THE GOLDEN STATE.

In Fruit-Growing and Wine-Making Lie the Future Hopes of California.

Something About the Trotter Sweetheart and Her Feline Pet—A Glance at Dennis Kearney.

Correspondence of the Globe-Democrat.

SAN FRANCISCO, Mey 30.—Los Angels is now in her most beautiful dress. The orange trees are laden heavily with fruit, the mammoth grapevines have commenced to bud, and the scene is one which beggars description. I passed through the Los Angeles country last week and wasmore than pleased to learn that the orange crop promises to be the largest known for years. The fruit is also of a sweeter and choicer kind, and many of the owners of the groves, who have been weighed down with debt, will be able to lighten themselves considerably, while others can cancel their entire indebtedness. The result will be owners of the groves will carry on the business on a still larger and more extensive scale, and since it has been found profitable to ship oranges to the St. Louis and Chicago markets the people look for quite a boom in the raising of oranges in the future. There is no use denying the fact that in fruit-growing and wine-making lies the future greatness of California. Already men of large means have purchased heavily of lands in Los Angeles, Solano and other counties and are planting them with orange trees, grapes and other fruit.

LUCKY BALDWIN,

the heavy and successtul stock broker, owns some 66,000 acres of land in Los Angeles County alone, and is making the raising of grapes and oranges a business. On his grounds he has also erected a large distillery, which is kept going day and night, turning out all kinds of wines, brandy, etc. Baldwin has been one of the most fortunate speculators in stocks on the Pacific coast, raking in two years ago a clean $5,000,000, but if he loses as heavily for the next year as he has the preceeding one, he will be down to bed-rock and his lands in the hands of some other fortunate one before another year has rolled around.

He is also a breeder of fine stock, and among his noted runners was seen the celebrated Mollie McCarthy. The mare has been taken from the track and is used only for breeding, being now with foal. A short distance from Mr. Baldwin resides Mr. Rose, another gentleman well known to the sporting world. This gentleman was formerly the owner of Mackey's celebrated trotter Sweetheart, and the mare is still in his charge and promises to develop some extraordinary speed. She is three years of age, weighs 880 pounds, and a short time ago covered a mile in 2:26. Mackey is confident that she will beat St. Julien's time as he is that the sun will set in the west.

A FEW WEEKS AGO

he visited the stable, took a look at his mare and then ordered the colored boy to hitch her up and give her a round on the track. The African did so, and Mackey was so well pleased with her stride that he presented the colored lad with a $50 gold piece, and the promise that should she turn out as he predicted, four times that amount could certainly be counted upon as a net egg. The price paid for Sweetheart was $12,000, but twice that amount could not get her now. A singular companion has been selected by this promising filly which is nothing else but a large yellow cat. Wherever the mare goes the cat follows and when in the stable she sits upon her back, lies cuddled between her feet at night, and drinks out of the same bucket. The mare also shares the same felling for the cat by frequently catching her by the neck and lifting her into the manger, licking her with the tongue and manifesting her love in many other ways. The friendly feeling which exists between these two animals is centainly strange. Eva, a sister of Sweetheart, is also the property of Mackey, and is as pretty an animal as one would wish to see. She is two years of age, weighs 780 pounds, but has never put to the mettle. That she will also do wonderful things Mackey has no fears, but he don't think she will every touch her sister by a dozen seconds.

DENIS KEARNEY.

To-day I met the famous Denis Kearney. He was on his way to the Sand Lots to give his usual Sunday talk to the boys. Denis is a singular man, but a very interesting companion. Seeing me, he called out: "Come down, and hear me give it to the boys." Accepting his invitation, we walked down together, and I then for the first time learned that he was an admirer of Bob Ingersoll, and believed in everything he said. Denis will next month deliver a lecture to the Mormons at Salt Lake, taking their side of the question. He does not, however, believe in Mormonism, but says time will eventually wipe them from the earth. After stepping at several other places along the line of the U. P. Road, he will sail for Europe to be absent for several months. The report that he had gone back to his dray was true in one sense of the word—he did go back for one day, to give the papers and people a chance to talk. I asked him if he had made a stake in his speeches, not that I thought he would answer me correctly, but merely for the fun of the thing. In a mild and quiet tone he said, "not one cent," and "to tell you the truth I lost mostly everything I had." The Sand Lots having been reached Denis mounted the stand amid great cheering, and for two hours entertained his hearers on the issues of the day, notwithstanding he was hooted and yelled at by many who did not just exactly side with him.

SAN FRANCISCO POLITICS.

At present a number of soreheads are making a desperate effort to have the supreme court order another election, to be held next September. The leading business men and tax-payers are, in a body, against it—first, because it is not legal, and second, because business is now flourishing, and the excitement of another election would be an injury. Sheriff Desmond, who was elected on the Workingmen's ticket, is of the opinion that the supreme court will decide against it; but, should they do otherwise, he is confident that he can be renominated and elected; and, from the talk among men, irrespective of party, I see in Mr. Desmond the next Sheriff of San Francisco. He is very popular, and during the time he has filled this important office not one word of complaint has been heard.

The most eccentric man in the state is A. Werner, of San Francisco. He resides in a long frame ranch near the Megges Harbor, and ekes out an existence by selling monkeys, parrots, and keeping a grog-shop. The grog-shop, however, is not a paying institution, but it is the most singular-looking room I ever saw. In thirty years it has not been swept out, and the walls and ceilings are covered with spider-webs a foot thick. Pictures which were hanging on the walls when Werner came into possession are

COMPLETELY COVERED WITH DUST,

webs and other filth, and the frames have almost rotted away. The bar is ornamented with the bones of dead animals, while six huge sculls are in the center, surrounded with bottles and glasses. Werner was away on the visit of your correspondent, but from a gentleman who had lately entered his employ, something was learned of this singular being. Thirty years ago an old man died who owned this property, and willed it to Werner, providing he never disturbed a single article in the rooms. With this promise he accepted the gift, and a week after taking possession he accidentally broke the mirror while dusting. This he considered as the work of his dead friend, warning him not to sweep or dust, and since that day not an article in the room has ever been touched. Werner has no family, and no person knows anything of his past life. He is without doubt the most singular man in California, and when he dies it will be worth considerable to secure his old curiosity shop.

Snake Stories.

In Augusta, Ga., a watersnake 8 ft. 2 inches in length and 10 inches in circumference was recently killed by Alonzo Gilley.

In one hole a Daviess County, Ky., man found seven copperheads and 22 black snakes, all of which he succeeded in killing.

A veritable horn snake has been seen by the Gainesville, Ga., Eagle. It was striped, and the horn, which was an inch long, was on the tail.

James Brower, of Poughkeesie, came to the rescue of a lady who was attacked by a black snake of the racer species, and succeeded in killing it. It measured 5 feet in length.

Miss Adeline Davis, of Americus, Ga., 18 years of age, died in great agony recently from the bite of a rattle snake. Two of its fangs struck the instep of the right foot, one penetrating deeply.

Dr. J. M. Bellis, of Flemington, N. J., killed six water snakes, while on the banks of the Branch. Some of them were four feet six inches long. Inside of one of the largest was found a large catfish.

A holiday among some farm hands of Bellevue, Oregon, was given an attack with a den of rattlesnakes. When time was called at sundown sixty-eight snakes, some of them with twenty rattles, were dead.

A blacksnake that has been the terror of the neighborhood of Nicktown, Pa., was shot and killed by James Zern on Saturday. Its place of abode was a hollow tree in Mr. Zern's sugar camp. It measured 16 feet in length and was proportionately large.

The people of Williams Creek, near Rockville, O., are in terror over an enormous serpent that has infested the place for several years. It is at least twenty feet long and a foot and a half in circumference, of a dark brown color, and is supposed to have escaped from a circus that has visited the town.

A Tennessee man who wanted to settle in Shannon county, Mo., wrote to a friend there to know if there were any poisonous snakes there. The friend replied: "We have a few rattlesnakes, a few cottonmouths, (both poisonous), and the harmless chicken, the gentle garter, the bright-eyed green, the swift-flying black, the cowardly water, the loud-mouthed bull, and the domestic boot snakes. The latter, however, is toothless, and to be only found at one place in the county. Steer clear of that paint and they will not trouble you. No, Missouri is not troubled with snakes, like Kansas, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa and Texas. Come."

Probably there is no animal on earth so intelligent and humane as a Nevada rattlesnake. A little girl, 4 years old, belonging to a farmer, was run away with in the mountains the other day while her father got out of the wagon to get a drink at the spring. As she was one of twelve daughters he hated to spoil the set, and so pushed on after her, but with little hopes of overtaking the frightened animal. Presently he found the horse right on the edge of a precipice, unable to move an inch. One end of a strap had caught around his fetlock, the other end around a tree and held him tight. When the farmer went to pull on the strap he jumped about ten feet, for a rattlesnake was holding the horse. It had wound its tail around the horse's leg, its neck was turned three times around a sapling, and its teeth was fast in the wood. It was twelve feet long, for the farmer measured it. A few pounds more strain would have snapped the snake clear in two. The snake wasn't over five feet long really, for when the farmer took the strain off it came right back to its natural size, for the snake is a very elastic animal. The child wasn't frightened in the least. This story must be true, because the farmer was there and saw it all, and says it is true. He wanted four copies of the paper—The Carson Appeal—if it published the item, to send to his relatives in the east. We take the liberty of extending the information to his acquaintances in the other parts of the country. Those who know him best and admire him most will be glad to hear that he is doing so well out in Nevada.

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