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88 1/2 per cent this year, and Mason & Edwards and U. P. Boutell inform us that there has been marked increase in their sales. This continual knocking has kept down the value of property in and about Morgan Hill to the extent of many thousands of dollars, and has and will continue to keep out many new people whom we need to settle on our vacant lands, but for all that the town is making marked progress.

Chris Bucheleier, who has been visiting his brother Charles, left Monday for his home at Pleasantville, Kansas. A. H. Bucheleier, prepared a fine box of peaches for him to take with him. They were of the season all right variety and averaged thirteen apiece each.

The Morgan Hill Canning & Packing Company will ship a car load of pears packed under the Caprus brand in Los Angeles Monday. They expect to follow this up with a car load to St. Paul. This week the company has packed between seven and eight thousand cases of tomatoes.

Mr. Smith of Santa Clara and a former resident of Morgan Hill visited old time friends here the first of the week. While here he made arrangements to have a cement walk laid in front of his property on the north side of Haisfeld avenue, where Bennett's meat market is located.

Different Kinds of Traps.

A well known detective was complimented on an arrest that he had made. The arrest had been mysteriously achieved, and the detective was asked to explain it. This, though, he refused to do. "There are so many ways of catching criminals," he said, laughing. "You know what the old man told his wife? She first said to him: 'Don't talk, John. You can't say I ever, ran after you.' True, the old man answered, and you can't say the trap ever runs after the mouse either, but I gather him in just the same!"—Exchange.

A number of persons have been arrested for hunting on the McDermott ranch by the foreman, Deputy Sheriff T. J. Kish. It is the intention of the owner of the ranch to vigorously prosecute hunters who trespass upon the property, as heretofore cattle have been killed and fires started by persons who were on the place contrary to the notice.

Merrill & Bussing have the contracts for putting down cement sidewalks on the north side of Haisfeld avenue from Votaw, Taylor and Co.'s walk to the corner of Depot street, fronting on the property of the Meat Market, B. M. Moran, C. H. Mason, Dr. Hildman and W. S. Durr. Also on the east side of Monterey street from Rutino to Main avenue fronting the property of C. H. Mason and the town hall. Crossings will probably be made to the depot by the town trustees.

The Poor Squirrel.

An Irishman stood in front of an electric fan which was going at full speed, with no end of a buzz. After a minute or two he scratched his head and said, "Heads, I wouldn't want to be that squirrel!"

At the Station.

A. J. Caswell, the late president of the Transylvanian railroad, once told the following railroad story:

A western broker moved from the city into the country. He moved far out, and, since the railroad was small and the train service poor, he traveled in and from town by carriage or automobile exclusively.

Deciding, after a time, to keep chickens, he ordered a talent chicken coop and on the day it was expected set out in a dray to fetch it home from the freight office.

He reached the railroad station, which he had never seen before, after an hour's drive. No one was in sight, but there was his chicken coop, and with his man's help, he soon had it on the dray and set off homeward again.

A hundred yards or so down the road he met a chap in a blue uniform with the title of "station master" on a gold letter on his blue cap.

"Hey, there," exclaimed the chap excitedly. "What the dickens have you got on that dray?"

"My new chicken coop," the broker

cried. "And piano duet—Misses Amy Aiken and Ruth Waischer; solo—Miss Himes; instrumental solo—Florence Waischer; vocal duet—Mrs. Maude James and Miss Gertrude Stephenson; instrumental solo—Miss Mary Mack; vocal solo—Mrs. William Bach; piano, solo—Miss Maude James; E. V. Edwards and J. N. Fawcett; vocal solo—Miss Wilfred McLain.

Detonates D. W. and P. "First Field Artillery, under the command of Lieutenant Colonel H. P. Brown, camped in the field at the corner of Main avenue and Monterey road, Monday afternoon and night. They had been at Benigno for target practice and were on their way to the Presidio at San Francisco.

The train men on a local freight train were surprised Friday evening by seeing a nearly nude man climb on the engine near Tennant switch. He was taken to Gilroy and turned over to Constable White who took him to San Jose and placed in the county jail until he could be examined as to his sanity. His name is George MacDonald.

At the Circus.

Zeks and Keturah had been keeping company for nearly a year, but up to date Zeks had not had the courage to propose. The opportunity came, though, one summer afternoon when they were at the circus. After seeing the sights they reached a hole in hay in an obscure corner of the menagerie tent.

"What do you reckon is the most strange thing we need?" said Keturah. "I've heard for my, but I know what I'd like to be now," replied Zeks in a tender voice. "The thing to propose man?" she retorted.

"Yes, and him."

"That's the ringmaster?"

"No, him. You recollect the octopus in the glass tank? Well, I'd like to be her."

"Why?"

"You'd be high unto a hundred arms, and I'd like to see 'em all a-bugle you a hundred times at once and protect you from all sides for the rest of your life."—Tallies' House Journal.

Two of a Kind.

A private in the regulars went to the command of his regiment and asked for a few weeks' leave of absence. The command was a severe disciplinarian and did not hesitate to use a waterbury in granting the granting of privileges to his men.

"Well," said the colonel, "what do you want a few weeks' leave for?"

"He wrote to my wife, and the children are not well, and, if you didn't mind, she would like to have me home for a few weeks to give her a bit of consolation."

The colonel eyed him for a few minutes and said:

one was glad to see them as they had made themselves popular among us. Mr. Waischer has just returned from Pleasant county where he had been for several months.
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