THE DAILY RECORD-UNION.

TUESDAY.....MARCH 2, 1880.

Signal Corps Report—March 1, 1880.

TIME.	BAR	THR	HUM	WIND	RAIN	WEATH.
4:02 A. M.....	30.09	45	76	S. E. 7	....	Clear
7 A. M.....	30.10	43	83	S. E. 5	....	Clear
8:02 A. M.....	30.11	45	76	S. E. 5	....	Clear
2 P. M.....	29.98	64	30	S. E. 10	....	Clear
8:02 P. M.....	29.92	51	79	S. E. 16	....	Cloudy

Max. ther., 65 degrees. Min. ther., 40 degrees.

Weather Probabilities.

WASHINGTON, March 1st—Midnight.—Indications for Pacific coast region: For North and Central Pacific, cloudy; partly cloudy, with occasional rains For South Pacific, clear or fair.

ADVERTISEMENT MENTION.

Unprecedented advance of the WEEKLY UNION.
Democratic City Ticket.
Literary and leap-year party at Turner Hall to-night.
Royal Arch Chapter to-night.
W. R. Jones, for Fire Commissioner.
The O'Leary and Weston pedestrian contest.
Exempts' meeting—Funeral to-day.
City Guard—Drill to-night.
I. O. O. F.—Rebekah Degree Lodge, No. 8, to-night.
Wanted—Situation by a girl.
Wanted—A young man.
For Sale—160 acres of land—Carl Strobel.
Dressmaker—Wants work.
Sale or Let—House on G street.
Philharmonics—Meet to-night.
Fifteen feet of manuscript lost.

Business Advertisements.

Hostetter's Stomach Bitters.
Brooms—Adams, McNeill & Co.
Waldemar Meyer vs. his creditors.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

BOARD OF CITY TRUSTEES.

The Board of City Trustees met yesterday, with Mayor Turner and Trustee Johnson present.

REPORTS.

John A. Cunningham, Chief Engineer of the water works, reported that last week 7,928,000 gallons of water were pumped and 777 cubic feet of coke used.

W. C. Farnsworth, Superintendent of the City Cemeteries, reported that there were 37 deaths in the city in February and 11 bodies were brought there; 24 were interred in the City Cemetery, 12 in the New Helvetia, 9 in the St. Joseph and the others were sent to other places; $235 50 was received for dues and permits.

P. Brannigan, Poundmaster, reported that he had captured 1 horse, 6 cows, 1 goat and 53 dogs; 47 dogs were killed and the other animals were redeemed. Fees received amounted to $13.

N. A. Kidder, Harbormaster, reported that during the month 6 steamers made 46 trips. Levee dues amounted to $173 50.

Chief of Police Stevens reported that 709 meals had been furnished prisoners during February.

The bond of W. E. Chamberlain, City Treasurer, was received and filed.

The annual report of the Board of Fire Commissioners was received and approved.

PETITIONS.

A petition was received from John Wall, asking that V street, between Fourth and Fifth, be opened.

A petition of Mrs. Daniel Doherty, to have taxes refunded, was referred to the City Attorney.

A. Benning appeared and complained as to the condition of the sewer on R street, between Third and Fourth, and the Board took the matter under advisement.

A communication was received from P. Siebenthaler and others, asking that a crossing be laid on Twentieth street, and it was referred to the Street Commissioner.

BILLS ALLOWED—ADJOURNMENT.

The Board adjourned after allowing the salaries of city officers and the following bills: Ah Dan, $6; Butterfield & White, $12 68; Capital Gas Company, $60 70; Central Pacific Railroad Company, $500; J. W. Watt, $104 25; W. C. Farnsworth, $8 50; R. J. Merkley, $542; M. Daly, $86 50; J. Lynch, $15; James McDonald, $8; H. Gribble (assignee of C. Elliott), $6.

MERCHANDISE REPORT.—The following freight for Sacramento passed Ogden February 27th: For W. F. Peterson, 1 case tissue paper; Baker & Hamilton, 33 boxes axes, 3 boxes steel plows; Holman, Stanton & Co., 3 boxes wooden rounds, 1 case plows; C. H. Gilman, 6 bales dry goods; Booth & Co., 20 boxes fish; Huntington, Hopkins & Co., 1 case locks, 4 cases hardware, 1 case cutlery; H. Hopkins, 29 packages axes; Fritz & Miller, 1 wooden coffin; Weinstock & Lubin, 1 case shoes, 1 box dry goods, 1 box hats; A. Hamburger, 1 case dry goods; W. J. Woolsey, 2 bundles bedding; Hall, Luhrs & Co., 5 barrels whisky; H. G. Smith, 4 boxes machinery, 1 pump; C. H. Stevens, 1 box books; D. W. Earl, 10 steel shoes, 5 steel dies.

TEMPERATURE FOR FEBRUARY, 1880.—The temperature as computed by S. H. Gerrish, from observations in this city at 6 A. M., 2 P. M. and 9 P. M., is as follows for February: The mean temperature for the month, 43.31°; warmest mean day, the 24th, 51.33°; warmest extreme, the 29th, 65°; coldest mean day, the 1st, 35.66°; coldest extreme, the 1st, 23°. Frost on the 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th. The mean temperature for February, 1879, was 55.07°; 1878, 50.96°; 1877, 53 50°; 1876, 51°; 1875, 49°. Rained on the 9th, 10th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22d, 23d and 24th—a total of 1.774 inches. In February, 1879, 3.776 inches, and in February, 1878, 7.118 inches.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.—The Board of Supervisors met yesterday, with Supervisors Bauer, Blair, Beckley, Butler and Wilson in attendance. E. Brainard, Overseer of Road District No. 17, tendered his resignation, which was accepted. Israel Russell was elected Overseer of District No. 34. The report of John Miller, Overseer of District No. 44, was approved. The Commissioners appointed to appraise the value of lots offered for sale for the building of a Hall of Records reported as follows: The lot between Sixth, Seventh, I and J streets was valued at $2,500; between H, I, Sixth and Seventh streets, at $2,000; and the lots between H, I, Eighth and Ninth streets, at $6,500. The Board then adjourned until th's morning.

BONDS FILED.—The bond of Thomas H. Berkey, County Clerk, was filed yesterday in the sum of $25,000, with G. W. Hancock, J. P. Counts, A. F. Heilbron, E. F. Aiken, J. F. Cross, T. C. Perkins, Augustus Meister, I. B. Potter, Joseph Hull, A. S. Greenlaw, J. L. Huntoon, J. H. Miller, C. H. Krebs, R. Davis, W. C. Hopping and Geo. Cone as sureties. Philip Van Maren, Constable of Center township, with L. S. Taylor and Wm. Gee as sureties.

THE ALMOND AND SPRING.—The almond tree, our earliest tree to flower, is in blossom at last—a month later than usual. In 1879 it blossomed February 15th—that was a very cold and backward season. In 1878 it blossomed February 1st. Spring may now be said to have arrived. The musical frogs are singing loudly, if not melodiously, and the gentle mosquito is here, with his "business" end in first class order.

HOSPITAL REPORT.—The following is the report of Dr. Nixon, Superintendent of the Railroad Hospital, for the past month: Present in the hospital February 1st, 28; admitted during the month, 22; discharged, 23; died, 2; remaining in the hospital, 25; patients treated in office and at their homes, 108; total number treated, 133.

LICENSES.—Sheriff Drew during the last month collected on licenses $3,362 50, which collection exceeds that of any previous month. He was charged during the year with licenses amounting in value to $33,923 50, of which $22,931 50 was collected, and those remaining, valued at $10,992, were returned to Auditor Gerber yesterday.

OFFICIAL FEES.—The fees received by the County Recorder in February amounted to $455 50, and by the Auditor, $193. The Sheriff received fees amounting to $352 46.

LOOK OUT WHERE YOU BUY!—Only think, men's long-leg, tap-sole rubber boots, only $3 75. Who reduced the prices first? Why, the Red House as usual; for it is there you get them. *

TEN MORE CASES of men's and boys' clothing received yesterday at the Red House. *

ALL KINDS OF FANCY GOODS AND NOTIONS, just received again yesterday at the Red House. *

CHOICE NEW SMOKED BEEF, at Paulk's *Cash* Grocery, No. 814 K street. *

Go and hear Albert Hart this evening.*

Go and hear Noble Fisher. *

DRAINAGE TROUBLES.

THE RESULT OF SEPARATE DISTRICTS WITH SELFISH INTERESTS.

Reclamation District No. 1 and Sacramento City — The Story of Their Grievances.

There is trouble between Drainage and Reclamation District No. 1 and the city of Sacramento, and the facts should be clearly understood. The most important part of the drainage system of Sacramento is the drainage canal. Under the old regime the Supervisors had control of the canal. It was but little more than a ditch then, and a bad one at that. It annually overflowed below R street, and created a disease-breeding pond. First in hand, when it came under charge of the Trustees, was to connect Burns' slough with it. This has been done. The slough has been broadened and deepened, culverted in places, piped, and is now a fine, broad canal itself, taking all the east-end drainage outside the Y-street levee and into the drainage canal. It drains all the low lands beyond R street and east of Tenth, and prevents the accumulation of ponds in the old brick-yards.

THE DRAINAGE CANAL.

The drainage canal begins at Sixth and R streets. It is here a 30-inch cement pipe to V street, and will be led next summer past the Y-street levee. Property in all that section has felt the benefit and has appreciated gratifyingly. The canal pursues the old line back of the cemetery to the Riverside road, and has been deepened and widened until it is there 10 feet broad at the bottom, with banks thrown up so that hereafter no cattle will be able to trample the canal out of sight. At the top it is fully 25 feet from bank to bank. From there to Sutterville lake the canal is 15 feet on the bottom, with proportional breadth at the top. From there to Beach's lake the bottom width is 25 feet. No difficulty was experienced in deepening and widening the canal, and in occasionally changing its course from the old line, until the swampy lands just below the Sutterville Brewery were reached, where owners objected to the course taken, and an injunction was sued out against the city. After much trouble a compromise was effected, and the canal pushed on.

CINCHING THE CITY.

In some places the city was forced to pay as high as $65 per acre for land taken, and this in cases where the land was covered with tules and apparently worthless without reclamation, which this canal will effect, thereby bringing the land up to high values. Opposite the lower end of Sutterville lake Willow creek, or slough, comes in, draining the whole table-land region, as far back as Brighton Station, and beyond. This creek formerly sent its floods down upon what is known as the Pocket section, breaking back levees and rendering habitation difficult, and cultivation more so. In putting through the canal the excavated earth was, as a pure kindness and in a neighborly spirit and at additional cost and labor, cast up so as to form a practically impregnable back levee for the Pocket. The Willow creek waters now enter the canal and pass off down it, instead of lodging in the Pocket. The land of the Pocket and of all the river bottom lands below it in District No. 1 has been, by the canal and the new embankment on the west, securely protected and completely reclaimed.

THE LAW.

Under an Act of the last Legislature the city, in 1878, adopted a levee and drainage system which gave her the right to take charge of and complete the canal. When she attempted to do so she found difficulty in several cases about the right of way, some parties declaring that the Supervisors with the old ditch had never obtained it, and threats were made to fill in the canal, but the authorities took possession of the ditch, gave warning against the threatened resistance, and finely smoothed the way to settlement. The law also provides that the city, having once completed the work, shall present its claim to the reclamation districts through which the work passes for payment of a proper share of the cost, based upon an adjustment of damages and benefits to the lands through which the canal passes. If the claim is then resisted and arbitration fails, the matter goes into Court, the judgment is final, and if for the city the district must levy a tax to meet it. The district next below the city, District No. 1, has internal disagreement consequent upon supposed conflict of interests between the up-land owners and owners of the bottom lands, and just now it is

IN DIFFICULTY WITH THE CITY,

As will be shown further on. The district next below District No. 1 also last fall had its internal troubles. Generally the up-land men were willing to pay for the benefits the canal gives them, and so too were the low-landers, but the former were unwilling to pay anything for the river levee system which is so necessary to the latter, and the latter in turn were not willing to pay for canal benefits unless the up-landers bear part of the levee burden. At the lower end of the district offers were last fall made to pay one-third the cost of the canal in the district, but the Trustees could not adjudge that such sum would be a proper one. When the canal is entirely completed the question as to this district will come up again.

THE CANAL.

On Klotz' farm, between Freeport and Willow slough, the canal is 40 feet wide on top, and 25 in the bottom. From this place on toward Freeport the canal is cut through a high ridge, and the excavation, from the piles of earth on one side to the other, is fully 100 feet wide. Where the canal crosses the old railroad embankment back of Freeport a heavy swinging flood-gate is set in, which permits the water to flow down the canal, but closes when the back water rises in it, as some winters will be the case when the Cosumnes and Mokelumne rivers are high. Just back of Freeport the canal is seen to great advantage, and becomes a work of magnitude of which few Sacramentans have any idea. It is quite as deep and large here as the commercial canals of New York, Ohio and Indiana. The excavating of the canal has done here for Freeport what it did for the Pocket, and the earth thrown out forms a levee from the old railroad embankment to the Freeport cross-levee—which runs to the river—ample to protect the village from all possible back water, and thus Freeport gains largely by this work. Compared with the old ditch, which for years worried the Supervisors and swallowed their little appropriations, this work is as

A RIVER TO A RIVULET.

Between Freeport and Beach's Lake—some nine miles from the city—is another ridge now partly cut through, where work is to be done, and between that lake and Whitcomb's Lake is still another ridge, where the canal must be widened and deepened. Bloom's Lake is in the course of the canal, and there the flood-gate in the Clark levee is reached. From there the canal will be carried to Snodgrass Slough, distant from the city some twenty-three miles. The canal has been well made at every point, first by hauling out with scrapers and then by shoveling. It has been made so deep and wide that it will be easy to keep it clean and prevent its filling up. The canal is now turned into a low place, an arm of Beach's Lake. The work will all be completed the coming summer, and the title will then be felt in the canal within one mile of R street.

In November last the City Surveyor, Mr. Bassett, advised—if an arrangement could be made with the swamp land districts on the route of the canal—that a low-water flood-gate be put into Snodgrass Slough at a narrow point where there is high land, nearly opposite the lower end of the Pierson district. The slough is there but 60 feet wide and the tide is strong. By such a flood-gate and the deepening of the canal, the water in Bloom's, Whitcomb's and Beach's lakes, and the lakes in the pocket above Freeport, could, he thought, be lowered from 4 to 6 feet and the water be drawn entirely out of the old lake west of Seventh street, from R to Y street.

AND NOW THE RESULT OF DOING GOOD.

There never was a more vivid illustration of the necessity of uniformity of system, and of union of all interests in drainage, than is afforded by the narrative above given, and the result as about to be stated; nor was there ever presented a more striking illustration of the folly of separate drainage districts, which nearly always levee and drain as against each other and become antagonists, resulting in mutual harm and damage. The district below Sacramento is protected from overflow by Sacramento north levee; without that its lands would be a water waste to-day. There is not an acre of bottom land below the city which would be worth the bob to a kite but for the great embankment Sacramento has raised along the American river, and which has not been a cost to the district south of the city. Sacramento's citizens paid in 1850 and the years following, $600,000 for levee protections, which keep the waters off the lands below the city. In 1862 they expended $68,000 more, and in 1868, $84,000, and latterly, on levees and the canal, $48,000. Intermediate other large sums have been expended, so that the total outlay by Sacramento has not been less than

ONE MILLION OF DOLLARS.

Under the law referred to, the City Trustees, basing their estimates upon $800,000 worth of taxable property in District No. 1—which extends from the city line southerly to a point just above Freeport—and which valuation is admitted to be a reasonable one, have presented to District No. 1 a bill for the small sum of $3,233 95, as due from that district to the city as its proportion of the sum already advanced and expended upon the drainage canal, the benefits of which, as has been shown, are fully as great to the low lands as to Sacramento. But it is stated, and believed to be authentic, that District No. 1 objects to the bill and deems it too high, and an issue is thus made for contest. On top of this objection come Messrs. Hull, Burns and others from the district still further down the river, and ask the Legislature to set aside their lands and exempt them from the operation of the law referred to. Probably these contests will continue as long as the system of many districts prevails. As it is, Sacramento deems the river levee of District No. 1 insufficient in width, slope and hight, and remonstrated last year with the southdowners about it, and the remonstrance proving ineffectual the city in self-defense went on and constructed the Y-street cross levee. It is a necessity that our drainage canal be continued on and brought to tide-water at Snodgrass slough, and it will be done, unless the selfish interests south of us defeat the plan, which they can only do by adverse legislation, and that, it is believed, they will hardly obtain. In the situation, as stated, it will be seen that Sacramento is one of several brilliant examples of the folly of six by-nine drainage districts, lining the river, each fighting for its own bit of God's footstool and utterly indifferent of what becomes of its neighbors. The City Trustees and the Trustees of District No. 1 were to meet yesterday and make an attempt to compromise the present disagreement, and it is the expressed hope of citizens familiar with the situation, that public spirit and a sense of justice will prevail, and so result that the drainage canal may be finished and made to complete the good work it is now doing.

MASS MEETING.—At the theater last evening the Workingmen's party held a mass meeting which was addressed by Senator Chase, Assemblyman Braunhart and Hugh J. Mohan. George Apsden attempted to recite a poem, but the audience would not listen. James Kidney made a recitation. The meeting was not a very warm one. The speech of Mohan, which was one-third for the Republicans, one-third for the Democrats, one-sixth for the Workingmen's party and the remainder for himself, put the audience afloat in such a sea of doubt, that it was about as completely bewildered a lot of citizens as ever got together. Mr. Braunhart made a brief reference to his habeas corpus case, and congratulated the Democrats on their marriage with the Workingmen's party. Mr. West lectured on political economy and the present relations of capital and labor. In the course of his remarks he held, for example, that if ten men put in $1,000 each and incorporate a company to build a bridge or highway, and employ and pay workmen to construct it, that when the work yields enough to reimburse the incorporators for their outlay, the property should belong to the people if they desire to take it. He also held that there is just as much right to pass a law to compel one to lend his money, as in making a law to compel a borrower to pay. He inveighed against lawyers bitterly.

CAPITAL NOTES.—A bill relating to the State Normal School will be introduced in the Assembly to-day in the nature of a substitute for the bill which recently passed the Senate appropriating $150,000 for a building at San Jose. The new bill will provide for three Normal Schools, to be located at Los Angeles, San Jose and Chico, and appropriating $50,000 to each for erection of buildings. . . . Mr. Gorley will introduce a bill in the Assembly this morning relating to the improvement of streets in San Francisco, by which it is provided that the Supervisors shall have power to order street improvements and assess property to pay for the same, and that from their decision as to such improvement there shall be no appeal. . . . George Augustus Sala, of the London *Telegraph*, was at the Capitol yesterday, and was shown about the building and introduced by E. J. Smith, of San Francisco.

LITERARY AND LEAP YEAR PARTY.—At Turner Hall this evening will be given a literary and leap year party for the piano fund of the Sons of Temperance. Many extra attractions are announced. Mrs. Leland Howe is to be the manager. A large number of artists and amateurs are to take part. There are to be booths for the sale of cooling drinks, flowers, etc. Refreshment tables are to be spread by ladies. A quadrille orchestra is to be in attendance. The floor managers consist of both ladies and gentlemen. There are to be recitations, vocal and instrumental solos, duos, etc., readings and other exercises. The announcements give promise of a very attractive entertainment.

PRESENTATION.—Saturday, Under Sheriff A. H. Estill presented M. M. Drew, the retiring Sheriff, with a fine gold watch and chain. But yesterday the same gentleman was surprised by still another present. Deputy Sheriff Lee met Mr. Drew down in the lower portion of the city and induced him to return to the Court-house, under a belief that there was important business to be transacted. Upon arriving there, Mr. Lee made a presentation speech, and delivered to the ex-Sheriff a massive gold-headed cane, upon which was engraved, "To M. M. Drew, from his Deputies, March 1, 1880."

ASSAULTED BY HOODLUMS. — Last night, about 11 o'clock, on Fourth street, between I and J, John Hamilton was attacked by a choice lot of hoodlums, who bear the appellations of Shorty, California Joe, Frisco Jimmy and Frank Roberts. A whistle was blown and officers Eldred and Frazee, and local officers Martin, Lucas and Eldred rushed to the rescue, but the hoodlums escaped, except Frank Roberts, who, with Hamilton was taken to the station house. Early yesterday morning one of the same gang was knocked down by a gentleman whom they were annoying.

INSTITUTED.—Unity Lodge, Knights of Honor, was instituted at Odd Fellows' Temple last evening, by D. S. D. Edward F. Aiken, assisted by the officers and members of California Lodge. The new Lodge elected the following officers: Past Dictator, W. C. Van Fleet; Dictator, A. H. Powers; Vice-Dictator, D. O. Cook; Assistant Dictator, G. F. Lyon; Reporter, F. Avery; Financial Reporter, S. A. Palmer; Treasurer, J. T. Carey; Chaplain, Ed. M. Martin; Guide, J. S. Stephenson; Guardian, A. F. Turner; Sentinel, N. J. Toll; Medical Examiner, W. A. Hughson; Trustees, J. W. Houston, A. Heilbron and M. Block.

PERSONAL.—C. V. Huntington, of Virginia City, came down yesterday to spend a day or two in the city. . . . E. H. Miller returned to San Francisco yesterday. . . . R. D. Stephens, a well-known citizen of Sacramento county arrives from the East to-day. . . . Hamilton Busby, managing editor of the *Turf, Field and Farm*, New York, and stakeholder in the O'Leary-Weston pedestrian contest, will arrive on to-day's overland train. . . . By the same train comes Edward Payson Weston, one of the contestants in the match. . . . Miss Hattie E. Pratt of this city arrives from the East to-day.

SURPRISE PARTY.—The friends of R. W. Lewis surprised him at his residence on O street last evening, some fifty of them dropping in to celebrate his arrival at the half-hundredth year of life. The occasion proved to be one of great sociability, and was marked by much humor and merriment. The hostess of the evening entertained the guests with a bountiful collation, and was probably not ignorant of the invasion, of which the involuntary host as evidently had no knowledge.

ARRESTS.—The following arrests were made yesterday: Morris Whalen, for being drunk, by officers Jackson and Harvey; Gennar Yenzola, for battery, by officer Woods; John Carr, for passing counterfeit, by local officer McCarty; Ah Chung, for burglary, by officers Wing and Woods; and John Hamilton and Frank Roberts, for disturbing the peace, by officers Eldred and Frazee and local officers Eldred, Lucas and Martin.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.—At their annual meeting last evening the Sarsfield Guard elected the following officers to serve for the ensuing year: Treasurer, P. J. Coffey (re-elected); Recording Secretary, J. P. Dray (re-elected); Financial Secretary, D. J. Long (re-elected); Executive Committee—Sergeant John A. Sheehan, Sergeant John Dase, and Private F. M. Shields (re-elected).

UNDELIVERED TELEGRAMS.—There are telegrams at the Western Union Telegraph office for Mrs. Mary A. Curtis, Joseph Eades, Charles Rewasky, J. Gregovich and Dr. Chester Rowell.

TRY THE FAVORITE COFFEE (unground), in 1-lb papers, at H. H. Paulk's *Cash* Grocery, No. 814 K street.

BEWARE of all imitations in Rock & Rye Geo. W. Chesley, sole agent. *

Go and hear Kidder and O'Meara, in their song and dance. *

DON'T FORGET to go and hear A. Young.*

Go and hear A. S. Deyoe this evening. *

REPORT OF THE FIRE COMMISSIONERS.

Condition of the Department—Value of Property Destroyed by Fire, etc.

The annual report of the Board of Fire Commissioners for the year ending February 29, 1880, was filed with the Board of City Trustees yesterday. It shows that the total expenses of the Paid Fire Department for the past year were $24,225 79. The salaries of men and officers amounted to $18,925. A new fire-alarm box has been placed at Seventeenth and O streets, at a cost of $188 65, and in response to petitions from taxpayers three new boxes have been ordered, and will be put up at an early date. The report recommends the location of a steamer and hose cart in the eastern portion of the city, as prayed for by property owners in that locality, and also sets forth that the sum of $29,000 will be required for the maintenance of the department during the coming year, and it is recommended that a tax of 29 cents on each $100 be levied to raise such amount and pay the interest on the Fire Department bonds. The expenses of the department are reported as being $5,299 57 less last year than the preceding year, and the voluntary reduction of the salary of the Secretary of the Board from $75 to $40 per month will make a saving of $420 per year. Chief Engineer Sullivan's report, which accompanies that of the Fire Commissioners, shows that the apparatus of the Department is all in as good order as it is possible to have it, but a recommendation is made to the effect that the hose carts now in use will have to be replaced with new ones at an early day; also that the hook and ladder truck now in use be exchanged for one more suitable to the requirements of our rapidly growing city. The fire alarm telegraph, under the immediate supervision of J. B. Gill, is in first-class order and works effectively. It is also recommended by the Chief Engineer that 2,000 feet of new hose be purchased, much of that now in use being worn out.

The number of fires and alarms in March was 5, April 4, May 3, June 4, July 6, August 2, September 3, October 5, November 6, December 8, January 10, February 5; total, 61.

Property that was insured for $20,363 was burned, and insurance money was paid therefor amounting to $17,206.

The following table will show the date and location of fires and

VALUE OF PROPERTY DESTROYED.

DATE.	LOCATION.	Loss.	Insurance.	Insurance paid.
March 6..	L, bet. 3d and 4th	$20	.....	.....
March 31.	Front and I.....	100	.....	.....
April 24..	Freight car.....	2,400	$2,400	.....
April 25...	12th and 13th....	40	600	$35
April 29...	J and K.....	10	.....	.....
May 17...	Sixth and J.....	400	.....	.....
June 30...	J, K, 21st and 22d	600	600	600
July 2....	J, bet. 10th & 11th	200	2,000	200
July 2....	J, bet. 10th & 11th	10,000	8,200	8,116
July 2....	J, bet. 10th & 11th	200	.....	.....
July 2....	J, bet. 10th & 11th	1,600	1,600	1,588
July 2....	J, bet. 10th & 11th	500	.....	.....
July 2....	J and Tenth.....	100	2,200	.....
July 2....	J and Tenth	850	850	850
July 2....	Tenth, bet. I and J	400	1,500	222
July 2....	Tenth, bet. I and J	50	300	.....
July 2....	J, bet. 10th & 11th	1,000	.....	.....
July 2....	J, bet. 10th & 11th	3,000	2,000	2,000
July 11...	Poverty Ridge....	150	.....	.....
July 23...	Fifth and K.....	10	.....	10
July —....	12th, bet. D and E	400	900	200
August 1.	Ninth and G.....	300	3,500	300
Sept. 18...	L and M.....	20	.....	.....
October 2.	J, bet. 4th & 5th..	20	1,000	.....
Oct. 11...	21st and 22d.....	1,000	.....	.....
Oct. 28...	O, bet. 21st & 22d.	500	.....	.....
Nov. 2....	M, bet. 6th and 7th	97	1,500	97
Nov. 7....	Thirteenth and G.	50	.....	.....
Dec. 7....	Sixth and M.....	100	.....	.....
Dec. 23...	M, bet. 19th & 20th	700	900	700
Dec. 24...	20th, bet. M & N..	600	900	600
January 2.	4th, bet. J and K.	1,200	11,400	1,200
Jan. 12...	7th, bet. N and O.	30	1,200	30
Jan. 25...	Ninth and R.....	396	400	396
Jan. 29...	Nineteenth and I.	30	800	30
Feb. 4....	Sixth and G.....	30	.....	.....
Feb. 7....	Ninth and Tenth..	30	1,500	30
Totals...	.....	$27,133	$46,340	$17,206

AT THE COURT-HOUSE.—Yesterday was a day of more than usual interest at the Court-house, owing to changes in several of the offices. In the Superior Court the day was a busy one, many members of the bar being present and considerable business being transacted. A resolution was adopted in open Court, and ordered spread upon the minutes, thanking Timothy Lee, the retiring Bailiff of the Courts, for his uniform courtesy and expressing a bright opinion of his efficiency. All of the officials and clerks took the oath of office, swearing to support the new Constitution. The salary of County Clerk Berkey has been reduced from $7,000 per annum to $6,000, but he will still retain his efficient and accommodating force of deputies. William B. Hamilton and C. M. Coglan will have charge of the Superior Courts, and John H. Parnell will be the deputy in the general office. Henry L. Buckley, the new County Attorney, was sworn in, and moved into the office which has been fitted up for him. Jos. Houston took charge of the Assessor's office, with his deputies, W. Bassett and Frederick Houston. There were no changes in the Treasurer's office, but Adolph Heilbron was sworn in as Sheriff, and appointed Benjamin Chambers as Bailiff of the Courts and Jacob Heintz as License Collector. In other offices the same force of assistants will be retained.

FOR SHOVING THE QUEER.—A few days since a man called at the store of Marhert & Driver, at Eighteenth and M streets, bought some articles and offered in pay trade dollars that the clerk at once pronounced spurious coin. The man eagerly seized them and started to run away, but was caught a short distance away by local officer McCarty and taken to the station-house. Since that time the officer has quietly been searching for a known associate of the one in custody, with the belief that it was the former who furnished the money, but he has evidently taken alarm and fled.

JAILER'S REPORT.—Jailer Newbert reports that in the month of February 89 prisoners were confined in the County Jail on the following charges: Murder 1, grand larceny 6, burglary 16, petty larceny (second offense) 2, robbery 1, embezzlement 1, perjury 1, petty larceny 23, misdemeanor 3, disturbing the peace 17, vagrancy 8, threats 1, assault 2, battery 4, safe keeping 2, exposure of person 1. Of these 24 were discharged for the following causes: Expiration of sentence 21, by order of Court 1, want of charge 2. There were 65 remaining on February 29th.

NUTT.—The Commodore Nutt combination variety troupe began a brief engagement at Father Mathew Hall last evening. The performance consists of a minstrel first part, and of songs, dances and character acts thereafter. The Commodore is the manager and one of the performers of the company. There is to be a matinee to-day and a final performance this evening. Bainford, the female impersonator, G. C. Dunham and J. T. Clark, burnt-cork minstrels, and others, are of the company.

COURT SEAL.—The Superior Court of Plumas county has adopted a seal and filed a copy in the Secretary of State's office. The border has the usual words designating the Court and county, and the center field consists of mountain outlines with a stream leading to the foreground, and above the scenery the words "Fiat Justitia."

WARRANTS ISSUED.—The State Controller yesterday issued warrants for support of common schools as follows: To Treasurer of Alameda county for $88,167 40; to Treasurer of Marin county for $12,350 48; to Treasurer of Monterey county for $19,993 22, and to Treasurer of Santa Cruz county for $21,454 85.

DIED AT BROOKLYN.—Mrs. E. P. Watson, wife of Warren M. Watson, daughter of Mrs. O. C. Howe, and niece of C. H. Cummings of this city, died at Brooklyn last Sunday. The funeral will take place from the Congregational church in this city at 2:30 P. M. to-day.

AN IMPORTANT JURY TRIAL.—The first jury will be impaneled in the Superior Court to-day, and will be engaged in the trial of M. Marcuse and Joe Davis, of Dime Savings Bank notoriety, who are charged with embezzlement.

HARBOR COMMISSIONERS.—Wm. A. Phillips, of San Francisco, was yesterday appointed and confirmed one of the Board of Harbor Commissioners vice Bruce B. Lee, whose term had expired.

SOCIAL.—The Young People's Social and Literary Society gave a free public entertainment at the Congregational Church last evening, which proved an agreeable affair.

CANDIDATE.—William R. Jones elsewhere presents his card as the regular Republican nominee for Fire Commissioner, to be voted for Tuesday next.

DEMOCRATIC.—The Democratic city ticket, to be voted for March 9th, appears as officially announced this morning.

J. F. CUTTER'S OLD BOURBON.—This celebrated Whisky is for sale by all first-class druggists and grocers. Trade mark—Star within a Shield.

SEE the display in and in front of the Red House, at prices away down.

It will be a pleasure to hear Auerbach and Ballergeon to night.

BRIEF REFERENCE.

The weather yesterday was balmy and spring-like. In the evening a strong breeze sprang up from the south, and there are strong indications that another rain-storm is coming. On the mountains it was cloudy, and the barometer fell rapidly, clearly foretelling a storm.

A deputy at the Court-house has presented a retiring officer with a fine gold watch, and now the head of each department there is besieging the deputy to accept a place in his particular department.

Washington was the scene of several street fights last Sunday. One old man named Johnson was knocked down and had a shoulder broken.

Officers Wing and Woods yesterday arrested a Chinese merchant of I street who had in his possession six chickens that were stolen.

J. C. Medley was yesterday sworn in as Constable for Justice Coggins' Court, vice Samuel E. Harvey.

A whip was picked up on the street yesterday and can by obtained by the owner at the station-house.

Trustee Knox was too unwell to attend the meeting of the Board of City Trustees yesday.

Assessor Houston will soon begin a vigorous warfare against voters who owe poll-tax.

Four lodgers at the station-house last night.

Sacramento river—13 feet 3 inches.

O'LEARY AND WESTON.—Announcement is made this morning of the $10,000 O'Leary and Weston pedestrian match to begin at San Francisco Saturday, March 13th, and to be a six days' go-as-you please. Hamilton Busbey, the stakeholder, arrives from the East to-day. His reputation is such as to warrant the assertion that the match is a genuine one. The money for Weston was put up by his wife. Half the money is up for O'Leary and the remainder has to be placed in Mr. Busbey's hands to-day. Weston arrives by the overland train to-day. O'Leary is one of the three men who have held the Astley belt, he having twice won it. He has walked, heel and toe, in six days, 520¼ miles, while in a go-as-you-please, Weston has made 550 miles. Weston forced the match to be held on this coast, as he had vowed not to walk in a match at the East again while in debt. The match is exciting much interest on the coast, and it is believed it will be one of the best square contests in pedestrianism ever entered upon.

POLICE COURT.—In the Police Court yesterday A. McMilan, a vagrant, was sentenced to thirty days imprisonment; Angelo E. Sposito, for battery, was fined $10 and costs; Raphael, for being drunk, was fined $10 and costs. David Weler, charged with an attempt to commit robbery, was discharged, and the cases of John Casy, for vagrancy, was continued to to-morrow, and James Benson, for assault, to March 8th, and Joseph Eads, for battery, to same day.

WOMAN FOUND.—Detective Deal, of this city, recently learned that Mrs. Kate Shirlaw, who disappeared from her home in San Francisco while temporarily insane, was in Nevada, and notified her husband of her whereabouts. The latter went up yesterday to take her home.

FREIGHT MOVEMENTS.—There were forwarded to the East yesterday: One car-load of wine, 1 of merchandise and 1 of wheat. There were received here: Two car-loads of brandy, 1 of wood, 6 of wheat, 2 of sundries, 1 of coal and 1 of wheels.

GENERAL NOTICES.

Take Notice.—Bank Books and Accounts against the Capital Savings Bank, either in small or large amounts, bought by M. J. SIMMONS, Auctioneer, No. 412 J street, between Fourth and Fifth. f25-1w

Canary Birds Given Away.—I have 125 good singers for sale at $2 each; also, 30 pairs mated. The female birds will be given free to whoever buys the entire lot, as they must be disposed of immediately. MRS. ANDREWS, f24-2w No. 215 L street.

Capital Colonnade, No. 1017 Tenth street. Private rooms for families. The best of wines, liquors, cigars, etc. JOHN HECTOR, Proprietor. f18-1m

"Consomme, at the Forrest!" every evening from 8 to 12 n17-1m

California Sugar Manufacturing Company.—Location of office and principal place of business, Isleton, Sacramento county, California. Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the Directors of said Company, held on the 23d day of February, A. D. 1880, an assessment, No. 7, of $1 50 per share was levied upon the capital stock of the corporation, payable immediately, in United States gold coin, to the Secretary, at the office of the Company, at Isleton. Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on THURSDAY, the 25th day of March, A. D. 1880, will be declared delinquent and advertised for sale at public auction, and unless payment is made before, will be sold on FRIDAY, the 9th day of April, A. D. 1880, at the office of the Company, at 1 o'clock P. M., to pay the delinquent assessment, together with costs of advertising and expenses of sale.
F. A. ROE, Secretary.
No. 211 Ellis street, San Francisco.
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It is Terrible
To have a wife or husband with a bad breath. All this may be avoided by using SOZODONT. It is most agreeable to the taste, fragrant and healthful. It confers comfort upon its users, and prevents the affliction of unpleasant breath. f26-3TuSTu

AMUSEMENTS.

LITERARY AND LEAP YEAR PARTY.

A GRAND LITERARY AND LEAP YEAR PARTY will be given at Turner Hall, TUESDAY EVENING, March 2, 1880, for the purpose of purchasing a piano for the Order of Sons of Temperance. The literary exercises are under the management of Mrs. Leland Howe, who is sparing no pains to make the Concert a success. Church & Jones' Band. Tickets, 50 cents. Doors open at 7:30; concert commences at 8 o'clock. Refreshments served by the ladies of the committee. There will be booths, where patrons may reg