NEWS OF THE WEST.

Staking an Income Boy Out Like Cattle.

RACE HORSES FROM CALIFORNIA.

Burglary at Ephraim.—A Methodist Minister's Escapade.—Died at Sea.—An Earthquake.

An attempt was made to burglarize John Swensen's store at Ephraim, on Thursday night. The parties were pulling the boards off the northwest corner of the building and would soon have effected an entrance, had not the noise awakened Mr. S. present. They heard him coming and made their escape before he could effect their capture.

A sad scene was enacted on the Pacific Mail dock Tuesday morning on the arrival at San Francisco of the weather Gaelic from the Orient via Honolulu. The Baroness de Tuyll had gone down to the steamer expecting to greet her husband, who had been visiting the Hawaiian islands with a friend in search of health. When she learned that her husband had died at sea on the 1st inst. and that his body was on board she nearly fainted. Tears streamed down her face as she was helped to a carriage and driven to the Palace hotel. Dr. Griffin, the friend of her deceased husband, accompanied the young widow and relates to her all the incidents of the trip and how Baron de Tuyll, although holding a German title, was a native of England and thirty-our years of age. His health failing about six months ago, he started on a trip around the world, and shortly after met Dr. Griffin, whose home is at Calne, Ryan Lodge, Preston Park, England. The two became great friends and traveled together. At Hong Kong the Baron cabled to England for his wife to meet him at San Francisco, and so the news she received on the arrival of the steamer was particularly shocking. The young widow will take the remains to England.

The San Francisco Chronicle has this to say of the racing stables which arrived here from the west yesterday, to take part in the June meeting of the Utah Trotting association which begins on the 19th: A couple of carloads of California trotters left yesterday for an extended campaign, beginning at Salt Lake, U. T. This is the second consignment of Hal-harness horses that has left California this year. Ollinger & Keatinge's string was made up of Ollinger, Our Dick, Aster, James L., by Dexter Prince, and a green pacing mare, also by Dexter Prince. Keating expects to get Aster to the pace after all. The sheepy son of Dexter Prince should make the free-for-all horses go div a the line on the Montana circuit this year. Our Dick will not have everything his own way, as Yolo Maid is entered in the free-for-all pace at Salt Lake. In fact, Dakota Brothers of Denver will have a very formidable string at the Salt Lake city this year. The Lee Carrico stock farm also sent a string to Salt Lake yesterday. Lee Shaner is in charge, and in addition to George Woolthorpe, Lady O. and several others, he has secured Richmond Jr. from Lee Rose, for the free-for-all classes. Thomas Wall had his trotters on the car as well as one or two other harnesses.

On Saturday last A. H. Reams, a Methodist minister at Merced, California, eloped with a 15-year old girl, leaving his wife, who was in ill-health, and two children in destitute circumstances. A dispatch from Merced says that up to Wednesday evening no news had been received there of the whereabouts of the preacher and Miss Lucy Rocker, his companion in flight. Tuesday morning Mrs. Rocker, the grandmother of the girl, died. She had been ill for some time and grief on account of the unfortunate turn of affairs hastened her demise. Threats are freely made that the Rev. Mr. Reams will dangle at the end of a rope very shortly after his arrival in Merced again. A curious circumstance in connection with the departure of Miss Rocker with Reams is that the latter was particularly concerned as to the morals of the young people of Merced in reference to their social intercourse. Reams was an extremist on social questions, and when would go so far as to address several anonymous letters to certain young men. He warned them that exposition of their conduct would certainly cease if they did not reform, and that hell fire in any case awaited them. Now that he has gone it is learned that Miss Rocker is not the only girl whom he attempted to corrupt. Several other girls of tender years were approached by him, but unsuccessfully.

San Francisco Chronicle, June 7: There was an earthquake yesterday morning and either the people of the city show a decided tendency to exaggerate such incidents or the seismograph kept by Professor George Davidson has a method of misrepresenting things peculiarly its own. The shock was felt all over the city, but the little instrument which recorded it testified that it did not amount to anything. It happened at 8:25 o'clock yesterday morning. Buildings stood, windows rattled and men employed in down-town houses rushed out to see what it was all about. The city has not had a shock worth noticing for a long time, and that of yesterday reminded everybody within its walls that such affairs happened occasionally. The shock was felt very differently by the people living in different parts of the city. On Telegraph Hill and out on Pacific Heights it was felt much more keenly than in the districts on lower ground. Its motion was from east to west. In consequence those houses with their longest length running in that direction felt it most keenly. In Oakland it was considered to be more than usually severe shock, but it appeared to have materially spent its force when it reached the city. In the office of Professor Davidson in the Appraisers' building a curious circumstance was noted. There were three men in the room. One was standing and felt the west at the moment the shock came. The other two were sitting, one facing south, the other north. While the two men who were sitting felt the earthquake, and thought it a severe one, the man standing did not feel it at all. The earth trembled only for two seconds, which is decidedly long enough for those on the outside to feel it.

The officials at the county jail at Oakland, Cal., had a queer case to deal with on Tuesday. They had forced over to their custody that one of the officers was pleased to call a will boy who was known at the terror of Livermore valley. The case was one that puzzled the officers, for they had heard strange stories about the young prisoner. The William is John Ford. He is the fifteen-year-old son of Farmer Harrison Ford, who owns a little ranch a few miles from the town of Livermore. The lad has been dubbed ever since birth, and, in fact, he did his best mode to give him a schooling. He knows absolutely nothing and is led about like an animal. The poor little dull-witted lad is blind in one eye, and everything he can shoot him. It appears that he has been a great trial to his parents for years, as they, being poor, could do nothing for him. When he was younger he used to be tethered out like some of the cattle. A rope would be tied about his waist so he would be turned out to the field among the cows and goats. People who have watched say that he seems to act just like an animal and sometimes he was seen to eat grass. He never attempted to untie the rope and run away because it was that he knew he did not have enough sense. At other times the lad used to be turned loose in the fields each night. He would run about in an aimless manner and mingle with the stock. His actions for years have been the talk of the valley. He seemed to be a terror to the children, who looked upon the unfortunate little fellow as a wild boy. Whenever they met him they ran away, fearing that he would do them harm. But Johnnie is no longer to be shunned out now, and consequently he is allowed to roam at large. Farmer Ford, who owns the adjoining ranch, and not like the mistreated of the wild boy, at last swore out a warrant for the arrest of the youth on a charge of insanity. Deputy Sheriff Murphy made the arrest and brought the boy down to the county jail. It appears that the mother wanted her child sent out and to the asylum, because he had been a burden to many years. Farmer Ford heard that his boy was before the insanity commissioners, so he hastened to prevent the lad being sent away. Ford promised to take better care of the boy in the future, so the little fellow was allowed to return to his parents, where he has spent so many years. The boy is an extraordinary looking, being three times as large as that of any ordinary person. The only noice he can make is a hiss like that of a snake. Altogether he is the strangest creature that ever entered the county jail at Oakland.

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