NEWS OF THE WEST.

San Francisco Ministers Unite in Denouncing Gambling.

FOUND DEAD IN GRAND RIVER.

Storm Scenes in San Francisco—A Valley Free From Tree Pests—China's Sugar Product.

The San Jacinto Valley, Cal., is said to be free from all kinds of tree pests, except the little San Jose scale.

James Wyatt, of Deming, New Mexico, had a tooth pulled a few days ago to relieve toothache. Erysipelas set in, resulting in death.

The landlord of a City Treasurer Frank Jacobs, of Butte, Mont., have offered to pay $15,000 to be relieved of all responsibility for the shortage of about $50,000.

John Scanlon, a resort owner near New Castle, Colorado, was found dead in Grand river at Colorado Springs on Sunday. He had been accidentally drowned, and had been missing about two weeks.

Deputy Assessor Hamly, of Woodland, Cal., captured a wild goose in the streets of that town one day last week, the bird having become blinded by an electric light. The deputy assessor has clipped the wings of his prize, and declares it is the greatest lark in his navigation.

Last year the beet sugar factory at Chino, Cal., bought 88,259 tons of beets, from which there was made enough to 22,000,000 pounds of granulated sugar, the total cost being a fraction less than 2 cents per pound. The factory got 4 cents per pound for the sugar, making a clean profit of $220,000.

Several hundred people assembled in Odd Fellows hall, San Francisco, Sunday afternoon to hear various clergymen and citizens denounce municipal corruption in general and the prevalence in particular. Resolutions were adopted demanding the closing of pool rooms and gambling dens.

The Deming, New Mexico, Headlight announces that the Mexican government will at once put in a telegraph line from Nogales to Ciudad Juarez, going through to Santa Cruz, Sta Pedro, Morris cuenta house, Fronteras, Bategipa, Colonias, Moramos, Oaxaca and Pardito Dias, Ascendia and Las Palomas. This will greatly facilitate business relations along the border and between these important posts.

Mrs. Woods, an old woman who is well known to the police in Alameda, Oakland and all the San Francisco bay towns, is in the Alameda jail awaiting a trial for vagrancy. Mrs. Woods was arrested Saturday night. Her favorite scheme was to scare women into giving her money by telling them that she had just been released from the Napa asylum. A number of women gave her money to get rid of her when she had them this story. She victimized the Women's Exchange by a pathetic appeal for money to pay her rent, and also got several dollars from other people on the same plea.

Elder Willard Scowcroft spoke for the Latter-day Saints at Pythian Hall last night, says the San Francisco Chronicle of Sunday, Jan. 19. There was a good audience in spite of the bad weather. The Elder spoke at length to the effect that true Christianity was not taught today in most of the churches. He held that modern Christianity, as popularly understood, retained many of the forms and ceremonies of ancient paganism. He said that if true Christianity were taught there would be healing and speaking in many tongues, as was the case with the old saints. The speaker emphasized the fact that Christ taught that all men ought to live together as one family, making an equitable division of the world's goods.

WATER SNAKE FIGHTS EEL.

Terrific Combat Which Finally Ended in the Eel's Escape.

"Did you ever know that there is a deadly antipathy between a common water snake and an eel?" asked the Bohemian. "Well, I never knew it until an experience that I had in witnessing a fight between the two. Personally I have the greatest dread of eels. I'm more afraid of them than I am of a snake, and you can imagine my chagrin when I happened to hook one on one of my fishing expeditions. I was afraid to touch it, and all I could do was to let it dangle in the air. I could not get it off my hook, and I was meditating what to do when, altogether unnoticed, I allowed the slimy object to drop down into the water.

"In a minute I saw a big water snake make a dive for it. At the first large it caught the neck of the eel squarely between its teeth, and I could see it shut its ugly looking fangs into the eel's flesh. I waited anxiously to see the development. With its grim hold still on the eel's neck the snake, quick as it takes to tell it, wrapped its sinuous body around its antagonist's neck in an effort to squeeze it to death. The body of the eel was too slack, however, and the snake's coils, despite all it could do, would slip down into the water. Time and time again it tried to squeeze the life out of its antagonist, never for an instant relaxing its hold on the eel's neck, but the body of the latter was too slack for it and every time it would slip down. Finally the neck broke and the eel made good its escape."—Indianapolis Journal.

Oil and Water.

"I'm very unfortunate," said the young artist.

"You are deficient in one important quality," replied his candid friend.

"What is that?"

"Tact. When Mr. Greenem comes to you about a portrait, you never stop to think that he made his fortune out of a leaky creek in Kansas."

"Never."

"And you told him he ought to have his photo done in oil, and he didn't paint the color."

"That's so."

"And when Mr. Skimker, who has prospered as a dairyman, called at your studio, you talked long to Sylla to Charybdis and advised him to be done up in water colors. You're a good painter, my boy, but what you need is diplomacy."—Washington Star.

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