

EVENING NEWS. Published Daily, Sunday Excepted, AT FOUR O'CLOCK. PRINTED AND PUBLISHED BY THE **DESERET NEWS COMPANY.** CHARLES W. PENROSE, EDITOR. Thursday, March 15, 1899. **TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE WEAK AND UNWARY.** Some of the features of the real estate fever now prevalent in this city are especially unwholesome. The speculator hunts for a victim—he cannot com- mand a higher term. The latter must have some qualification for his prop- erty, as the former. One of the ways is the lamentable ignorance of the value of the land, and a certain readi- ness to yield to persuasion. When he is found as is operated upon until he is convinced that he ought to sell his property, because of the al- leged advantage that will accrue to him in consequence. A price is ascer- tained, but only a small amount is paid upon, but he only consents to certain conditions. The speculator has either already a purchaser in his eye or soon find one, ignores the conditions, and pockets a large margin—the dif- ference between what the speculator pays and what he obtains for the prop- erty. It is not improbable that a person may operate in that fashion and steer entirely clear of amenability to the laws, although such acts are always and must necessarily be antipathetic to the spirit of good government, whose essence is justice and whose chief object is to protect the weak from being encroached upon by the strong. Such things may be even denominated smart business transactions. They are merely selfish and inhuman. It is not only the property which thus changes hands that is made a subject of trade. The ignorance of the victim has also been made an element of bait. Worse than that, perhaps, his confidence has been made a subject of exploitation. It is useless to raise the excuse in an attempt to damage the position now being taken, that such transac- tions are common all over the world. The same can be said of many of the vilest practices conceivable. Are such deeds sanctified by prevalence? God forbid! Is it intrinsically just, right and proper to take advantage of the ignor- ant, weak and unwarlike of mind? The answer must be no. Then in what light can a person professing to be a Latter-day Saint stand that will be guilty of such baseness? He presents a sorry spectacle indeed—an incongru- ity, a striking example of contradic- tion between profession and practice. He must inevitably attract ten-fold greater loss than he inflicts upon his more ignorant brother. That light, which is the heritage of every true Latter-day Saint, increased on pro- conditions—an effort to understand the truth and acting in conformity with its requirements. That quicken- ing power is diminished as practice recedes from understanding, and the unhappy individual is left to wallow in the spirit of the world. For the commission of justice follows in conformity with right, just as the perpetrator, and sooner or later lays upon him its iron clutch. "Justice, as the revelation has it, "Justice continueth its course and claimeth its own." An escape from its demands is an impossibility unless the conditions of release are complied with. Many men seem to fall to grasp this potent and, to the righteous, comforting fact. It is comforting from the fact that the principle operates in two directions. While in the economy of the just, the justice follows and makes its demands upon the infringer, it sustains those who make it a leading point in their career to act in accord with its conditions. The tempter is abroad.

RATHER ROMANTIC. It is not necessary that the class of people who delight in the romantic should gratify their appetite in that direction exclusively by the perusal of works made up mostly of fiction. Romance in real life is as common nowadays as real estate agencies are in this city at this juncture of the boom. An interesting affair of that kind was developed in San Francisco on the 8th inst., by a news-gatherer of the New York World, which gives a lengthy account of the affair. Some time ago Theodore Cornelius Gevers, son of Baron T. Gevers, of Holland, suddenly disappeared from the uni- versity of which he was a student, and could nowhere be found. As he be- longed to one of the most wealthy, notable and distinguished families of the Netherlands, the event created considerable stir in that country. As it was considered possible that the young fellow might have made America his destination, the Nether- lands representatives in this nation were instructed to endeavor to dis- cover his whereabouts, and circulars of inquiry were sent out, but it re- mained for the enterprising news catcher to discover the runaway. Young Gevers was found at the Crown Point restaurant, corner of Polio and Twenty-fourth Street, San Francisco, where he was employed in the humble capacity of dishwasher. He is tall, slender and intelligent looking. He speaks with more or less facility six different languages. When he accepted the post of dishwasher he was re- duced to his last two bits. His em- ployer was astonished above measure when he learned the station of his help, and said he was very attentive and industrious. Gevers declined positively to give any reason for his strange conduct, being proof, in that regard against, all the subtleties of the newspaper repre- sentative who ferreted him out. It is said that young Gevers' mother has been greatly prostrated with grief at the mysterious disappearance of her son. The story of this disabbling son of a Baron is rather a romantic affair, but under the practical crust of every day life, the world is full of romance of a realistic character.

GERMANY. Even since it became apparent that Emperor Wilhelm, the Crown Prince and Bismarck must die not far apart, American editors have expressed an- ticipations of great internal distur- bances in the German empire, which they have predicted would follow the taking of these three central figures in it. But it is claimed in German dis- patches that the unity of Germany in- spires the inhabitants of all parts of the empire with a fervid patriotism scarcely second to that which led so many Americans to fight in order to prevent the dismemberment of their country. The pride of the German races in the glory, prestige and power which have come to them as a result of union, is relied upon to pre- serve that condition, and maintain the

PACIFIC COAST NOTES. CULLED FROM LATTER WESTERN EXCHANGES. Four thousand jack rabbits were killed by William F. Fresno County Cal., on Friday, in a "drive." Five hundred men participated in the slaughter. Santa Cruz, March 11.—This after- noon Emil Harris, a Norwegian, was found dead in his bed at the St. Charles Hotel. His death is supposed to have resulted from an overdose of mor- phine. At San Francisco, March 11, Geo. Fulton, aged 59 years, son of a wealthy rancher of San Joaquin County, com- mitted suicide by taking morphine. He was engaged as pilot on a Sacramento river steamer. Albert E. Wilson, an inmate of the Contra Costa County Hospital, aged 26 years, a native of Taunton, Mass., deliberately shot himself through the heart on March 10. The young man was suffering from paralysis. San Rafael, March 11.—Jose Dias Dibeira, a 30-year-old Portuguese McNear's ranch at Point San Pedro, was found dead in bed this morn- ing. He had been suffering from heart trouble. He was in excellent spirits, and intended going on a fishing excursion to-day. The doctor took the body to the morgue, where he will hold an inquest tomorrow.

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The First Through Train. PITTSBURG, Pa., 15.—The first through train from Philadelphia over the Pennsylvania road reached here this morning. Another train is ex- pected this evening from New York. Passengers state that between Harri- burg and Philadelphia the snow drifted to a depth of fifty feet at many points. Many houses were completely covered, and the only way of habitation was the smoke curling from the chimneys. In many places the occupants of houses

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