NEWS OF THE WEST.

A California Couple Who Have Twenty-four Children.

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A Tramps' Organization—Demanding Federal Control of the Pacific Railways—Arming Brakemen.

While chasing a hog with a butcher-knife on Union island, Cal., Saturday, Antone Saurich fell. The knife was driven through his sternum and lung. He will die.

At Angeles, Cal., Saturday afternoon there was a free fight at an Italian funeral and Al Pecchioloo expressed Louis Canavas's viscera with a knife. Canavas will die. The offender is after Pecchioloo.

Daniel Ballesle, of Oakland, was one of twenty-four children born to the same father and mother in so many years. Twenty-three were boys. There were neither twins nor triplets. The Ballesles are of Italian ancestry. The children were nearly all natives of San Francisco.

The beet-sugar factory at Alvarado, Cal., finished its season's run Saturday night. The work began September 16, making the run ninety-eight days, in which time over 8,000,000 pounds of beets have been produced. No accidents or delays have caused any stops that amounted to anything.

Arthur Chadwick, aged 18 years, was killed on December 11, 1892, in an elevator accident in San Francisco. Nathaniel G. Chadwick, father of the unfortunate young man, brought suit Saturday against the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company to recover $10,000 damages.

Preliminary steps have been taken in San Francisco to utilize the suggestions made by the late Irish convention in Chicago by the formation of military companies among the members of the Irish National Alliance of California. Captain Thomas F. Crowley, the president of Emmett Alliance, the first one organized, is at the head of the movement.

There was a largely attended meeting at Metropolitan Hall, San Francisco, Sunday night for the purpose of devising means to defeat any and all schemes to postpone the payment of the Pacific Railroad debts. Resolutions demanding the foreclosure of the mortgages on the central and Union Pacific, and urging the government to take control of the roads were adopted, and were cheered as they were passed.

A queer discovery was made at San Jose, Cal., Saturday upon the arrest of a tramp. When searched a charter of an organization known as the Sons of Rest was found. It is an association among the vagrants, and provides for an initiation fee of 25 cents, and if the applicant has not the requisite amount he is required to furnish a package of cigarettes. There is a long list of signatures to the document. The motto of the organization is, "Only fools and horses work." This is the first information that the police have got that such an organization existed among the vagrant class.

James Jackson, an educated Indian who is to carry the mail from Juneau to Fort Cudahy, on the Yukon river, arrived at Port Townsend, Wash., Saturday, on the steamer Wallapa. He came down to secure twenty or thirty strong dogs to pull the sled across the mountains to the Canadian postoffice on Forty-mile creek. This service is merely a private enterprise, being maintained by miners, who pay fifty cents for each letter. The Canadian government guarantees $400 for each of the two round trips. This is reckoned as being a most hazardous journey. Several miners in past years have lost their lives in trying to make it.

John McComb Jr., son of General John McComb, late Warden of the California penitentiary and now secretary of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children in that state, was committed to Agnews Insane Asylum Saturday by Judge Frick in Oakland. The unfortunate young man lost his reason through overwork and constant application to the subject of penology, upon which he has been a prolific writer for some time past. His malady, it is believed, is only temporary, and it is thought he will be brought to his sound senses again after a few months' treatment at the asylum. This is his second attack. Three years ago he was stricken and was committed and within three months had recovered sufficiently to be discharged. His relatives had him sent away for a complete rest and he has remained rational until very recently.

An Indian on the Problems of His Race.

It was good economy, no doubt, for the United States to free our people on the great Sioux and other reservations, instead of keeping a standing army to fight them in case they should take to the warpath. And yet the system is a bad one for our people. It kills energy and begets idleness, the mother of vice. It certainly will prove a fatal blow to our people if long continued. The government ought to find something for them to do, although it might pay it but little or nothing. It is too much like fattening animals. It forms a nucleus where ungrateful lazy white men either whose only aim is to satisfy the greed of appetite and the lowest passions of their nature. Most of them, through marriage, become "squaw men," drawing rations from the tribe to whom their wife belongs. And so it is our people are imposed upon, and becoming mixed with the vilest of white men, who are much worse than savages, as is shown by the devil that is born and developed in the half-breeds. The only way I can see out of the present muddle is for steps to be taken whereby each family shall have allotted to them a certain number of acres of good farming land which cannot be sold by them for a term of years, and help them out of the Indian lands, as occasion requires, who may have families of near kin, or those actually connected, have allotments together, thereby avoiding outlaws and white vagabonds who swarm at the present time like hungry bees to get our agencies to rob and steal at present times.—Review of Reviews.

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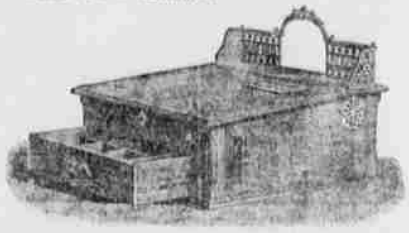

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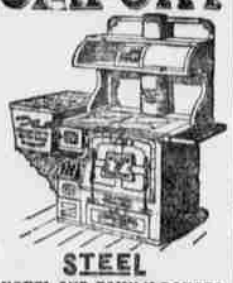

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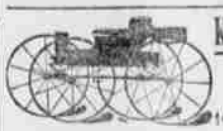

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