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AMUSEMENTS.

BUSH-STREET THEATRE—Photos. BALDWIN THEATRE—Forget Me Not. STANDARD THEATRE—Emerson's Minstrels.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

The perfecting machinery for folding and pasting our new eight-page edition was expected to arrive from the East several days ago, but unforeseen delays at the manufactory have made it impossible for us to fulfill our promise to our patrons as soon as we desired.

RAIN OR SHINE?

It is not well, under any of the ordinary circumstances of life, "to borrow trouble." It comes too often to all alike without summons, and, literally, "like a thief in the night."

These halcyon days which have greeted us week after week thus far, since the beginning of the so-called rainy months; this continuous period of sunshine, until now far into the middle of the "rainy season," hardly broken by a rainfall worthy of the name, brings us face to face with the question of what is in store for us for the year—whether it is to be one of drought, or otherwise.

Speculation upon this question can, of course, accomplish nothing in the adjustment and disposition of the elements, calculated to minister and relieve our necessities. An analysis of the facts furnished by the history of the annual rainfall in the State since 1849, may, however, furnish a reasonable basis for conclusion as to what is in store for us during the current season of "seed-time and harvest," and prepare us for the possibilities, if not the probabilities, that we are to encounter.

The record of the annual rainfall at Sacramento since 1849 shows with painful exactitude that every sixth or seventh year thus far in California has been one of drought. An analysis of these six or seven-year periods shows likewise that the average rainfall in each period has been from 18 to 19 inches per annum. We purpose to carry this analysis a little further, in the full faith that it will prove interesting if not instructive reading.

Since 1849, and up to the close of December, 1883, the years in which the aggregate rainfall for the months of September, October, November and December has been less than three inches, have been as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Year, Rainfall for Sept., Oct., Nov. and Dec., Total for Season. Rows include 1850, 1854, 1855, 1862, 1870, 1878, 1883.

Average rainfall per annum for each of these seasons, 12.32 inches.

The years in which the aggregate rainfall for the same months has been less than 4 inches were as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Year, Rainfall for Sept., Oct., Nov. and Dec., Total for Season. Rows include 1853, 1854, 1863, 1865, 1868, 1876, 1877.

Average rainfall per annum for each of these seasons, 14.78 inches.

The years in which the aggregate rainfall for these same months was less than 5 inches were as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Year, Rainfall for Sept., Oct., Nov. and Dec., Total for Season. Rows include 1859, 1869, 1879.

Average rainfall per annum for these seasons, 16.04 inches.

The years in which the aggregate rainfall for these months was less than 6 inches were as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Year, Rainfall for Sept., Oct., Nov. and Dec., Total for Season. Rows include 1858, 1860, 1872, 1882.

Average per annum for these seasons, 16.183 inches.

We have seen that the average rainfall per annum for the six and seven-year periods between and including the years of drought has been 18 and 19 inches. From the foregoing analysis it appears that in order to reach this average—if the record of preceding years is of any value as precedent—it is necessary

that there should be a rainfall in the months of September, October, November and December of more than 8 inches. Further than this, in no season where the rainfall in these months has been less than 3 inches has the average for the season exceeded 12.32 inches. What, then, is the inference for 1883-4, when the rainfall has only reached 2.920 in September, October, November and December? True, in 1853-4, when the rainfall in these months was but 2.810 inches, the aggregate for the season was 18.620 inches. This, however, was the only exception to the rule. And, while the present season may also prove an exception, and abundant rains may still come to bless us, yet the other unpleasant fact remains that this is the seventh season since the last one of drought, and if it should prove fairly up to the average it would be the first break in the regular periodicity of drought since 1849.

We would not be regarded as assuming to be weather-wise; much less would we desire to be considered as croakers. In common with all others, we hope for a generous rainfall, abundant harvests, well-fed flocks and herds, and a year of prosperity. The record of preceding years furnishes, however, their grim array of figures—which we have given—that in a measure seems to threaten to blast these hopes, or at least furnishes food for thought and study for all of us, and possibly may go far to settle the question mooted by some scientists, in regard to the claimed remarkable periodicity of our "glorious climate."

A GREAT FREEZE.

The first ten days of the new year were marked in the Eastern States by weather of such intense coldness as is not often experienced, and at many places between the Atlantic seaboard and the Rocky Mountains the thermometer was lower than ever before known. Even the usually sunny South had its share of the cold wave, and in Atlanta, Chattanooga, Helena and other Southern cities the suffering was possibly greater than in the North, because, it being more unexpected, people were not so well prepared to withstand it. To the dwellers in this region of equable climate, the vivid descriptions of the great freeze given by the Eastern journals are strange but interesting reading. Our situation is like that of a person who, from the interior of a comfortably-heated room, with his face pressed against the pane, looks out upon the sufferers who are buffeting with the snow and wind in the streets. At Chicago the thermometer was 29° below zero; at Jamestown, Dakota, 48°; at Omaha, 34°; Kansas City, 24°; at Chattanooga, 2°; and in the cities on the Atlantic Coast, also, the cold was terrible, though not equal to that in the West. A great snow-storm piled the ground with snow of a depth from a few inches to several feet, and this made the situation worse. Railroad trains were stopped, and men could not be hired to remove the obstructions. The sufferings of live stock in transit were extreme, and on the Missouri Pacific Railroad a hundred head of mules were frozen to death. In Chicago large plate-glass windows were cracked by the weight of snow. Wherever fires broke out the damage done was great, since it was almost impossible to work the extinguishing apparatus. At Helena, Ark., the steam pipes of the river boats froze up, thereby compelling a cessation of traffic. Chesapeake Bay was frozen over and resembled a polar sea. Oyster vessels and coasters were caught in the floating packs of ice, and their crews, unable to get ashore, were in danger of starving. There was a temporary oyster famine in Baltimore, causing the canning establishments to shut down. In Louisville the milkmen made their rounds in sleighs and delivered milk from cans wrapped in buffalo robes. Not only were the dwellers in cities in great danger from fires, but there was a marked increase of robberies and burglaries, since patrolmen and policemen sought shelter wherever they could find it, and the hardy criminal came out to take advantage of the opportunity. Human beings and the domestic animals were not the only sufferers. In the country wild game perished of cold and hunger. Rabbits became tame and showed indifference to the approach of man. Birds which nest in trees, driven by the extremity of suffering, appealed to their human enemies for sustenance, by flying to the windows and doorsteps of houses, while the quail lighted in farm-yards in great covies. In many cases kind-hearted people, touched by this confession of suffering, fed the feathered suppliants and permitted them to depart unharmed. One of the most pitiful tales comes from Milwaukee, where a young German girl walked out on the lake pier and lay down with the deliberate purpose of freezing herself to death. But she was unsuccessful in her novel method of suicide, as she was picked up while still alive, though unconscious, and taken to a police station. The above are a few of the incidents gleaned from our exchanges, showing with what severity the Frost King has been scourging his subjects east of the mountains. This would be a favorable time to get up California excursions from Eastern cities.

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THE McCOID BILL.

Representative McCoide of Iowa has introduced a bill to provide a novel method of succession to the Presidency, in the event of the death, disability or removal of the President and Vice-President. But, although this bill has received the endorsement of a considerable portion of the Eastern press, it seems to present Constitutional difficulties which are insurmountable. In brief, it provides that upon the occurrence of a vacancy as above described, the Electoral College shall be summoned to meet and elect a new President. At present the Electoral College passes out of existence as soon as the members meet, in their respective States, and cast ballots for President and Vice-President, but the McCoide plan would continue the members of the College in office four years. It is assumed that Congress is vested with the power to prolong the existence of the Electoral College and also authorize it to meet more than once, but this assumption is open to grave doubt respecting its correctness. It seems to have been the intention of the framers of the Constitution, to create the College for the performance of one specific act, and, though it is not expressly stated that its existence terminates with the performance of that act, such is the implication. In the language of the Constitution, "Congress may by law provide for the case of removal, death, resignation or inability both of the President and Vice-President, declaring what officer shall then act as President, and such officer shall then act accordingly, until the disability be removed, or a President shall be elected." It is made the duty of Congress to say who shall be President in case of the death or inability of both the President and Vice-President, and the person so designated holds until a President is elected. It does not seem to have been contemplated that a President should be elected oftener than once in four years; had the idea of filling a Presidential vacancy by a second meeting of the Electoral College been adopted by the authors of the Constitution they would certainly have said so in plain terms, because so important a matter should not have been left in doubt. In another place the Constitution says the President "shall hold his office during the term of four years." Therefore, if the Electoral College should hold a second meeting and choose a President, he would not fill an unexpired term, but hold the regular four years. Even if the McCoide bill were not in direct antagonism to the Constitution, there are other reasons why it would be an unwise experiment. If Congress can prolong the existence of the Electoral College four years, or any time beyond the duration of a single session, it can prolong it indefinitely. It can make its existence eight, ten, twenty or thirty years, and strip the people entirely of the right of electing a President. The probability that partisan intrigue would lead to this result is great enough to make it unsafe to take a single step which would lead in that direction. It is the duty of Congress to provide for the Presidential succession by devolving it on the presiding officers of the Senate and House, or the Cabinet officers, in regular order. If there are objections to this, the succession might be made to descend to the oldest acting State Governor, or to one of the Governors chosen by lot.

Now that the log-jam in the Lick estate business has been broken, the practical work of the great charity does not progress as merrily as it ought. Summer is approaching, and though it is yet at some distance, there is reason to fear it will come and go before the free baths are ready for the purification of the masses.

A PHILADELPHIA "living skeleton," who inhabits a dime museum, has married a "beautiful and accomplished young lady, who unaccountably fell in love with him." Her wealthy friends are said to be indignant, but without apparent reason. If the young lady chooses to admire the Sarah Bernhard style of beauty, who shall say her nay?

A POWERFUL ally of the United States in the commercial troubles with Germany and France, has been secured in the person of Professor Virchow, who is equally eminent in science and statesmanship—a unique distinction.

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Harbor Matters.

The Harbor Commissioners met yesterday afternoon, and after reading bills to the extent of \$300, received a report from Drisger No. 2, which has just finished digging 20,000 cubic yards of mud out of the Hunter's Point Dry Dock, the charge for which is eighteen cents per yard. The Board received official notification of the fact that judgment had been rendered in their favor in the suit brought against them by Wilkins, to recover damages caused by his horse falling through a broken wharf. In 1875, the street railroads centering at the ferries agreed with the Commission to keep the roadway over which their tracks ran in repair as far as they lay on State property. Some of the thoroughfares being in need of repair now, the Board instructed the Secretary to notify the companies of their compact, and have the work performed. It was also resolved to make an attempt to have the city lay stone crosswalks over the rough cobble at the foot of Market and Commercial streets. The Commissioners have paved their portion of the East-street crossing, but have no power to complete the work to the west sidewalks.

The Board adjourned until to-day, when it will, in conjunction with Governor Stoneham and Mayor Bartlett, to decide upon the direction of the next extension of the sea-wall.

Outcome of a Church Row. John Thomas Jennings has commenced an action against Rev. W. J. Smith, pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church, to recover \$10,000 damages for injuries caused by a malicious arrest. The plaintiff was employed in September last as sexton and janitor of the above church. On the 30th of that month he was arrested at night and taken to the City Prison by Officers Rogers and Harper, at the instigation of the defendant, who charged him with the crime of larceny. He was kept in custody some six hours, and upon examination the charge was dismissed.

The Skerrett Estate. Anna J. Skerrett has filed an application for the probate of a document claimed to be the will of her brother, Nicholas Skerrett. This document is an unrecorded deed to petitioner Stoneham at Ellis street, near Gough, and she claims that it was intended as a will, and is executed in the presence of E. H. Tharp and T. H. Dixon.

What Tong Ah Heong Died Of. An autopsy made yesterday afternoon on the body of Tong Ah Heong, whose corpse was allowed through Kearny street by a professional Chinese female mourner last Monday, showed that death resulted in a natural way from pulmonary hemorrhage.

A Drunken Burglar. John Hamilton, while half drunk yesterday afternoon, entered the house of John White man, at 17 Guerrero street. He had gathered up a coat when he was discovered and arrested by Officer William Price for burglary.

A Pilfering Waiter. James Walter Lee, one of the waiters on the steamer Queen of the Pacific, was arrested last evening by Detectives Hanley and Hutton for stealing \$23 from the till of the vessel's purser.

STEELE'S Palace Drug Store, 535 Market street. WANTED—BY A GERMAN, A POSITION AS GARDENER. Best of references. J. G. GARDNER, 115 Kearny street. j16 3P

DIVIDEND NOTICE. OFFICE OF THE CALIFORNIA INSURANCE CO., January 15, 1884.—Quarterly dividend No. 64 has been declared, payable after January 16th, 1884. L. L. BROMWELL, Secretary. [Bulletin copy, 3c]

ART OF DRESS-CUTTING TAUGHT BY TAYLOR'S SYSTEM; CLASS ON Tuesday and Thursday. M. JAMES, 115 Kearny street. j16 1P

CERTIFICATE OF COPARTNERSHIP—TO ALL whom it may concern: This is to certify that PHILIP KOENIGSBERGER, SOLOMON FALK, NATHAN MAYER and ADOLPH STEINBERGER have this day formed a copartnership under the name, style and firm of KOENIGSBERGER, FALK & MAYER; and that their principal place of business is in the City and County of San Francisco, State of California, and that the names in full of the partners, and their respective places of residence are hereto subscribed. San Francisco, California, January 15th, A. D. 1884.

PHILIP KOENIGSBERGER, San Francisco, Cal. SOLOMON FALK, San Francisco, Cal. NATHAN MAYER, San Francisco, Cal. ADOLPH STEINBERGER, San Francisco, Cal.

State of California, City and County of San Francisco, ss.—On the 15th day of January, A. D. 1884, before me, James L. King, a Notary Public in and for said City and County, residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn to, appeared Philip Koeningberger, Solomon Falk, Nathan Mayer and Adolph Steinberger, known to me to be the individuals designated in the foregoing certificate, and who executed the annexed instrument, and they severally acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of my office, this 15th day of January, A. D. 1884. William T. Sesson, County Clerk. By Edward Myers, Deputy Clerk. j16 1P

Partnership Notice.—THE PARTNERSHIP heretofore existing under the firm name of GILMAN & RAOULLAT, is dissolved by the death of Mr. LUDOVIC RAOULLAT. B. F. Gilman, the surviving partner, has notified all his branches, and claims all moneys due to it, and pay all just claims against it, and will continue the business of manufacturing Patent Ties Covers at the same place on Ninth street, near Harrison. San Francisco, January 15, 1884. B. F. GILMAN.

CERTIFICATE OF COPARTNERSHIP.—STATE OF California, City and County of San Francisco.—I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I constitute the firm of W. M. ROUSE & CO., doing business in the City and County of San Francisco, State of California; that I am the sole member of said firm; that my name is WILLIAM H. ROUSE, and I reside in the City of Brooklyn, Kings County, State of New York, January 15, 1884. (Signed) W. M. ROUSE, Oakland, California.

Duly acknowledged before Louis Meininger, Notary Public for said City and County, January 15, 1884. Endorsed: Filed in the office of the County Clerk of said City and County, January 15, 1884. William T. Sesson, County Clerk. By Jno. W. Bourdett, Deputy Clerk. j16 2W

CERTIFICATE OF COPARTNERSHIP.—WE CERTIFY that we constitute a partnership transacting business in this State.—Its principal place of business is San Francisco, California.—Its name is JULES LEVY & BIOS. The full names and respective places of residence of all its members are signed hereto. San Francisco, January 15, 1884. JULES LEVY, [s. s.] San Francisco, Cal. MAX LEVY, [s. s.] San Francisco, Cal. LEON LEVY, [s. s.] New York City, N. Y.

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[Department No. 9.—Probate.] IN THE SUPERIOR COURT, IN AND FOR THE City and County of San Francisco, State of California.—In the matter of the Estate of NICHOLAS MONDAY, deceased.—Notice is hereby given that on the 15th day of January, 1884, at 10 o'clock A. M. of said day, and the Court-room of said Court, at the New City Hall, in the City and County of San Francisco, State of California, have been appointed as the time and place for proving the will of said NICHOLAS SKEBRET, deceased, and for hearing the application of ANNA J. SKEBRET for the probate of a certain instrument filed November 14, 1883. Dated January 15th, A. D. 1884. WILLIAM T. SESSON, Clerk. By E. J. CASEY, Deputy Clerk. A. H. LOGANBOROUGH, Att'y for Petitioner. j16 1P

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COPARTNERSHIP DISSOLUTION.—THE COPARTNERSHIP heretofore existing between the undersigned, under the name and style of REDINGTON & CO., in the City and County of San Francisco, State of California, and COFFIN, REDINGTON & CO., in the City of New York, State of New York, has this day expired by limitation. San Francisco, December 31, 1883.

JOHN H. REDINGTON, CHRISTIAN W. SMITH, WILLIAM P. REDINGTON, ISAAC S. COFFIN, ANDREW G. COFFIN.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL PARTNERSHIP.—THIS IS to certify that we, whose names are hereto subscribed, have entered into and formed a Special Partnership, under and by virtue of the laws of the State of New York and the provisions of the Civil Code of the State of California relative thereto. First.—The name and style under which said partnership is to be conducted is REDINGTON & CO., in the City and County of San Francisco, State of California, and COFFIN, REDINGTON & CO., in the City and County of New York.

Second.—The general nature of the business intended to be transacted by said firm is the Importing and Wholesale Drug Business in all its branches, and the principal place of business of said copartnership is in the City and County of San Francisco, in the State of California.

Third.—The names of all the partners composing said firm and their residences are as follows: JOHN H. REDINGTON, CHRISTIAN W. SMITH, and WILLIAM P. REDINGTON, all residing in the City and County of San Francisco, State of California, and SAMUEL HEITSHU, residing in the City of Oakland, County of Alameda, State of California, and ISAAC S. COFFIN, residing in the City of Brooklyn, Kings County, State of New York, who are the general partners, and ANDREW G. COFFIN, residing in the City of Brooklyn, Kings County, State of New York, who is the Special Partner in said firm.

Fourth.—That the said Special Partner, Andrew G. Coffin, has contributed the sum of One Hundred and Forty-two Thousand Dollars (\$142,000) in gold coin of the United States, as capital to the Common Stock of said copartnership.

Fifth.—That the said partnership is to commence on the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four, and to terminate on the thirty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five. Dated December 31, A. D. 1883. JOHN H. REDINGTON, [Seal.] CHRISTIAN W. SMITH, [Seal.] SAMUEL HEITSHU, [Seal.] WILLIAM P. REDINGTON, [Seal.] ISAAC S. COFFIN, [Seal.] ANDREW G. COFFIN, [Seal.] Special Partner, [Seal.]

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Recorded at the request of A. N. Drown, January 15, 1884, at 23 minutes past 1 P. M. WM. J. BRYAN, County Recorder. j16 2W 30 & 26

SAN FRANCISCO GASLIGHT COMPANY. STOCKHOLDERS WHO ARE DISSATISFIED WITH the present management of SAN FRANCISCO GAS LIGHT CO., are requested to leave their proxies with CHAS. G. HOOKER, Merchants' Exchange, 431 California Street. Blank proxies can be had at my office. d818 1P

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The Annual Election of Officers of this Association, to be held at the rooms of the Library, No. 316 Bush street, on MONDAY, January 21, 1884, at 10 o'clock P. M. Members personally present are entitled to vote. Polls open from 9 A. M. to 6 P. M., and from 7 to 8 P. M. GEO. T. MARVE, Jr., President. F. T. COOPER, Recording Secretary. j16 1P

Notice.—The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the California Boiler Works will be held at the office of the Company, No. 413 California street, on MONDAY, the FOURTH (4th) day of FEBRUARY, 1884, at the hour of 12 o'clock M. San Francisco, 10th January, 1884. JOHN F. LO