole in the plastering with blood scattered around, where it is probable that the bullet struck.

Several witnesses were examined, after which the suspected murderer, Fred Olds, was next placed upon the witness stand, and his testimony occupied the time from three o'clock till dark. Your correspondent never saw so much nerve exhibited by a hardened criminal as is possessed by this slight strapping of seventeen. He was led to the side of the corpse and asked if he could identify the murdered man. He answered, "Yes, I can; that is David Ferris." The Doctor took hold of the head while he stood close to the body, and suddenly pulled it to one side, exposing the horrible gaping wound in the neck to his view, but he never quailed nor moved a muscle. He has red hair and cold gray eyes, and his face is somewhat freckled. He said that he had visited the theater on Friday night, and afterwards visited several saloons in company with several young companions; told how many drinks and cigars he had taken, how much money he had spent for them and how much he afterwards lost at cards with an indifference that would have done credit to the hero of a hundred murders.

County Attorney Ryan trapped him into making several inconsistent statements; but he would try to explain without even for a moment losing his presence of mind. He identified the gun and boots as belonging to him, and explained that he had taken the gun to the store and left it there several days before for the purpose of trading with a young man who had sometimes visited the store. He denied any place where he could have got fresh blood on his boots. His shirt sleeve had a large spot of blood on it which he had evidently tried to wash out. He claimed that it was stained with tobacco juice. The store was closed all day Friday, yet he claimed that he had been in the store and contracted with Ferris that day at twelve o'clock, and had received twenty-five dollars from him to replenish the supplies of the store, and he had met him again that night about eight o'clock, near the store, in company with a strange man. He said that Ferris told him that he was going East on the night train, and wanted him to take charge of the store in the morning. His story was very thin, and he kept contradicting himself and making matters worse every time he tried to better it. About six o'clock Judge Haulback came into court, and appeared as counsel for the witness, and told him to refuse answering any more questions. His testimony was then read to him, and he corrected it in a number of particulars, but under the advice of his counsel, refused to sign his name to it.

The Court then adjourned till nine o'clock to-morrow morning, when the inquest will be renewed, with Frank Olds, the master of this atrocious monster, on the stand. The old man runs an express wagon, and has always been considered an honest, industrious citizen. Public sentiment is undecided as to his guilt or innocence, but it hardly seems possible that he has no guilty knowledge of the deed.

The following atrocious paragraph appears in an exchange: "Dorothy Williams, of Wyoming, started to walk three miles to church the other Sunday, and they found her torn into about fifty pieces, the result of meeting a bear whose moral character was at a low state."

A patent iron-coffin dealer advertises that those who have used his invention once will use no other.

Los Nietos Correspondence.

NIETOS, March 12, 1874.

EDITOR HERALD:—Once more the monotony of our quiet village is broken by the shrill whistle of the "iron horse" and the long train of cars bringing lumber to this depot. We notice wagons continually unloading. They came to the "sticking point" and always "stuck" in the mud. Then all ye of a moral feeling stick your fingers in your ears, though they never curse the railroad company for putting the depot in a mudhole. No, no. Some unload, pull out and reload, and coming to the next hole stick again. More cursing, etc., some like men bring it in on their shoulders. We shipped as follows since the cars have been running: Tuesday, 153 sacks barley and 25 sacks corn; Wednesday, 163 sacks corn and 5 sacks carter beans. On hand 385 sacks corn, 13 sacks popcorn and 1 bale merchandise for San Francisco.

Received 43 cars lumber, and two cases merrill adies. We note with pleasure the opening of the "Los Nietos Collegiate Institute." It has about fifty pupils and we see no reason why it should not be a success. Nothing speaks higher for a community than school facilities. While we earnestly support schools everywhere it is but a duty we owe this valley to say that this one offers peculiar advantages on account of locality—in one of the finest, most fertile and most healthful valleys in Southern California. But for want of space we make no further comments but hope and certainly expect to see "The Los Nietos Collegiate Institute" properly advertised in the HERALD—the paper that will carry it into the house of all reading people in every corner of the country.

We see a movie on foot to rid us of the water that is overflowing the ditches and ruining thousands of acres of good land. Much credit is due to the men who are laboring so hard to rid us of this nuisance in winter. Just a year ago there was a subscription for the purpose of raising money to make a waste ditch for water in winter, and we remember the gentleman carrying the paper pledged his honor to keep the water off of it. If we put the amount he asked, and it was promptly paid him. We say, is it right that people's money should be taken away from them for no consideration? That man is the one who now refuses to make any terms with the people. We understand that the people will apply for a writ of injunction to-day. Go ahead, we are in for the fight. Our place is under water too. If you can find "Nix" (and he'll be found) he will likely contribute a little to defray expenses. We may say more on this subject in our next.

The railroad agent here says that regular trains will run here next month; but who believes it? Yours truly, NIX.

NEW TO-DAY.

MERCED THEATER.

Saturday Evening, March 28th, FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY.

STEPHEN MASSETT, (JEEMS PIPES)

Author of "Sunset," "Learning to Walk," "My Bud in Heaven," etc., in his

VARIED ENTERTAINMENT Consisting of SONGS, BALLADS, RECITATIONS, READING AND COMIC ILLUSTRATIONS AND IMITATIONS.

Full Particulars in Programmes.

TICKETS.—ONE DOLLAR EACH

For sale at Broderick's Book Store; also, at the principal stores in the city and at the door. Reserved seats can be had at the Theater without extra charge. Doors open at half-past 7, trouble begins at 8 o'clock. m25-5d

GOODALL, NELSON & PERKINS' STEAMSHIP LINES.

For San Francisco and Way Ports, THE STEAMSHIP

CONSTANTINE HARLOE.....MASTER

Will sail as above on

Wednesday.....March 25th

Passengers leave the Depot of the L. A. & S. P. R. R. at 3 o'clock P. M.

Fare to San Francisco.....\$7.00

Freight, per ton.....2.00

J. L. WARD & CO., Agents.

43 Main street. m25-1f

DR. HOBBS, SURGEON, PHYSICIAN AND LECTURER ON PHYSIOLOGY, from the Island Continent direct, will arrive in this city about the month of April and will treat all diseases on a new and natural system, without the aid of any anti-vital agents whatever. Dr. H. is well recommended by the faculty, having taken two degrees, and has been engaged in the profession for many years. He has two objects in locating—first, to enjoy for himself and family a salubrious climate, and second, to bless suffering humanity. Los Angeles, March 24, 1874. m25-1f

LOST—A BLACK ENAMELED GOLD BANGLE, on the 24th instant, on the road to the San Antonio section by way of the race track. Any person finding it will be suitably rewarded by leaving it at the Pico House. m25-3c

Prof. O. S. Fowler, Of New York and Boston, will lecture in

TURN VEREIN HALL, LOS ANGELES, AT 7:30 ON

Wednesday Even'g, April 1, ON

PHRENOLOGY As applied to LIFE, HEALTH, and SELF-CULTURE. FREE.

Thursday Even'g April 2d, LOVE, COURTSHIP, and a HAPPY MARRIAGE.

Saturday and Monday, at 2, To ladies, FEMALE HEALTH, and BEAUTY illustrated by French Female Models.

Saturday and Monday Ev'ng, At 7:30, to gentlemen, MANTHOOD, WOMANHOOD, and SEXUAL SCIENCE.

Admission.....50 Course Tickets.....\$1.00 (At the door.)

Consultations as to your own and children's phrenology, best business, health, improvement, etc., from 8 A. M. daily, at his suit of rooms at the

PICO HOUSE, From April 1st, only till Wednesday, April 8th. m25-dw1f

The Hill Improvements.

Water is the all important question in Southern California. Let there be water and everything in the vegetable line springs up and grows with a growth unparalleled in other lands. Orange trees spring up with marvelous rapidity, and the spot becomes a little paradise under the manipulation of industry, wherever water can be had.

The hill lands have been delayed in their sale simply because the arrangements for water were insufficient. The time given for their sale has consequently been extended for two months. A large reservoir capable of containing untold hundreds of thousands of gallons of water is now being constructed. An engine and pump is now on its way hither, which will raise 30,000 gallons of water per hour into the reservoir, more than is now consumed by the entire city of Los Angeles.

All lots must be sold previous to April 12th, for upon that date those that are left will be disposed of at public auction, by the popular auctioneer, Noyes. They will be sold on the Temple Block on Spring street; the first installment payable on the day of sale.

Fifteen thousand feet of pipe are now being laid in the streets, 8,000 feet of which are already in the ground, and a million-gallon reservoir is now being made to supply the lots with water.

The City Surveyor has been ordered to define the grades and lines of Olive, Charity and Bunker Hill avenues, from Hill to Hope; Second street and Temple street from Hill to Hope. This will bring these lands within easy reach of the business part of the city. The distance to the Court-house is less than it is to the Turner's Hall.

Mr. Beaudry being the owner by perfect and indisputable title, offers the following scheme believing that it supplies a felt want.

His various tracts have been surveyed, and plotted in lots of convenient size for residences, upwards of two hundred in number, and the maps, together with abstracts of title, are kept for public inspection at his office, opposite the Pico House.

Any person desiring to purchase can inspect the land, select his lot or lots, and acquire the same, if not previously taken up by another, upon the following terms, purchasers not being restricted to a single lot.

The purchaser or his successor to pay the fixed price of the land selected by him in equal monthly installments, as follows: On lots valued at \$400 and upwards, but not to exceed \$500, \$15 per month on those valued at \$300 and less than \$400, \$10 per month. Payments in gold or currency and no interest demanded. For cash in hand, a reduction of fifteen per cent will be made.

The purchaser to have immediate possession upon payment of the first installment and on execution and delivery of contract.

The right of the purchaser may be assignable to him, and his assigns to succeed to all his privileges and liabilities; standing in all respects towards the vendor as an original obligor.

Purchasers shall not be restricted to the payment of the installments as above shown, but may make payments in advance, and on such payments he will allow one per cent per month, from the date of payment until said payment would become due.

Upon selection of a lot or lots by a purchaser and payment of the first installment with \$5 U. S. gold coin, as expenses on the document, Mr. Beaudry, with the purchaser, will execute and acknowledge a sealed agreement embodying the above conditions; and, upon full payment, according to terms, the undersigned will execute and deliver to the purchaser, or his lawful representatives, on demand, a good and sufficient and absolute deed of conveyance of the abstracted lands, in form of warranty against grantor, the grantee paying the cost of such deed.

The location is very desirable. All that has heretofore been lacking is water, and that is now filled. Any more else, in as desirable location, lots readily command from \$500 to \$1,000, and even higher rates. This property is put at the astonishing low price of from \$300 to \$400. But this is not all. This may be paid in currency and a reduction of fifteen per cent will be made for cash in hand.

STRUGGLE FOR LIFE!

EXISTENCE AND LIFE BEING SO closely related to each other, it is important to struggle for an existence

WHILE WE LIVE.

The question: How will you exist when you sell your goods at these

LOW FIGURES.

I pass in silence, determined, however, to bring a still

Greater Sacrifice.

Have returned from the market with the most complete stock of

DRY GOODS,

Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps.

I wish that my friends and the public in general would take notice of the following prices:

1,000 pieces Calicos, best brands \$ 10
250 " 7-8 bleached Muslin 10
250 " 4-4 " 12 1/2

Also, all brands you may inquire for.
50 pieces Gingham..... 16 1/2
150 " assorted Dress Goods 20
50 " Pique..... 20
100 " Grenadine..... 12 1/2
25 " 4-4 Linen Lawn..... 25

200 Shawls of the newest patterns, at..... 2 50
50 doz white Hose, 3 doz..... 1 50
50 " Damask Towels, 3 doz 1 50

1,000 prs foxed Balmoral Shoes, 3 pair..... 1 50

And a thousand and one articles which will be sold accordingly. These

are accounted for by the fact that I have purchased a greater part of my goods for cash; and as I am bound to raise the cash, I shall sell the goods at the above stated prices for

THIRTY DAYS. Without Reserve.

Whoever is in for saving money will certainly do well to call around and inspect the goods before purchasing elsewhere.

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These lots will be sold on the popular

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Most Elegant Part of the City,

for a nominal sum per month.

Also, a large number of

BUILDING AND BUSINESS LOTS

in all parts of the city.

Ranches for Sale.

OFFICE—OPPOSITE THE PICO HOUSE, LOS ANGELES, CAL.

FIVE building lots near the bridge crossing the Los Angeles river.

ONE lot 50 feet front by 100 feet deep on the West side of New High street, directly in rear of Lazard & Co's store.

ONE lot fronting on Buena Vista street in rear of the above.

TWO lots, Nos. 1 and 2, fronting on Eternity street, adjoining Beaudry Terrace on the north.

SEVEN lots, Nos. 8, 9, 10, 22, 19, 20 and 21, Bk'g 104, Bellevue Terrace Tract, near the Woolen Mill.

SEVEN lots, Nos. 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 19 and 20, fronting on Hope street and Bunker Hill avenue, between 3d and 4th streets.

FIVE lots, Nos. 13, 14, 15, 17 and 18, do. do. between 2d and 3d streets.

TWO lots, Nos. 11 and 12, do. do. between 1st and 2d streets.

EIGHT lots, Nos. 12, 13, 15 and 16, do. do. between Temple and Court streets.

SIX lots, Nos. 11, 12, 13, 15, 16 and 17, do. do. between Temple and Court streets.

FOUR lots, Nos. 3, 4, 5 and 6, fronting on Charity street and Bunker Hill avenue between 2d and 3d streets.

FIVE lots, Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6, do. do. between 1st and 2d streets.

SIX lots, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7, do. do. do.

FOUR lots, Nos. 3, 5, 6 and 7, do. do. do.

TWO lots, Nos. 12 and 13, fronting on east side of Charity street, between Court and First streets.

FOUR lots, Nos. 4, 5, 7 and 8, fronting on west side of Olive street between Court and 1st streets.

TWO lots, Nos. 7 and 8, fronting on west side of Olive street, corner of Olive and Temple streets.

THREE lots, Nos. 10, 14 and 15, fronting on east side of Olive street, between Court and 1st streets.

ONE lot on the corner of First and Hill streets.

THREE lots, Nos. 16, 17 and 18, Beaudry tract, fronting on Olive street, between 1st and 2d streets.

NINE lots, Nos. 10 to 18 inclusive, do. do. between 2d and 3d streets.

BLOCK 1, do. d. containing 10 lots bounded by 2d, 3d, Olive and Charity streets.

BLOCK 4, do. do. 20 lots, bounded by 3d, 4th, Olive and Charity streets, all 60 x 165 feet.

Water-Pipes have been laid on Third, Olive, Charity, Bunker Hill Avenue and Hope streets.

In the Louisiana Homestead tract, bounded by 7th, 9th, Griffin and Bellevue streets, the following lots will be sold for \$100, except the corners which are \$125. These lots lie above Judge King's homestead, receiving the ocean breeze:

Lots 1 to 10 inclusive, Block E.

Lots 1 to 10 do do C.

Lots 1 to 10 do do D.

Lots 1 to 10 do do A.

Each lot having a frontage of 100 feet by a depth of 165 feet. Upwards of 5000 of 4 and 5 inch pipes have been laid for the purpose of supplying these lots with water.

ALSO, several tracts containing from five to ten acres, within the city limits.

1047 acres of land in lots to suit purchasers, in the San Pedro Ranch, one mile west of the Railroad, with several artesian wells, flowing since the year 1868.

1802 acres of land in the Verdugo Ranch, 4 1/2 miles from the city, with several springs of water, and a considerable quantity of timber.

The Verdugo and San Pedro Ranches will be sold in quantities to suit purchasers.

These liberal terms left open until April 12th, 1874.

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63 MAIN STREET.

IMPORTERS AND DEALERS IN

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Musical Instruments, Baby wagons,

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WITH A VERY LARGE AND FASHIONABLE STOCK OF

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