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Masonic Celbdkatio.v. — The celebration of the anniversary of St. John the Baptist, by the Masonic fraternity of this city, will take place to-day. A procession of the members will be formed at Masonic Hall, at 1½ o'clock, A. M., and thence proceed to the Hey. Mr. Benton's Church, where appropriate exercises will commence at 11 o'clock. A dinner will be served to members of the order at Carpenter's Hall, at 5 o'clock; after which, the company will join in the mazy dance, in which others than members will be permitted to participate. Full particulars of the route of the procession, the order of exercises at the church, &c., will be found on reference to the programme in another column.

Go Ahead. — The go-ahead spirit characteristic of our people develops itself daily in our midst in some new detail of advancement, tending always to approximate our social condition with that of the more advanced communities of the East. The latest improvement to which our attention has been directed is the establishment of a "penny post" system between this city and San Francisco, by which letters from this city will be delivered at any point in the metropolis at the moderate rate of eight cents each. The enterprise has been started by an association or company, and will, as soon as possible, be extended to include Stockton, Marysville and the larger interior towns. Letters will also be

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FLOWERS AND FRUIT.—We have been favored re-

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MARRIED. On the 20th Jnne, by J. W. Long, J. P., Mr. Rioako MtLIXKB to Miss CaTBKBOM ASBXa, all of C«!oma. In Pl.icerville. June 21st, ly E. 11. Carson, Ko<j., Mr. Damkl K. M.'rris to Miss Axsauai Cox.

la San Francisco, June 21st, by Rev. Dr. Scott, Mr. Jaxrs M. Parker, cf New York, to' Mica Caroline Sievess, of Boston.

in Harston Mills, M.I- -. ipril 23d, Mr. Tutorar Hoicklkt, of Nar.tucket. late of Jackson, CaL, to Miss Ollvb iii.v kl.kv, of the former place.

births; In Sacramento, June 2!st, the wife of Mr. Cyrus S. Coflin, of a daughter.

AMUSEMENT^ x INDEPENDENCE DAY. c*j Preparations have been made to give a GRAND /""m BALL at the Brick Hotel, Batter, on the evening CttJskof the FOURTH OF JULY. The unusual facillites which will be affonK:l, will render this one of the most agreeable places of resort. A line of sUges will run during the day and evening from the National llou*r, X street, near Front, and the Sierra Nevada, corner of 9th and L streets. Sacramento. A the 1. 11

satisfaction warranted.

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THE "PENNY POST CO."

HAS NOW COMPLETED ARRANGEMENTS for TRANSMISSION OF LETTERS between Sacramento and San Francisco, and for the PROMPT DELIVERY of the same in the two cities, at the reduced rate of eight cents, (if prepaid) which includes the United States postage.

Letters left at the Penny Post Co.'s Office, or any of their Letter Boxes throughout the city, will be sent to San Francisco in charge of a messenger, and delivered at the earliest hour possible.

Letters enclosed in our two cent envelopes and deposited in our Letter Boxes, will be delivered at the United States Post Office in season for the mails.

City delivery, 5 cents, if prepaid.

City Delivery, 10 cents, if not prepaid.

The Penny Post Co. will commence operations on this, Monday, June 25th.

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E. SHERWOOD,

Agent for Penny Post Co.

NEW GOODS! NEW GOODS!

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The Democratic Convention.
The proceedings of the Democratic Convention are becoming quite interesting, although as yet but little progress has been made in the nomination of candidates for the different offices to be filled at the ensuing election. One balloting only has been had (for a gubernatorial candidate, and that without any choice. Mr. Bigler leading the opposing candidates, and yet falling short some fifteen votes of a majority.

THE PENNY POST.—Some specimen envelopes have been laid on our table, showing the price and style of delivery of the new Penny Post. It is designed to deliver letters to the principal interior towns at a charge of five cents each.

CITY TAX SALE.—The first part of the schedule of real estate upon which taxes remain unpaid for 1854

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Printer" Memorial. To th' President and .V. , |, |>trs of Uie Democratic State Contention or California: Gk.vtl.embs: The undersigned, practical printers, citilens of the State of California, feel it Incumbent upon ourselves to inform you, before miking nominations for the support of the Democracy of the State, that under no consideration likely to be offered, can they be induced to support for any office

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300 wagon hubs,
Together with a full assortment of Eastern Clear Pine, Oregon, Redwood and Mountain Lumber, Doors, Windows, &c., which we offer at reduced rates.

ST. JOHN & BELL,
Lumber and Commission Merchants,
Corner N and Front streets.
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BRANDIES, WINES, &C.
WE INVITE THE ATTENTION OF
the country and city trade to our large and well-selected stock of liquors, which we are determined to sell at uncommonly low prices.

McWILLIAMS & CO.,
Liquor Dealers,
je15-1m3dp Brick block, No. 42 K st., bet. 34 and 36 sts.

REAPERS.
FOR SALE BY
BAKER & HAMILTON,
je25-2dp No. 11 J street.

OFFICE OF THE PENNY POST CO.
next door to the U. S. Post Office. je27-1w3dp

HALL'S THRESHERS AND SEPARATORS, with iron 8-horse power, for sale by
BAKER & HAMILTON,
je30 2dpif No. 11 J street, near Levee.

IMMENSE ATTRACTION!!
AT CROCKER'S—216 J STREET.
JUST RECEIVED. PER SIERRA NEVADA—
150 latest style Parasols,
50 piccasplain and figured Barages and Tiaras,
100 Misses and Children's Hats.
—ALSO—

Boys' and Children's Clothing, a full assortment for summer wear.

100 Linen Belt Sacks, for boys.
200 Merino, Alpaca and Linen Suits.

We wish particularly to call the attention of the ladies to our Parasols, just received by the Sierra Nevada—plaid, watered, and brocade Eugenia style. Heavy Master Antique, with fringe, entirely new style.

CHAR. CROCKER & CO.,
m31-3dp 216 J street, between 8th and 9th.

ICE—ICE—ICE.
THIS ARTICLE CAN BE HAD AT
all times at the Sitka Ice House, north of the bridge, from 6 A. M. to 7 P. M. Families will be supplied with ice by leaving orders at Howell's jewelry store, on J street.

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W. C. WATERS.
PENNY POST CO.'S ENVELOPES
for sale at the company's office, next door to the U. S. Post Office.
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FAREWELL CONCERT. signorTanzoni HAS TUB
LIONUR TO ANNOI'HCb that he will give a . Farewell
Vocal and Instrumental Concert On FRIDAY
EVENING, JULY 6th, At nautical Hall, Bash c«. On
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Dress Circle and Orchestra, \$2; Parquet, 11. jy» J^
ADELPHI. DUPONT STREET, NEAR CLAY. This
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MIT LETTERS, PAPERS, and other Mail'able mat-
ter, Daguerreotypes, Small Parcels, etc. between SAN
FRANCISCO, SACRAMENTO and MARYSVILLE and
between SAN FRANCISCO AND STOCKTON, at the
rate of FIVE CENTS, if pre-paid, and TEN CENTS if
not prepaid, for each single letter weighing not more than
half an ounce.

Letters for San Francisco, Stockton and Marysville, en-
closed in the envelopes of the Penny Post Company, and de-
posited in any Post Office, including the one at Sacramento,
will be DELIVERED PROMPTLY on the arrival of the
mails.

Letters for Sacramento, if wanted before 9 o'clock should
not be deposited in the Post Office, but will be transmitted
from our offices outside the mails.

Letters for Sacramento from the interior, must be en-
closed in the new envelopes, which can be obtained at our
offices after Monday.

By authority of the Agent of the Post Office Department,
the Penny Post Company have a BOX on board the Sacra-
mento and Stockton Boats.

Letters can be deposited in these Boxes up to the time of
departure, and will be delivered at the earliest business
hours.

City Delivery commences from the office at 6½ . M. and
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The Penny Post and the Postmaster.

Several of the merchants feeling outraged at the late proceedings of the Postmaster, have thrown up their boxes and gave an order for their letters to the Postmaster.

In retu-n, the Postmaster instead of placing their letters in the box of the Penny Post, and thus saving his clerks further trouble, required a written order to be shown and separate inquiry to be made for the Firm and for each individual member of the Firm. Thus for each Firm not less than two applications had to be made ; for some four and for one six. By this means the Postmaster must evidently have intended to impede the operations of the Penny Post Company, but before the evening was through he found his new rule had a reactionary effect that possibly he did not anticipate ; for it was found to be more trouble for the clerks to look over their letters than it was inconvenience to the Penny Post Company to inquire for them.

The merchants who have paid \$36 or \$48 per annum up to this time for the privilege of calling for their letters, found them brought to their doors last evening for less than half that rate. Be'ore long the Penny Post will be able to obtain their letters without inquiring for them separately, but as it now is, they delivered many of their letters within fifteen minutes of the opening of the Post Office.

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JIT Trip (• is* ftulphrr Springs of Napa.
 Whatever may be the attraction! of the many other valley of California, that of Kapa li certainly inverted with extraordinary beauty. It it about thirty mile* In length and raries from one to five mile* in breadth. The road* are hard and firm the entire distance, and the whole plain presents more the appearance of a cultivated park in England than ■ Bj other we can liken it to. Some would perhaps prefer the simile of the " oak opening* ." in the prairie state. Be that a* it may. this valley is beautiful beyond question. On the 3d of July we reached the Spring*. We had left San Francisco the same mort.ing, and though we dined on board the steamer (iuadalupe, our appetites did ample justice to an ampler supper. The house is plain, but neat and ■ lean, and what is larking in knowledge of hoetlery ■ more than compensated by the disposition of Mr. and Mr* Kvey to make their guests comfortable. After a night's rest we took early baths and a breaktut, the principal ingredients of which were trout, < h'uken and venison. We then had our horses brought up and rode over to Col. Yount's. about nine distant, to assist in celebrating the " glorious Fourth We did this at a pic nic, given by the Col. to a large party of the neighbors of the valley, under a " brave old oak, " which shaded Col. Vount. Com. Stockton and others at the first celebration of " In<ltpendenc« Day" in California. I was curious to . . - s_ - ■>. this tree and found that his branches spread terentyfeet: that is about thirty-five feet from the centre of the trunk to the outer branches. After visiting Col. Yuunt s farm.

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POST OFFICE AND THE PENNY POST Co.—These rival establishments, it appears, are at loggerheads—and the Penny Post seems to be highly incensed—so much so, indeed, that a public declaration of war is promulgated. Our excellent Postmaster may rest assured that the people of San Francisco will appreciate and applaud such promptitude and dispatch as he has given us yesterday. The great Atlantic mail per steamer *John L. Stephens* was delivered at the Post Office between 2½ and 4 o'clock, P.M.—and notwithstanding there were some sixteen thousand letters for the city alone, the entire distribution was accomplished, and the general deliveries opened at 7 P.M. This is unexampled by any feat in Post Office labor on this or any other coast. Mr. Weller need give himself no concern about the publication made by the Penny Post Co. The Act of Congress which is referred to has no applicability in the premises. It refers wholly to the detention of letters passing from one office to another, and a discerning public will discover that it is purely a mis-statement of the meaning and intent of the law.

EDITORS ALTA :—The above appeared in the (Federal or) Custom House journal of Saturday.

The public, no doubt, appreciate the industry of the Post Office clerks, whose duties on such occasions are laborious. As to this feat being unexampled, it was only last week the writer read an account of the assorting of a steamer mail of 40,000 letters in New York, and immediately thereafter, before the assort-

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POSTSCRIPT

Through by Pacific Co." Express. The steamer Antelope reached her berth last night at 11% o'clock, after a trip of seven hours and eight minutes from San Francisco. The steamer Astoria has arrived from Uinpuqua with dates to July 7th. If the arrival of the Fruit brig Obligado, we learn that the Russian frigate Aurora, the corvette Dwina, and a storeship, left Petropolski on the 17th of April, as is supposed, for the Amour river, with the troops and authorities on board. The batteries of the place were destroyed by the Allied Powers, and the Government buildings burnt, with the exception of the hospital, the church and the Governor's residence, and that part of the city inhabited by the poorer portion of the population, which had fled into the interior. An American merchant and his two clerks were the only remaining inhabitants. — Keening News. S The 7u7i says that a new Spanish newspaper to be called the South America is soon to be established in San Francisco.

The following correspondence appears in the Citizen : t f A s FkamcisCO, July 17th, ISW>. To Jam sa King or W.vi.— Sir: I hereby demand satisfaction from you for your conduct towards me this afternoon. " " y 1 refer you to my friend, John Hackett, Esq. r j Your obedient servant, (Signed) A. A. COHEN. Sam Francisco, July ISth, IS5!>. Mr. Jons K. llacobbt— Sir: I now proceed to give you my reply to the note you handed me last night: the first, waiving other insuperable objections to the mode indicated of settling such difficulties, I could not consent to a hostile meeting with Mr. Cohen. The public have

self as an amateur performer, under an assumed name, to a theatrical troupe at Downieville.—*Sun*.

IMPORTANT SUITS.—We understand instructions have been given by the *Penny Post* Co. to commence suit against the *Post* Master of San Francisco for general damages, to the amount of \$10,000. Also a separate suit for special damages for each letter alleged to be unlawfully detained by him. The decision by the Courts in those suits will establish a very important principle in law in connection with our postal affairs.—*Journal*.

MR. HITTELL'S ANNOUNCEMENT.—Mr. John S. Hittell, who is connected with the editorial department of the daily *Chronicle*, announces his name to the Democratic party, to be considered among the applicants for nomination to the Assembly of California.—*Sun*.

AN OFFICIAL FIGHT.—The fighting business still keeps up. To-day Mr. Goodwin, of the *Penny Post*, and Mr. Weller, the *Post* Master, had an official dispute, which ended in a tilt at each other through the window. Sticks and fists were the weapons. Neither of them received much injury, but the window glass we learn was very badly smashed in the scuffle.—*Journal*.

DEATH OF YOUNG GIBBONS.—As we suspected, his injuries proved fatal. The little sufferer breathed his last at six o'clock this morning. For one so young he was uncommonly intelligent, with a gentle, affectionate disposition, and possessed of all those rare qualities of mind and heart which render a family circle cheerful, and upon which a fond parent could center the most cherished hopes. A change has been made in that family which will take years to obliterate. His age was fifteen years, being the eldest son of Dr. Wm. B. Gibbons.

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The li i -l< llr.<(in gome able cmnmente on tinrci nt sin;,' Letter of Mr. Wetter, respecting the l'diny l'ost, thin remarks:

"The Po«t Jlaator'a reply is a documnt worthy of the Middle A..*-.. find would no doubt have liet-ti looked upon at that time aa a highly conservative and proper paper. "That it ix not equally well received now is (imply owing to its having been indited tome centuries 100 late."

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" To facilitate correspondence between one part of London nod another, was not one of the ortirinal objects of the lost office. Hut. in the reign of Charles the Si on: J. in enterprioing citizen of Londo, William Dockwray. set up at a great tTptirm a Penny l'oHt, which delivered letters and parrels six or eight times a day in the wstaUrta of the capital. " This improvement was. a? usual, strenuously re listed. The porters, 'like our modern express- men,) c niiltlailii-l that their interests were attacked, and tire down the placards in which the scheme was

Post, which delivered letters and parcels six or eight times a day in the outskirts of the capital.

" This improvement was, as usual, strenuously resisted. The porters, (like our modern express-men, complained that their interests were attacked, and tore down the placards in which the scheme was announced to the public.

" The excitement caused by Godfrey's death was then at the height. A cry was therefore raised that the Penny Post was a Popish contrivance.

" The great Dr. Oates, it was affirmed, had hinted a suspicion that the Jesuits were at the bottom of the scheme, and that the bags, if examined, would be found full of treason.

" The utility of the enterprise was, however, so great and obvious that all opposition proved fruitless. As soon as it became clear that the speculation would be lucrative, the Duke of York complained of it as an infraction of his monopoly, and the courts of law decided in his favor."

In our day the law is more liberal while our post master is more narrow minded. The law authorising the Penny Post in California has been in existence some four years, yet neither Mr. Wel- ler nor his predecessor would avail themselves of its advantages; and now, while private enterprise enters the field, lo! what fruitless efforts the former makes to crush this innovation—this encroachment on his box rent monopoly—this annihilator of that unjust tax which exceeds our high rates of postage by fifty per cent.

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Letters for Stockton or Marysville may be addressed to the "Care of the Penny Post Co." Until instructions are received from the Post Master General, letters for San Francisco and Sacramento, after being sealed and directed as usual, must be enclosed in envelopes addressed "To the Agent of the Penny Post Co." without the name of the parties for whom the letter is intended appearing on the outer envelope. Rates of Penny Postage—if prepaid by stamps, 5 cts.; if not prepaid, 10 cts.

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THE PENNY POST COMPANY
HAVING DELIVERED 10,000 LET-
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 deliver the next 100,000
At 25 Per Cent. Less than the Reduced
Express Rates.

LETTERS UNPAID BY **PENNY POST** STAMPS
DELIVERED FOR TEN CENTS.

PARTIES WHO WISH
A Reduction in Express Freight,
 Will find it for their interest to send by
THE PENNY POST COMPANY.
PRE-PAID ENVELOPES.

For California.....\$10 per hundred.
 for Atlantic States via Nicaragua..... 15 "
 For sale in packages of twenty-five or less, at the office,
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Freight to Colusa Reduce .



THE STEAMERS OF THE
CALIFORNIA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, will take freight from SAN FRANCISCO to
COLUSA at

Fifteen Dollars Per Ton,

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THE PENNY POST Co.—This enterprise is becoming quite popular by their efforts to reduce the price of letter postage, and the promptness and dispatch with which letters entrusted to their care are delivered. We are assured by one who has obtained his information by personal interview with the principal business men of San Francisco, that letters coming to them through the **Penny Post Company** are delivered with the same promptness as by the other Expresses. It is the intention of the company to establish agencies throughout the State.

The P. P. Co.'s Envelopes can be obtained at the various **Post** Offices of the State.


ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.—To Gardiner & Kirk we are indebted for a supply of the French and English illustrated Pictorials; Punch, Diogenes, Harpers' Magazine for August, and the new Novels, "The Heiress of Houghton," "St. Flore, or a Night in a Gipsy Camp," and "Trial and Triumph, or Firmness in the Household."

To the **Penny Post** Company for files N. Y. Evening **Post** and Journal of Commerce.


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California Post Office Affairs.

WASHINGTON, August 17, 1855.

For some time past there has been a controversy between the Post Master at San Francisco and the "Penny Post Company," growing out of the arrangements of the latter relative to the delivery of letters. Both parties have made their cases severally known to the Post Office Department, and a decision has just been made in favor of the cause of the Post Master. The Department, in writing to the Penny Post Company, says it "has as at all times declined all connection with express companies, and it will sanction no arrangement with such companies calculated to diminish its revenues."

J. S. Clendinen has resigned his office as Attorney General of the United States for the Territory of Washington.


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NOVEL ACTION.—The **Penny Post** Company have commenced an action against Mr. Weller, the Postmaster, before Justice Smith. The complaint alleges that on the 11th October last, a letter was posted at Stockton, addressed to the plaintiffs, and was received in this city on the day following by the Postmaster, and which should have been delivered as addressed on that day, but that it was not so delivered, but was “wilfully and maliciously” detained by the Postmaster.—*Chronicle*.

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PENNY POST vs. POST OFFICE.—The S. F. *Sun* says that the suit brought by the Penny Post against the Post Master of San Francisco, was tried on Friday before Justice Smith.

After a full and fair investigation of the case, during which a number of witnesses were examined, and all the facts bearing upon the matter at issue were elicited—the plaintiff utterly failing to make out a shadow of a case—the Court without hesitation rendered judgment for defendant.

It appeared from the evidence, that so far from the Postmaster having denied the plaintiff his rights in the premises, the Postmaster had allowed him greater facilities than he was warranted in doing.

The case was conducted on the part of the plaintiff, by E. W. Taylor, Esq., and by Hon. J. Neely Johnson for the defendant.

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THE LICENSE ORDINANCE.—E. Sherwood, agent of the Penny Post Company, was arraigned before the Recorder yesterday on a charge of violating the license ordinance in carrying packages of letters, &c., without having first procured a license. It was contended by the defense that the complaint should have been directed against the principals and not against the agent, and that the defendant was not, therefore, answerable. The case was taken under advisement till this morning.

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established for the purpose principally of conveying letters between certain points in this State, and that said Express Company has been conducting said business under the name and style of the **Penny Post Company**. It also appears from the testimony that its operations are solely on individual account, and entirely separate from and independent of the **Post Office Department** and the laws and regulations made for the government of the same.

The first charge set forth in the affidavit above alluded to, is, that certain letters deposited in the **Post Office in San Francisco**, by the **Penny Post Company**, addressed to persons in different parts of this State, were unlawfully detained in said office.

It is shown that the defendants did detain certain letters in the Post Office here, while certain other letters, dropped in the office at the same time, were forwarded to and safely reached their destination. Some of the letters so detained were addressed to Postmasters, but were not endorsed "On official business," and it appears on all the letters so detained, the postage was not fully prepaid; and it also appears to my entire satisfaction, that this omission to prepay the postage was not the result of ignorance or inadvertence on the part of the person depositing said letters in the **Post Office**, but on the contrary, the omission was made with the knowledge that the postage was not fully paid, and with the design to involve the Postmaster in the present or some similar difficulty. The postage not being fully paid, if the Postmaster knew, or had good reason to believe (and his previous controversies with, as well as the antecedent conduct of the **Penny Post Company**, certainly furnished him substantial grounds for the

of the law, or the dictates of common sense, to which I deem myself amenable in a preliminary investigation; as Commissioner, I am compelled to regard this prosecution as a malevolent attack upon the character and conduct of the public officers accused, rather than an effort, having for its object the redress of real grievances, or the advancement of the public welfare.

My opinion is, that the defendants should be discharged.

GEO. PEN JOHNSON, U. S. Comr.

COMMERCIAL.

FRIDAY EVENING, Dec. 7.

As might have been expected from the inclemency of the weather, but a very light business was done to-day. In the morning the Jobbers enjoyed a fair trade, but the afternoon was unmitigatedly dull.

The most important transaction of the day was the sale of Manila Coffee and Sugar, ex "Miana," at auction, the report of which will be found below. The rates obtained show a considerable reduction on those ruling heretofore, but the impression appears to be general that better prices could not have been obtained on the whole, under present circumstances, and that the sale was a good one.

The Grain market has been inactive of course. The rain prevents the landing and delivery or storage of the parcels recently received, and matters are to some degree brought to a settled state. There appears, however, to be no abatement of the good feeling which has ruled of late.

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which they were to be guided.

The second charge made in said affidavit, is, that certain letters arriving at the **Post** Office, in San Francisco, to which said **Penny Post** Company were legally entitled, were unlawfully detained in said office, and the delivery thereof refused to said **Penny Post** Company, upon application being made therefor.

The only evidence introduced in behalf of the prosecution, for the purpose of establishing the second charge in the affidavit, was that some letters addressed to the "Agent of the **Penny Post** Company," with the words printed on the lower edge of the envelope, "Please deliver to A. B.," or "C. D.," "care of the **Penny Post** Company," or "To the **Penny Post** Co., for," or "care of E. F." with printed instructions on the exterior of the letter, (clearly indicating for whom they were really intended,) were deposited in the boxes of the persons for whom, by their writers, they were actually designed. It is shown by the testimony of persons familiar with the **Post** Office system, that this method, adopted by the **Post** Master, of disposing of letters arriving in his office, was a very correct one, and that best calculated to facilitate their earliest receipt, without an infringement of the regulations necessary to the good conduct of his office. It was an instance in which the **Post** Master had the right to exercise his discretion in the premises, and could without any violation of law, or departure from the path of duty, put a letter thus addressed into the box of the **Penny Post** Company, or into that of the person for whom the letter was evidently intended. By the Act of Congress of March 3d. 1825, the **Post** Master

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The strongest case, and the only one of any importance, in which it is shewn that any delay resulted from the exercise of this discretion on the part of the Postmaster of this city, is that, where a letter was addressed in this form: "To the **Penny Post** Company, for C. O. Gillingham." This letter was put in the box rented by Gillingham, and remained there more than a day after the agent of the **Penny Post** Co. had applied for *all* letters addressed to the Company, and notwithstanding Gillingham had given a general order that his letters should be delivered to the P. P. Co. But this individual instance of neglect on the part of the Postmaster to regard the order given for the delivery of letters is not sustained by cumulative proof, going to uphold the charge of an *unlawful* detention, and may be justly considered as the result of accident instead of design. Indeed the testimony of Gillingham, (the party possessed of the real right of complaint, if any existed,) exonerated the defendants from censure, and exculpated them entirely from the accusation of an *intent* to *unlawfully* detain or delay the said letter.

In addition, it also appears that it was known that the letter was in the box of the person to whom it was addressed, and it is not denied that if it had been called for it would have been delivered. No *specific* demand was made for it; but on the contrary, the agent of the **Penny Post** Company requested Gillingham not to call for the letter, but "permit it to remain in the office," as he desired to test the question; and that this was the object to be accomplished, is evident from the fact that the letter contained only a note addressed to H. L. Goodwin. It

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torial matter.

SUDDEN DELIVERY.—The *Evening News* of Saturday says that the proprietor of the **Penny Post** appeared at the **post** office while the attaches were busy distributing the mail, and desired to enter. Mr. Weller told him he could not enter, but the former persisted, and finally the postmaster pushed him out and attempted to close the door; but Mr. Goodwin became so disorderly that a policeman was sent for and the refractory hombre was arrested. Instead of obeying, however, he laid down on the floor and resisted the police; but his exertions were useless, and at last he made his appearance in the Marshal's office in a new suit of—*mud*. How this matter will end is hard to be decided; but as it stands the Postmaster is all right, and the other side is really funny.

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Ac, &cmills in the country.—*Alta.*

ARREST OF POST MASTER WELLER.—H. L. Goodwin, of the **Penny Post** Company, filed a complaint yesterday against the **Post** Master, C. L. Weller, charging him with assault and battery, after which a warrant was issued and the accused taken into custody. He was released upon his own recognizance to appear in the Mayor's Court this morning, to answer to the complaint.—*Alta.*

INDICTMENTS OF LYNCH LAW EXECUTORS.—The Grand Jury of Tuolumne county have indicted for murder Wm. Canfield, Charles Lambert and ——— Terry. For accessories—James W. Coffroth, O. P. Rogers, B. C. Northup, J. Heckendorn, and ——— Fletcher. These are some of the parties engaged in the hanging of Barclay.

One of the sailors, named Hazen, on board the steamer Senator, fell from the fore-yard arm yesterday morning, and was instantly killed.

SAN FRANCISCO, Monday, Dec. 18.—Our interior exchanges bring us the most flattering intelligence regarding the prospects of the miners in all parts of the State. The recent rains have been of immense advantage, and given active and profitable employment to thousands. The Stockton *Argus* says the prospects of the miners in the Southern mines were never more flattering.

We can seldom see a more quiet day than this has been. We have heard of no sales of any importance from first

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SAN FRANCISCO COURTS.—*The Postmaster and the Penny Post Company.*—The evidence in the above case has been closed. The essence of the whole case, as near as we can get at it, is this: A number of letters arrived at the Post office, some addressed "To the Penny Post Company for Mr. —," and some to "Mr. —, care of the Penny Post Co." In such cases, if the person, for whom the letter was intended had a box in the office, the letter would be thrown into it and not into the box of the Company. This, we are informed, is the main fact, although there are some minor charges of little weight. There is a question as to whether, under the above state of facts, an offence has been committed, and Commissioner Monroe purposes to withhold his decision until he can investigate the law.—*Evening News.*

CALIFORNIA PENNY POST COMPANY.

This company was incorporated at Sacramento, **California**, on June 25th, **1855**, by Henry L. Goodwin, Francis B. Folger and Frederick Schetter. Its object was to enter the field as independent letter carriers. There were no government carriers at this time in the cities and mining camps of **California**, although they had been authorized under Acts of Congress of 1851 and 1854.

The company had boxes erected and placed at corners throughout the principal cities; carriers collected mail and delivered locally and to the **post** office, and also received letters at the **post** office for delivery. Two-thirds of all the mail matter in and out of the state was at this time carried by the express companies.

Offices were established at San Francisco (#135 **California** Street), Sacramento, Stockton, Marysville, Benicia, Petaluma, Placerville, Fiddletown, Sonora, Shasta, &c., &c.

Stamps were prepared, as were envelopes, and distributed throughout the State at their face value. Newspaper wrappers were also prepared and sent to, at least, two papers, the New York Tribune, and the Journal of Commerce. These envelopes first bore the words "Care of the **Penny Post** Company". After July 4, **1855**, it was changed to "To the Agent of the **Penny Post** Company", and later to "To the **Penny Post** Company for —."

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Henry L. Goodwin was the agent, superintendent, and general manager of the company.

If the matter was to go through the mails the usual United States stamps were attached.

About July 4, **1855**, the Company and Mr. Charles L. Weller, Postmaster at San Francisco, disagreed as to the law relating to the transmission of such letters, &c., and a long and expensive litigation followed. The newspapers in the company's wrappers came in in lots of twenty to thirty thousand. Mr. Goodwin finally came East and secured a congressional investigation, reported in full under date of March 7, 1859, but suppressed after printing. The testimony taken now makes most interesting reading.

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The numerous circulars and advertisements of the company show that letters from any of the company's offices, addressed to San Francisco, were delivered each morning at 7 o'clock; 5 cents if penny postage be prepaid, otherwise 10 cents. Letters enclosed in the company's two cent envelopes, and deposited in any of its boxes, would be delivered at the post office in season for the mails. That in the Fall of 1855 they were delivering letters at less than one-third the express rates, and that thereafter they would deliver at 25% less than the reduced express rates. Prepaid envelopes from the East to California, Ten Dollars per hundred; for the Atlantic States via Nicaragua, Fifteen Dollars per hundred. These were sold in packages of twenty-five or less. Postage rates, if prepaid by stamps (otherwise double) for conveying a letter to the post office two cents; for delivering a letter from the post office five cents; for conveying a letter to the post office in one city and delivering the same in another, seven cents; for transmitting by express letters received after the mails were closed, seven cents; U. S. postage to be added. Envelopes obtainable at company's offices and at most of the post offices within the State. Strangers could have their letters delivered every morning by leaving address at office of Company. Miners could have inquiries made for mail at post offices in any of the cities or towns wherein the company operated, and all mail would be forwarded for twelve cents. Letters were later forwarded East via Nicaragua for 5 cents in addition to U. S. postage.



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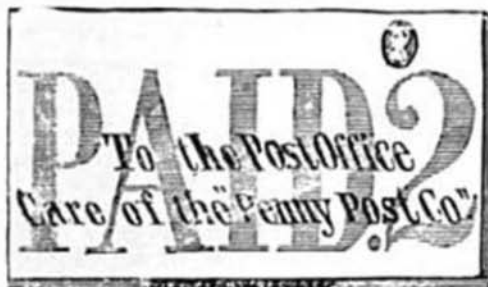
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Note: Catalogues list two other types of adhesives, viz., Scott L85 and L86. We do not chronicle them here as they are doubtful. We have seen original circulars of the **post**, but nowhere can we find a five cent rate to the **post** office. There was, however, this rate from the **post** office including city delivery, but we are convinced that the envelopes of the company alone were used for this purpose. We doubt the stamps for we have seen the two cent of the same types which we consider counterfeit.



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Envelopes.

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Type II.

7c vermilion on U. S. 3 cent buff 1853 envelope.

7c vermilion on U. S. 3 cent white 1853 envelope.

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Type III.

7c Black on buff.

This impression probably comes in blue and on various papers; U. S. adhesive attached; and probably impressed as well on 3 cent U. S. en-

Envelopes.

1855-1859.

Type I.

5c Blue.

Type II.

7c vermilion on U. S. 3 cent buff 1853 envelope.

7c vermilion on U. S. 3 cent white 1853 envelope.

Probably on other papers as well.

Type III.

7c Black on buff.

This impression probably comes in blue and on various papers; U. S. adhesive attached; and probably impressed as well on 3 cent U. S. envelope of 1853.

Type IV.

5c Black on buff.

5c Black on white.

7c Black on buff, U. S. 3 cent 1853 envelope.

Note: Impressions may be in blue as well as black and on envelopes with and without the U. S. envelope stamp.

Type V.

7c Black on buff on U. S. 3c envelope 1853.

Note: Same remarks apply as noted at end of Type IV.

Type VI.

2c Black on white.

Type VII.

5c Black on buff on U. S. 3c envelope 1853.

Note: Type VII is similar to Type VI but with "From" in place of "To" the **Post** Office.

Type VIII.

5c Blue on white thin paper.



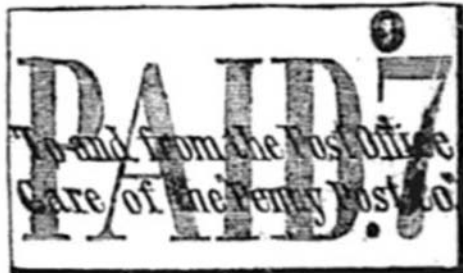
Type IX.

Type IX.

5c Black on yellow.

Type X.

7c Black on brownish buff.



Type X.

Note: There are other varieties of envelopes, not here listed. There are many combinations of the local envelope with the U. S. adhesive and envelope stamps. While we list only the impressions in black, we know that they come in blue and red. All these stamps are desirable and rare. We hope in time to have a complete detailed catalogue of them.

Newspaper Wrapper.

"3 papers for 15 cents," manila; N. Y. Journal of Commerce.

"3 papers for 15 cents," manila; New York Tribune.

COUNTERFEITS.

Various counterfeits exist of stamps other than those outlined in our Type varieties. There is a counterfeit of the 7 cent envelope, vermilion; type, however, is too large, and the stamp is not impressed on the 3 cent U. S. 1853 envelope. This is the only way the original of this stamp exists.

(To be continued.)

THE POSTAL ISSUES OF AUSTRIA.

letters entrusted to our care will be delivered with promptness and dispatch. Having secured box privileges of T. J. Henley, Esq., Postmaster, we are prepared to deliver **Post** Office letters to subscribers at the earliest moment after the arrival of the mails.

REED & CO."

As the "Alta" at that time was undisputedly the leading commercial daily newspaper of the city, and as this appeared under the head of new advertisements, it seems more than likely it was inaugurated at about that time and this was its maiden appeal to the public for business.

The fact that its office was with Adams & Co.'s Express would indicate that it held amicable relations with that dominant express company, and such, we learn, was the fact. That it served as a city delivery company for Adams & Co.'s Express letters from inland and abroad was a fact, copying in this respect from the usage of similar concerns in New York, Philadelphia, and other Eastern cities, such as Boyd's, Messenkope's, and the like.

We next glean from LeCount and Strong's San Francisco Directory of 1854 that their office continued with Adams & Co. in Parrott's granite building on Montgomery Street, and that Henry Reed was Proprietor and J. B. Brown Superintendent.

And on page 6 of this Directory, occupying one-half of the page (the other half occupied by Adams & Co.) appeared their advertisement, which we herewith reproduce:

During this year (1854) they advertised to make two regular deliveries daily, and special delivery at any time when called upon.

In February, 1855, Adams & Co. failed and closed their doors for all time. This necessitated a change of base, and we find Reed & Co. soon after with an office with Wells, Fargo & Co. Here the footprints cease and all further record is lost. Presumably the concern could not sustain its severance from its parent feeder (Adams & Co.) and after a few months of struggle gave up the field, which in quick succession was taken up by the **California Penny Post** Company in the fall of 1855, a concern destined to a short life; but that is another story.

In imitation of Eastern Local Posts, Reed & Co. prepared and used an adhesive; die struck, printed in black on green glazed surfaced paper.

The history of this **Post** has been taken nearly word for word from an article published by H. B. Phillips in *Filatellic Facts and Fallacies*, April, 1894.

We find that Mr. Reed, about 1861-2, was developing the Central American Transit Company, a Mail, Express and Passenger Route later known as the Tehuantepec Line through Mexican territory. Associated with him in this enterprise was Mr. I. C. Woods, one of the original resident managers of Adams & Co., and, whom it is claimed, was the Company of Reed's City Dispatch **Post**.

Mr. Reed later was a developer of certain lines of the Holladay Overland Mail and Express Company; see "**Pen-**