

### State Viticultural Convention.

A circular issued by the Secretary of the Board of State Viticultural Commissioners informs us that the Second Annual Viticultural Convention will commence at Dashaway Hall, San Francisco, on August 27th, and continue for six days. A splendid display of exhibits of raisins, wine, brandy, etc., is expected, as well as the attendance of prominent viticulturists from the entire State. The essential plan of the Convention will be to devote the mornings to informal critical examination of exhibits under direction of the Special Committee, such direction being necessary to prevent confusion. The afternoons and evenings to formal meetings, and the discussion of topics as set forth generally in the following programme:

MONDAY, Aug. 27th.—Discussion of table, shipping and raisin grapes, and raisins. Messrs. Blowers, Briggs, Earl and Mrs. Carr. The selection, plantation, cultivation and maintenance of vineyards. H. W. Crabb.

TUESDAY, Aug. 28th.—Inspection of raisins and methods of packing. General discussion of experience in selection,