

# THE EVENING NEWS.

Thursday, December 15, 1870.

## THE EARLY SPANIARDS OF CALIFORNIA.

A San Francisco correspondent of the Cincinnati *Commercial* gives this interesting bit of historical reminiscence:

"One of the most melancholy and yet instructive chapters of the marvelous history of California will be that which relates to the evil and miserable destiny which has overtaken the brave old princely Spaniards, only in less degree than the inferior Mexicans and the barbarians whom they subjugated. When the discovery of gold flashed upon this goodly land they were living in patriarchal and virtuous simplicity, the owners of ranches across which one might gallop all a summer day, and of lordly herds which no man could number. With here and there an exception of some rancorous enmity against a prying and bargaining Yankee, the hospitality of the superb old grandees was absolutely limitless, and to the wanderer roaming over these boundless plains they gladly offered the choicest of their herd of saddle horses as a relief to his own, so rejoiced were they to behold a stranger's face. Then came the fatal discovery, and the land was filled from end to end with eager, clamorous, hungry men, tearing up all the banks of the pell-mell streams, and pushing even far up into the mountains, to corrupt the fountain heads; and straightway, without a stroke of their hands, or an outlay of a Spanish dollar, these old grandees found themselves richer than all the Indies. Every high-horned and shining bullock in their counties herd became a stinkin' of silver, and all the yellow marrow of his bones was like fat gold."

"Before a ch unheard of temptations it was only mortal that they should fall. Knowing nothing whatever of the use of money, hardly more than if Adam in his primitive innocence in the garden, had suddenly been endowed with all the coinage of India, they scattered their new-found gold like the regal spendthrifts they were. They fell from Paradise, and the swarming sheriff's attachments against their lordly estates were the flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life." Valnly did old Pio Pico, that bitter hater of Americans, warn his countrymen against the treacherous and insidious race. "We find ourselves threatened by hordes of Yankee immigrants, who have already begun to flock into our country, and whose progress we cannot arrest. Already have the wagons of that perfidious people scaled the almost inaccessible summits of the Sierra Nevada, crossed the entire continent, and penetrated the fruitful valley of the Sacramento."

"They saw their magnificent ranches slip one by one from their enraptured and luxurious grasp, and pass forever into the possession of that 'perfidious people.' They beheld all their noblest and fairest maidens slip helplessly away from their proud old allegiance, because their own countrymen were become too poor to support them in their sumptuous indolence, and become the wives of the hated and despised intruders. They saw their gallant but ruined sons, condemned to a dissolute celibacy, pass swiftly down to an infamous drunkard's grave, gnaw their proud hearts, and die. The race of the haughty family of the Amadores to-day drags out a miserable and despised existence as a squatter on the ancestral estate on San Francisco Bay, now worth millions. The noble and kindly old missionary, Padre Altimera, of Sonoma, whose possessions once surpassed all the riches of Israel or the Idu-me patriarch, now lives in exile in a vile convent in Tenerife."

"No more to the gallant wedding trains, with fair women and brave men, booted and spurred cavaliers, gorgeous with all the trappings of Castilian magnificence, with boots of Cordovan leather, and pouches of purple and of wolf's fur or spotted like a pard, sweep in gay cavalcade from mission to mission before the eyes of wandering catechumens and Indian neophytes. No more do the gay and careless sons of the proud rancheros seat on their fleet mustangs through the light violet haze, beneath the silvery moon, bent on errands of love, or flee through the darkness, terror-stricken and dumb, before the terrible form of 'The Spectre Bull of Salinas.' No more are their soft thrilling waltzes and the tinkle of the light guitar heard within the simple mud walls, undisturbed by the presence of the hated traders, while the rich, red wine from the city of the Angels passes gaily around to each in the capacious gourd."

"They are strangers and aliens now in the land they once possessed. In Southern California, being somewhat massed together, they are still able to make some head against the incursion of American ideas and American customs, but most of them, even there, who have not become absolutely worthless, are trading, trafficking, close, practical, like Americans toward Americans. I have known a proud, old family too indolent to labor, and too haughty, trying to live on a hundred cattle pastured on the range, borrow a shotgun from an American to shoot some quails, as they had absolutely nothing in the house to eat. A good many of their daughters of the lower sort subsist almost entirely on the presents of their lovers, the bachelor ranchers, like the Russian gentry, and they do not work like the latter. All of them who are marriageable, except some few of the proudest and poorest families who keep the old bitterness, are on the lookout for American husbands as being the best average breed-winners."

GUYON LINK, NEW YORK,  
New York, Queenstown & Liverpool  
CARRYING THE U.S. MAIL.

DAHO, MINNESOTA, MANHATTAN, WISCONSIN, NEVADA, COLORADO, NEBRASKA, WYOMING.

Sailing from New York every Wednesday CABIN passage from New York \$20. Gold.

STEERAGE: \$3 from New York—\$24 from Liverpool, Queenstown, Glasgow or London-derry, payable in currency.

way, Sweden, etc., at Lowest Rates.

Remittances to Great Britain, Ireland and the Continent.

Apply to WILLIAMS & GUYON, 29 Broadway, New York.

disly

## California Trader.

Jas. Linforth, E. B. Hall, F. D. Kellogg

## LINFORTH, KELLOG & CO.

IMPORTERS AND JOBBER.

American, English and German

## HARDWARE

Agricultural Implements,

AND MINING TOOLS.

NEW MARKET, SAN FRANCISCO.

C. E. Bassett, G. E. Hoffman.

## BURGLARS & THIEVES

At last Defeated by

10,000 the

## YALE LOCKS.

SECURITY

BEST & CHEAPEST.

## AT THE HARDWARE TRADE

OSCAR V. GERZABEK,

Manufacturer's Agent.

563 Market St., San Francisco, Cal.

## POST OFFICE BOXES,

Cast brass fronts, glass doors, with these

Locks, to be had on application to the Post-

Office, 563 Market St.

## TEAS FOR SALE!

Ex-Pacific Mail Steamers

LATE ARRIVALS,

FINEST PINGSU TEA GREEN TEAS,

DRAGON, AND CHIN CHIN, CHOKE,

Superior hand rolled and Gunpowder

Leaves choice Nanking, Moxham,

do. do. do. do. Imperial

do. do. do. Young Hyson,

do. do. Young

YOUNG CONGO.

A high cost rich Breakfast Tea.

FOOCHOW TEA-MIXTURE,

200 boxes Celebrated "Eagle Choy" Breakfast.

Mixture—A Specialty—Delicious.

AMOY GOLDEN TEA AND SOUP CHOW.

Extra choicest.

CANTON POUCHONG.

25 boxes finest scented in paper, each box

weighing 38 pounds net of Tea.

Apply to

W. H. FOSTER,

563 Market St., SAN FRANCISCO.

Whoever wants the Best and Cheapest ever offered, call at the DESERET NEWS OFFICE and send for "THE KING AND ROYAL."

Opposite Salt Lake House.

229 Main Street.

Sum Assured, New Business: 1869:

\$51,021,141.00.

The distinctive feature of the EQUITABLE

is its successful manner of doing business,

which have rendered it the choice of all thinking business men, who are fully explained to it by the contents of its Annual Report to the Government, for the benefit of themselves or in Life Policies for the assured independence of their families, by

CHARLES S. HAMMER, Agent.

SALT LAKE CITY.

Murphy, Grant & Co.,

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

CALL ATTENTION TO THEIR LARGE

and well-assorted Stock of

## DRESS GOODS,

including

Comprising

COLONIAL & JEWISH CLOTHES

French PLAID POPLINS,

EMPEROR CLOTHES,

2000 DYO'S DYE CLOTHES

TAMISE CLOTHES,

In all colors,

French and English MERINOES,

down, silk, mohair, etc.

do. do. do. Also End Lines of

HOSIERY, WHITE GOODS.

Linens, Table Damask

AND

NAPKINS, TOWELINGS,

etc., etc.

SAFETY DOOR,

NEW YORK TRADE

COMMISSION HAT HOUSE,

MEN'S, BOYS AND CHILDREN'S

FUR AND WOOL HATS

By the Case, at Manufacturer's Prices.

Also,

BUFFALO, WOLF AND ALASKA ROBES.

SAMUEL SHETHAR & CO.,

525, Broadway, NEW YORK.

1869-ly

Horsimann Bros. & Allen,

Manufacturers and Importers of

ARMY, NAVY, THEATRICAL, CHURCH,

MASONIC AND SOCIETY GOODS,

No. 504 BROADWAY, NEW YORK.

1869-ly

American Clock Co.,

Agents for

J. Welch, New Haven, Seth Thomas and

Gilbert Welch,

CORTLAND STREET, NEW YORK.

1869-ly

Boots and Shoes

No. 270 AND 281 BROADWAY

NEW YORK.

1869-ly

Revised Edition of the

CATECHISM!

For Children.

For Sale at Deseret News Office, Price

Paper Covers, 25 cents each.

A dozen

allowed on large quantities to Sunday Schools

and Co-operative Stores.

1869-ly

BUSSELL & ERWIN,

Manufacturing Co.

Manufacturers of

HARDWARE

447 Chambers Street, 25 Maiden Lane,

New York, and 261 Sansom St., San

Francisco.

Factories: New Britain Conn.

1869-ly

Californian Trade

1869-ly

THE EVENING NEWS.

1869-ly