

THE EVENING NEWS.

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CALIFORNIA INDUSTRIES.

THE *Alta California* of the 12th inst., has an article on the industrial condition of that State, which contains some items which we think augur well for its future prosperity.

An effort is being made to introduce the culture of cotton into California, by Messrs. J. M. & J. L. Strong, two brothers, the former of whom has been experimenting on a small scale in Merced County, and thinks he can clear nearly eight thousand a year on two hundred acres of land. His estimates are as follows:

"Twelve hands, \$3,000; feed for teams, \$500; ginning and baling, \$500; and blacksmithing \$100; making a total of \$7,000. The yield is put down as 150 bales of fibre at \$90 a bale, and 75 tons of seed at \$15, making a total of \$14,625."

The brother of the above, Mr. J. L. Strong, late of Mississippi, tried and failed to procure Chinese labor for the culture of cotton in that State, and has recently settled in California, where it can be procured, for the purpose of launching into this business. He has made a tour of inspection and has been so favorably impressed that he has purchased one hundred acres of land, and ordered seed and machinery necessary to prosecute the business the coming season. This gentleman is also about to take steps to establish a Cotton Growers' Association, with a capital stock of \$500,000. There is an impression among the farmers that cotton can not be grown on a large scale in the State; but if the united labors of Messrs. Strong demonstrate to the contrary they will do a great thing for California and its people.

The sugar enterprise in Alameda county is progressing, in such a flattering manner that there is already talk of other mills being built during next summer. Sugar manufactured at the Alameda mills is now in the market, and compares favorably with the French and German manufactured article; and this promises to become one of the staple branches of industry in, and to yield enormous profit to, the State.

The culture of fish is receiving a good share of attention, and promises to be very lucrative. A company, called the California and Lake Tahoe Artificial Fish Culture Company, have a ranch, near Truckee, on which is six ponds, each under a hundred feet square, the whole of which at present contain one hundred and twenty-six thousand trout, all hatched artificially. Out of this number 2,000 are three years old, 14,000 two years old, and 110,000 younger. The oldest of the fishes weigh twenty ounces.

A correspondent of the *San Francisco Press*, furnishes the following interesting data, concerning the mode of feeding the fish, and the returns derived from the business by the company:

"The company feed the fish with mutton liver and curds. The fish will thrive on either out-ween or prefer the former. Two livers, costing 12 1/2 cents each, are fed daily, and thus the whole expense is only 25 cents for the whole lot of small fry. The larger ones are fed with minnows."

The liver is chopped up very fine and strained through a fine wire screen. Next year the company will experiment with a small lot, giving them curds only."

The fish hatched out are sold at the rate of \$40 per thousand, when from six weeks to two months old. When older, the price is higher, ranging from \$40 to \$100 per thousand, at which rate some sales have been made of fish eight months old. The largest ones sell readily here at 25 to 30 cents per pound, and when only a few are taken, at 50 cents per fish. Quite an amount of fish have been taken by the farmers of Humboldt, Nevada, who have small ponds on their ranches, and who, I am told, are doing splendidly in this respect. The company expect to raise from 100,000 to 200,000 next year. They propose to send specimens to the coming exhibition of the Mechanics' Institute of San Francisco."

Agricultural statistics are meagre, and are confined chiefly to the rent of the farming and garden lands, and the terms upon which they are let out on shares. The rent of grain lands is from one to five dollars per acre, very little reaching the latter figure. The average rent per acre of such land in Stanislaus and Tulare Counties is \$2.50. In some places, land capable of producing good crops of vegetables and berries rents for ten dollars per acre. The terms when the land is worked on shares are variable. In Los Angeles the owner receives one-third the product; in Santa Clara one-half; in San Luis Obispo one-tenth; in San Bernardino, Stanislaus and Butte, one-third; but if the owner furnishes seed, implements and stock he receives half. In Shasta and Tehama, the owner furnishes seed and receives half; in Siskiyou Plumas, Colusa, Sutter, Yuba, and Lassen, the owner furnishes stock, implements and seed and receives half the produce. In some districts the land is let for one-fourth of the crop, the tenant providing everything.

The statistics of mining, as gleaned from the report of the Idaho Quartz Mine, at Grass Valley, show that during the year ending the 1st instant the yield per ton, on the quartz mined, after expenses were paid, was \$7.17 and that the dividends of the year were \$37,200.

THE HOMICIDE AT SACRAMENTO.

THE telegrams from the West, last Thursday, contained the intelligence of the murder, while in his own parlor, of Mr. Charles E. Fisher of Sacramento, by a young man, named Charles Dell, who had been paying attentions to Miss Fisher, daughter of the murdered man.

Our Western exchanges, this morning, contain the particulars of the lamentable event. Mr. Fisher was business manager of the *Sacramento Reporter*; Dell was a medical student. The latter and Miss Fisher, were attached to each other, and Dell used to visit her occasionally at the house of her father. For some unassigned cause, Fisher did not approve Dell's suit, and on several occasions had given expression to his dissatisfaction, and had told him to keep from the house.

Last Wednesday evening Dell paid a visit to Miss Fisher at the house of her father, the latter being absent at the time. Shortly after, Mr. Fisher arrived, and an altercation immediately commenced between him and Dell, the latter being ordered to leave the house instantly. Mr. Fisher had a heavy walking cane in his hand, and as Dell did not immediately leave the room he struck him across the head with it three or four times, causing the blood to flow freely. Dell drew a pistol and threatened to fire if Fisher did not desist. Fisher said: "Don't you fire," and struck him again, when Dell fired three shots, one entering Fisher's right breast, inflicting a mortal wound, a second breaking the skin on his side, and the third going through a window. The two men then grappled and in their scuffle fell over the stove, when Dell arose and left the room. Fisher died in a few minutes, and, an alarm being given, the police were quickly on the track of Dell, whom they found at his residence, in a fainting condition from loss of blood through the injuries received from Fisher's cane. He was pronounced in a critical condition by a doctor called in to his assistance, and was not arrested, his injuries being too serious to admit of his removal.

The tragedy has caused gloom and sorrow among the friends of both parties, both being well known and moving in respectable circles.

A coroner's inquest was subsequently held on the body of Fisher, the jury returning a verdict that deceased "came to his death, in the city of Sacramento, on the night of the 14th of December, A. D. 1870, from a pistol ball, fired from a pistol in the hands of Charles Dell."

[SPECIAL TO THE DESERET NEWS.]

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AFTERNOON DISPATCHES.

The Prussians send false Dispatches with Gambetta's name attached!

The "Alabama" Claims Question to be resuscitated by Schenk!

BOMBARDMENT OF PARIS MAY BEGIN AT ANY MOMENT!

WASHINGTON.

Senator Drake enters upon his duties as Chief Justice of the Court of Claims to-morrow. His successor in the Senate, Mr. Jewett, is in the City. He will be qualified and take his seat to-day.

There is absolutely no foundation for the rumor that Charles Washburne will displace Collector Phelps, who is still here receiving instructions relative to prospective changes in the details of his office growing out of the new tariff law.

NEW YORK.

Alabama Claims.

A *Tribune's* Washington special says there are strong reasons for believing that an amicable settlement of the Alabama claims question will soon be effected.

It is believed that Schenk will, soon after his arrival in England, resume the negotiations now suspended; which will be carried on in a friendly spirit and, it is believed, will be met with a corresponding spirit on the part of England. The following is believed to be the points upon which the negotiations will be made. The United States, as a basis of settlement will require first, that England shall pay the owners for ships and property destroyed by the *Alabama*, with interest on the value of the same from the date of the destruction to the date of payment; that England shall reimburse the U. S. Government for all expenses incurred by the U. S. in consequence of the *Alabama* and other cruisers; that England shall not make a public recognition of the true principles of neutrality, as the basis of their settlement. There is good authority for stating that Schenk is expected to demand nothing more than what is prompt and equitable and to no extortionate demand. He is not to threaten non-intercourse.

New York, 19.—The Phoenix Plaster Mills were burned this morning, together with two large tenement houses, occupied by the families of workmen of the mills; loss \$60,000.

FOREIGN NEWS.

FRANCE.

BORDEAUX 17.—Some of the journals here have asserted that there have been troubles in Paris and that Flourens was imprisoned. Governments pay no attention to the report. Semi-official advices state that Paris is quiet and animated with a sentiment for defence. The Prussians leaving the valley of Cher for concentration along the line, attacked Chazeau again but were repulsed.

There is great excitement here owing to the promulgation of false news with the forged signature of Gambetta, for the purpose of being apparently the cause of reaction. Unfavorable news, falsely dispatched from Havre, appeared simultaneously in all parts of the country and was a Prussian device. It is noticeable that the opposition journals are more bitter and violent than ever. A great meeting here, to-day was addressed by Cremieux. The meeting gave an enthusiastic endorsement of "defence to the last." Britain is almost closed to public travel on account of the great number of troops going forward. Thirty thousand Bala horsemen have landed at Toulon to join the army. The mobiles who went to Algeria to replace the troops, are coming back. The national guards will go to Algeria.

GREAT BRITAIN.

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