Boris Kostich is expected before long in California and other Western States, on his way to Europe.

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In the 9th California State championship, held at San Francisco, August 24th—31st, Harry Borochow, of Los Angeles, won the title for the first fime, with a score of 7 (6 wins, 2 draws) out of 8. Willis Lamb, of Los Angeles, a sixteen-year-old student at Berkeley, was second with $5\frac{1}{2}$, and G. S. G. Patterson, also of Los Angeles, third with 5.

We regret to learn that the chess column in *The San Francisco Chronicle*, edited for many years by Ernest J. Clarke, has come to an end.