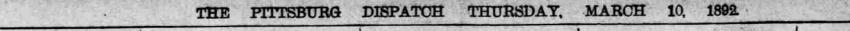
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CHICAGO'S CROSSING WAR.

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Now a Maniac.

HOW THEY SECURED THEIR MILLIONS.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 9.-Ever since the Argonauts flocked to California atter the discovery of gold by Marshall in the mill-race at Colima, men have been more eager to make large fortunes here than in any other part of the globe. Perhaps some-thing of this greed for money comes from the spectacle of poor men being converted into great capitalists by a single turn of fortune's wheel; perhaps it is in the air, which is heavy with the speculative ozone which makes gamblers of cautious, conservative men. Whatever it be, California has seen a score of great fortunes gathered by men who came here without a dollar, and in nearly every case it has seen this great wealth bring to its possessors only a heritage of misery that has often ended in suicide. In other countries the man who has gathered millions generally raises a family and leaves his estate to his sons, who preserve the family name and wealth; but in California it is the exception for a rich man to have a family that is of any service to him, and a dozen very rich Californians

may be named to-day who are working 10 or 12 hours a day rolling up money, and yet who have no worthy heir to the coin. Taking the San Francisco millionaires in chronological order we come first to Sam Brannan, the pioneer rich man of the city. Brannan was a Mormon elder, who brought Brannan was a Mormon elder, who brought out here a shipload of Latter Day Saints be-fore the discovery of gold. When he started trom New York it was the intention of Brigham Young to found a Mormon empire on the shores of the Pacific, but Brigham halted by the way and built the New Zion at Salt Lake City. So when Brannan reached San Francisco after a voyage of nearly two years, he found the Mormon plans entirely altered.

Brannan Pockets Mormon Tithes.

He established his followers on ranches and when the gold discovery came he utilized them in mining, carefully collect-ing one-tenth of what they mined as Church tithes. This tithing money started him on the way to fortune, and when Brigham de-manded the tithes Brannan laughed at him. The Mormon President when this really The Mormon President, when this reply was received, cursed Brannan and had a vision in which he described the apostate dying in misery and want among strangers. Well, Brannan laughed and went on mak-Well, Brannan laughed and went on mak-ing money. He was worth \$5,000,000 in 1855, when the first vigilance committee was formed, and he was the life of this body. He gave freely to every public pur-pose. Like the elder Dumas, he had a score of parasites who fattened on his liberality. Everything he touched turned to gold. He grew to believe that ill-fortune could not trike him. He scattered his fortune in a hundred ventures, and finally one day the crash came. It was forced by Brannan's drinking and his neglect of business.

One was sorry for the man except Brigham Young and his zealous disciples. They took him as an awful warning to apostates and predicted that he would yet eat the bread of predicted that he would yet eat the bread of misery. Brannan went to Sonora, where he had been granted big concessions by the Mexican Government; but his land was held by the Yaqui Indians, and he could never secure possession. He returned here several times, the last time just before his death. He was then a broken down old man, and when I saw him he was in a wretched room, in a cheap lodging house for which he paid in a cheap lodging house, for which he paid 25 cents a night. He told me, with grim humor, that he had met that day in the streets no less than three men whom he started on the road to wealth, and each one

CALIFORNIA'S WEALTH It Makes Men Miserable and Drives Them to Their Graves. TRAGEDIES IN THEIE MANSIONS. Sharon's Curse Fulfilled and His Nemesis Sharon's Trials With Sarah Althon.

Sharon's Trials With Sarah Althes. Sharon, Ralston's partner, had nearly as much tragedy in his life, although he died in his bed. He had phenomenal success as a miner and manipulator of mining stocks. He gathered fully \$20,000,000, but Balston's failure crippled him for a few years. Then he began to build on his property in this city, and the rentals of these houses and his large returns from milling ores on the Com-stock once more put him in possession of large sums. It was in 1883 that Sarah Al-thea Hill, a Missouri girl, brought suit against him for divorce and division of his estate, alleging that he had married her by contract. The publication of the arrest of Sharon on these charges produced a great sensation, although those 'familiar with the inside of Sharon's affairs knew that negoti-ations for a compromise had been going on ations for a compromise had been going on for months

for months. It would have been money and reputation gained for Sharon if he had paid her a quar-ter of a million and thus sealed her lips. But he was stubborn, and her way of ap-proaching the subject angered him. Her temper was fully as violent as his, and when her wrath was once aroused nothing could stop her. The details of the notorious suit are tranilier to all newsmaps. stop her. The details of the notorious suit are familiar to all newspaper readers. Sharon's name was dragged through the mire; it became a by-word with the humorous paragraphers. The case revealed more folly and vice than any similar case in the history of the courts in 30 years. It took rank with the celebrated cases in the English courts. Although Sharon pretended to care nothing for these exposures, his intimate friends knew that he was morbidly sensitive. Every sunt, every caricature, every sneer told on

knew that he was morbidly sensitive. Every taunt, every caricature, every sneer told on him. He aged rapidly under the terrible ordeal, and the climax was reached when Judge Sullivan gave judgement in favor of the woman, and decided that she was en-titled to half of the community millions.

Foretold a Hoodoo That Came. Sharon's rage when the news of this de-cision was brought to him is said to have been terrible. The feeble old man cursed ision was brought to him is said to have been terrible. The feeble old man cursed Sarah Althea and all her tribe, cursed the judge and even his own lawyers, who, he said, had mismanaged the case. He called down upon them the same suffering he had himself endured, and foretold the hoodoo that would brood over them. In his wrath he seemed to become "feig," as the Scan-dinavians say. He drew a picture of Sarah's future which has been reproduced almost to the letter. He wound up by dooming him-self to unending torment if he should ever pay one cent to the woman who had caused him so much trouble, and he made his heirs take an equally feartul oath that they would spend the last dollar of his estate in the legal fight against her. Sharon lived long enough to know that the upper courts would ultimately reverse Judge Sullivan's decision. He died fully ten years before his time, worn out by the passions aroused by the divorce suit.

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His heirs followed his instructions to the letter. They beat Sarah at every turn in the courts; they hounded her in private; they were largely responsible for the vio-lent scenes that occurred in the Federal Court that led to the shooting of Judge Terry. They made it dangerous for anyone to do a friendly act for Sarah or speak a kind word to her. They defeated Judge Sullivan twice in his efforts to get on the State Supreme Bench. Everyone who had aided Sarah in the courts was attacked covertly and made to suffer. In fact, a reg-ular blight has fallen upon nearly everyone connected with the case, and the "Sharon hoodoo," as it is called, has become a local by-word. Sarah Althea is the latest victim. Her brilliant mind is wrecked, and she is Her brilliant mind is wrecked, and she is now communing with spirits and fighting over again the battles for the millions that she is fated never to grasp.

Troubles of Other Millionaires.

The other bonanza millionaires have suffered almost as badly at the hands of fate in their domestic lives as Sharon did, Old Mark Hopkins was the financial brains of Mark Hopkins was the financial brains of the big four on this coast. He was a re-markable mathematician, and no one ever surpassed him in skill in drafting contracts and making estimates. Even Huntington conceded Hopkins' rare ability in this line, and never offered any suggestion. Hopkins had no pleasures aside from the accumula-tion of wealth. Neither Hopkins nor his wife left, any bequests to charity. Their millions have done no one any good, except to furnish an impressive illustration of the vanity of riches. millions have done no one any good, except to furnish an impressive illustration of the vanity of riches. Directly across from the Hopkins castle is a large lot belonging to ex-Senator James G. Fair, the bonanza millionaira. Fair is regarded by many as the ablest of the firm that included Flood, Mackay, O'Brien and himself. He is still in the prime of life, but he is working now merely for the sake of retaining his wealth and the power it carries with it. It is nine years ago that Mrs. Fair obtained a divorce from her hus-band. He made no defense, and she secured freedom and \$4,500,000. She was an Irish woman of no education, who had helped Fair when poor. She bore him five children. Great wealth proved a curse to the children. The oldest boy is just dead, a victim of drink. The sconde son is now in Europe, but he is likely to follow in the footsteps of his brother. Neither was ever trusted by the father. He simply gave the lads an allow ance. They had passed beyond his control long before their beards came. The girls have always behaved themseives, but of course tney are no help to the man who has millions. day evening. Flood's Mansion but a Big Tomb. Flood's Mansion but a Big Tomp. Millionsire Flood took more comfort in his family than Fair ever did, but he also had hard luck. His eldest son for years drank heavily, and was frequently en-gaged in disgraceful scenes. It looked as though he would go the way of the Fair boys, but just before his father's death he seemed to receive some moral bracing up, and he has since attended to business fairly well. seemed to receive some moral bracing up, and he has since attended to business fairly well. Flood's daughter was her father's favor-ite. She was never pretty, but her millions brought her many suitors, among them a son of General Grant, but she grew so sup-picious that all who paid court to her want-ed only her money that she wouldn't be-lieve in anyone. Hence she is still unmar-ried and has nothing but her three or four millions to console her. Flood himself was very simple in his tastes, but he was in-duced by his family to build a costly brown tone residence on Nob Hill. When the family moved into its magnificent rooms (the whole cost \$2,500,000) the owner was already marked with death. The doctors hat told him he had Bright's disease. He went to Wiesbaden and died there. Ever since it was finished the Flood mansion has been shut like a tomb- a gloomy symbol of the end of mere money-getting. Alf block away is the Colton, a good financier, who was hired by Stanford and Crocker to help them in their work. He was a free liver, and many stories were told of his adventures. He died very suddenly in the beautiful house he had built. The house of Laura D. Fair, the notorious woman who killed her lover on the Oakland terry boat, in the presence of his family. Space is lacking to dwell on other trage-dies in the lives of rich Californian. Adolph Sutro, who made millions out of the comstock tunnel, lived for several years in the same house with his wife, is used on the beautiful yeight for several years in the same house with his wife, is used on the beauting industry, has just been adjudged with the parents alternately. Hermann Liebes, who has made a big fortune out of the vene in the inter, has just been adjudged with the parents alternately. Hermann liebes, who has made a big fortune out of puble of cruelty, and his wife has secured Court.

LAW PEDDLERS FOR A Supreme Court Decision That Will Affect the Class.

> CANVASSERS IN THE SAME BOAT. They Must Be Citizens and Come Under License Regulations.

PEREMPTORY NOTICES ARE PLENTIFUL

"No beggars, peddlers, or canvassers allowed here" is a notice that greets you in most door-ways and elevators in public buildings nowadays. It is said that all the world loves a lover and it seems to be almost universally the case that people dread a book canvasser or, in the rural districts a fruit-tree agent, but many people who lack sufficient brusqueness to get rid of a book canvasser, especially one of the tender sex, will be glad to learn that the Supreme Court of this State has decided that a can vasser of any kind who goes from house to house and does a retail, business, whether in taking orders for a book or for fruit or ornamental trees, currant bushes or posy plants is a peddler, and is liable to be hauled over the coals by any of his victims, if he cannot show a peddler's license in districts or counties where such licenses are provided for, and it is safe to say that not one book-sub-scription canvasser in a thousand, and very few peddlers of any kind, except disabled

soldiers, have license. The case in point is that of the city of Titusville versus J. W. Brennan, a canvasser, who was fined \$25 and costs by the City Recorder for canvassing for subscrip-tions in that city without first getting a license as required by an ordinance of the

The Opinion a Pointed One.

Justice Williams wrote the opinion of the Court and it bristles with illustrations suggestive of the Judge's residence in the gestive of the Judge's residence in the rural districts, where sharpers get unsus-pecting agriculturists to sign agreements which subsequently prove to be notes which are discounted by innocent parties, thereby rendering the dupe re-sponsible to the uttermost farthing. Justice Williams in the opinion discusses the entire mange of the inter-State commerce act and holds that a canvasser who goes from house to house contracting in a retail way cannot be construed to be a dealer in original pack-ages nor a drummer, alias commercial trav-eler, as the latter sells to the trade and not to private families and persons. to private families and persons. He cannot be held to be an importer, but

The cannot be held to be an imposer, but-is simply a peddler and his occupation is characterized as a "domiciliary invasion" with a gusto which seems to indicate that His Honor has been numerously, the victim of pretty and fascinating book agenteses from whom few men are able to escape ex-cept by unconditional surrender and sub-scription for Captain Willard Grazier's book or something else of the same character, and in fact the title and pretensions of the work for sale do uot relieve the canvasser from the peddler classification. His Honor holds that canvassers of all kinds come under the police regulations of the State just as clearly as the crimes of larceny and false pretense, and that humbugging and swindling in the past have been carried on by canvassers of all kinds to an alarming extent, that robs honest industry of many thousands of dollars each year. Held to Be a Peddler.

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Held to Be a Peddler. The canvasser is held to be a peddler, even if he does not deliver the goods, and, while enforcement of the law may work an injury to some honest people, they must submit in order to break up the nuisance of people's houses being invaded at all hours of the day by persons who may be legitimate canvassers, but who may also, under the guise of venders of morus multicaulis seeds, self-setting and self-baiting mousetraps, patent churns, hay rakes, etc., be swindlers or burglars in dis-guise, taking observations and wax impres-

WITHOUT A COUNTRY.

Rev. Dr. Leeming Comes Here With a Most An American Captain Seized by Russia Appeals to the Canadian Parliament to Rev. Dr. Leeming, who, by his eloquence has earned for himself the title of "Austra ablish Citizenship-He Is Told He Is a Citizen of the United States-This lian orator," is rapidly becoming a popular Government Objects

favorite, as is shown by the large and en-OTTAWA, ONT., March 9 .- [Special.]thusiastic audiences which have always Last year while sealing in Bering Sea in command of the American sealing schooner, greeted his appearance wherever known The press of the various countries through "Hamilton Fish," Captain McLean, a Nova which he has passed unite in pronouncing him one of the most gifted of modern speak. Scotian, was seized by a Russian gun boat and taken to Siberia for having raided the ers. Possessed of rare talents and the highest university training, he stands before the public a man of oulture and scholarly st-tainments. On the lecture platform he is unsurpassed. His tall, commanding figure and fine bearing are great helps to him. His voice is singularly aveat distinct and Pacific coast, the matter was brought up in the Canadian Parliament with a view to His voice is singularly sweet, distinct and disciplined, while his style of composition shows him an able master of the English language. These points are powerful weapons in the hands of one thoroughly trained in rheto-rical art. Dr. Leeming will lecture in St. Bridget's Church Sunday evening, the 13th which he sailed in American vessels.

Word reached here to-day that the British Government have thoroughly investigated his case and the evidence obtained goes clearly to establish the validity of his claim to the protection of the Amer-Illinois Central Tracks Torn Up by Order of ican flag unmistakable proof having been secured as to his having taken out natural CHICAGO, March 9.-In accordance with ization papers in Boston in 1883. Advices received from British Columbia this week an order issued by the City Council Monday night, the Commissioner of Public Works show that his friends there have failed to



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show that his friends there have failed to establish this fact and announce that the authorities at Washington repudiated the same as an American citizen or his right to any claim on the protection of the United States Government. He now stands in the position of one whose nationality is repu-diated by both the United States and British Governments, and with a view to further investigate his claim the British Government, through the Parliament here, will be requested to again look into the matter. to-day caused the recently-laid tracks of the Illinois Central Railroad in South Chicago, which have caused a crossing war between that company and the Baltimore and Ohio,



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passed by on the road to wears, and each one passed by on the other side, pretending not to know the broken man who once helped them up out of the financial gutter. Yet when he said this he wasn't bitter, and when he left his last words to me were: "You'll see that in a few months I'll be on my feet again. There's plenty of life in the old man yet."

Latham Lost His Bead and Suicided.

The next millionaire to succeed Brannan was Milton S. Latham, a lawyer, who de-veloped a great taste for building railroads and developing industrial enterprises. He had the finest house in the city in the later had the finest house in the city in the later 50s, filled it with costly paintings, held superb receptions, but he couldn't keep failure off. He sunk \$6,000,000 in a rail-road that skirts the coast above Frieco, and this, with other difference of the summer leaving no herrs. His fine mansion was converted into a boarding house. He is re-membered now chiefly for the beautiful monument that he erected in Lone Mount-ain Cemetery—a Parlan marble life-sized statue of his first wife, Sophie. She stands gazing out upon the Golden Gate and the shoreless ocean beyond—the only remaining relic of the Latham millions. A cotenporary of Latham's was F. L. A.

relic of the Latham millions. A cotenporary of Latham's was F. L. A. Pioche, a shrewd Frenchman, who once owned acres in South San Francisco. He handled his property well, built houses, drew enormous rents and was soon many times a millionaire. He quarreled with his family, and sent them back to France with ample means. Then he built a superb house ou Stockton street overlooking the hear. ample means. Then he built a superb house on Stockton street, overlooking the beau-tiful bay. The whole upper floor opened upon a balcony that commanded a view from the Golden Gate to the far end of the bay, with Mount Diablo standing as senti-nel and Mount Tamalpais as warder. This upper floor was fitted up in Turkish style, sud there Pioche was fond of gathering his triends and entertaining them. If these mirrored and frescoed walls could speak they would tell of Sardanapalian banquets and of orgies in which houris from Paris took a prominent part. But evil days tell on Pioche. Like so many others he lost his head, drank too much brandy, and one morning was found dead in his beautiful rooms with a pistol bullet through his head. He lett his estate in such jearful confusion He left his estate in such fearful confusion that very little was saved from the wreck. His noble mansion was degraded to the service of a boarding bouse and finally fell into the hands of the Chinese Consul.

The Most Brilliant of Them All,

But of all the men who have flashed like meteors through the California financial firmament, by all odds the most brilliant as well as the most lamented was Raiston. He has justly been selected as the best type of the Californian who combined nerve, energy and audacity, and who finally came to be-lieve in his star with the blind infatuation of Napoleon. Ralston gained his nerve and much of his remarkable coolness in and much of his remarkable coolness in time of danger as a pilot on the Mississippi. Old rivermen at St. Louis still recall his dare-devil pranks and his reckless daring as a trader when the steamboat business wearied him. He was among the early ad-venturers who came here after fortune. It was just the field for his genius. He made thousands where others made hundreds, be-cause he planned with great shrewdness and was never bluffed by great risks. Mines, banks. manufactories, railroads, ranches-all these he handled with consummate skill. He formed a partnership with Sharon, who He formed a partnership with Sharon, who had just taken out \$20,000,000 from the Sierra Nevada and Ophir mines on the Com-stock, after every one said the mines were even used exhausted.

Together they made a powerful combina-tion. As President of the Bank of Cali-fernia, Balston had almost unlimited credit. fernia, Ralston had almost unlimited credit. He built the laurel palace at Belmont, 30 miles from the city, which is still the finest country house on the Coast. There he dis-pensed a bospitality that has never been equaled in this country. But the flood of silver and gold from the Comstock, which had put this eager life into the veins of San Francisco, began to run low. Every one began to be cramped for money. Ralston feit the change first, a divorce.

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guise, taking observations and wax impres-sions of locks, or simply door-mat thieves or hall-rack plunderers. The idea held out is that there is no longer a reasonable neces-sity for such distributors when stores are numerous and railways and mails within numerous and railways and mails within

sity for such distributors when stores are numerous and railways and mails within reach of buyers. In this connection it is interesting to learn, from the Clerk of Courts' office, that while you can scarce travel five miles in any direction from the city without encoun-tering from one to half a dozen pack ped-dlers, yet but two licenses have been taken out, aside from those granted to disabled soldiers, who are specially provided for. Soldiers who want a license to peddle must show that they have suffered injury in con-sequence of military service, and when they get a peddler's license they need not renew it, but all other peddler's must take out license yearly. Clerk McGunnegle was under the impression that the peddling fraternity was about extinct and was aston-ished to learn that at least 200 fitted out their cargoes every Sunday on the hill and on Monday morning started toward all points of the compass, a considerable con-tingent leaving the city on the Brownsville packet every Monday morning, returning for fresh consignments on Friday or Satur-day evening.

Citizenship a Necessary Qualification

Citizenship a Necessary Qualification. According to law a peddler must be a citizen, but it is doubtful whether a ma-jority of these peripatetics have even de-clared their intentions. The writer saw one some nine miles from the city one day last week who said he had come from Poland and had been but seven weeks in the United States, though he had conquered sufficient English to make trades. It is believed that the un-healed scars of the knout might be found on the backs of some of these peddlers. They are shrewd traders, too, and the one noted said he cleared from \$2 to \$10 a day. They fare plentcously, if not sumptuously, at small cost, and in some parts of the rural districts get good treatment from farmers who are a farial to refuse them entertainment as buildings have been burned by people

who are alraid to relies them entertainment as buildings have been burned by people who have been refused lodging. A few weeks since one stopped at the house of a man named Robb, some eight miles from the city and near the Steubenville pike, and asked for his dinner. No one was pike, and asked for his dinner. No one was at home except Mr. Robb's mother and she is over 80 years of age. She told him she was not able to cook dinner for him, but he refused to go without it and tendered her in pay a skein of thread worth 3 cents. His impudence roused her wrath and made her forget her fears, but he finally tendered two akeins, and she weakened and gave the Slav his dinner and since then she has been mak-ing inquiry for some one who wants to dis-pose of a cross doz. ose of a cross dog.

They Don't Like the Dogs.

They Don't Like the Dogs. Most of these peddlers are more afraid of cross dogs than of anything else, but their desire for gain supports them under great fear. Many of these peddlers carry loads of tinware heavy enough to make a Mexican burro grunt and yet there is a special license costing \$36 50 a year, (which it is certain they do not pay,) required of tin peddlers. The law is probably unjust and was prob-ably made to quiet the clamor of a class, but it is unrepealed nevertheless. The act of 1845 makes a tin peddler's license \$30, and the clerk's fee is \$6 50. A foot peddler's license costs \$14 50. Neither is allowed to sell clocks, whisky, tobacco or cigars. In addition to county license other municipal corporations may also impose a license, as Titusville did in the case of the man who carried the case to the Supreme Court.

Justice Williams' opinion appears to give immense satisfaction to most people who have heard it, for to those who find it diffi-cult to say no the canvaser is a terror, and they would willingly see the guild taxed out of existence.

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