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ADVERTISEMENT MENTION.

Social and literary—Y. M. C. A.
Mail lettings—Notice to contractors.
Sheriff sale—Sale of real estate.
United Ancient Order of Druids—This evening.
For sale—Wine and liquor business.
For sale, cheap—Building lot.
Wanted—A girl who is a good cook.

Auction.

Elegant oil paintings—Bell & Co., this evening.

Business Advertisement.

Weinstock & Lubin—Kid Gloves.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

THAT SUNDAY LAW.—The police force was busily engaged yesterday in serving warrants on those who were reported as having violated the law by transacting business on Sunday last. Nearly all of those whose names appeared in these columns on Monday last were thus served with warrants. The Secretary of the Licensed Dealers' Association, Joseph Goddard, was at the police station early yesterday morning prepared to furnish bonds for all members of the Association that were arrested. Judge T. B. McFarland, attorney for the Association, was also present and advised his clients how to proceed. The Judge is very reticent and so far has not disclosed his line of defense. He stated to a reporter that he did not think any of the cases would be put on the calendar for trial this week. The Executive Committee of the Licensed Dealers' Protective Association met at the office of the Secretary, 422 K street, last evening. Every member of the committee was present, and they remained in session with closed doors for fully three hours. Over two hundred applications for membership were received. It was resolved that all licensed dealers would be allowed to become members upon their signing the constitution and by-laws and payment of the initiation fee and assessments. The Secretary reported that farther arrests in all probability would be made to-day, and that additional bonds would have to be given. So far Mr. Goddard has done all the work of the Secretary, but the Executive Committee thought the work too arduous for one, owing to the increased amount of business, and have authorized him to employ an assistant for a few days. The Secretary and Treasurer submitted their reports and the same were read, approved and ordered on file. All those arrested yesterday are requested by the committee to be in Court to-day at 11 A. M.

MERCHANDISE REPORT.—The following freight passed Ogden for Sacramento to arrive on the 21st and 22d: For Weinstock & Lubin, 9 cases boots and shoes, 6 boxes hats; Hale Bros. & Co., 3 bales cotton goods, 2 cases shoes; Huntington, Hopkins & Co., 4 cases liquor, 2 cars nails, 18 tires, 1 box vises, 2 boxes hardware, 6 crates forges, 6 boxes wheelbarrows, 55 kegs horseshoes, 32 cases files, 7 plates and 1 bundle iron, 52 iron wagon wheels, 8 bales rubber packing, 10 rolls rubber belting, 228 scoops, 120 shovels, 12 kegs staples, 1 case brushes, 4 barrels and 1 box butts, 1 drum pipe-fittings; W. C. Groves, 1 hearse; Holman, Stanton & Co., 1 car sulky rakes, 4 bundles forks, 4 bundles snaths, 6 bundles and 1 box hardware, 6 bundles shovel handles; W. A. & C. S. Houghton, 2 boxes books, 2 rolls paper, 2 crates hardware; Locke & Lavenson, 2 rolls carpet, 1 box dry goods; J. J. Spieker, 1 case samples; A. A. Van Voorhies & Co., 7 boxes and 2 cases hardware, 1 case washers, 4 cases and 2 boxes hames, 2 cases and 1 bale whips, 1 case whip-handles, 1 case saddlery; Waterhouse & Lester, 4 barrels hardware; Thomas Harper, 1 case boots and shoes; L. K. Hammer, 1 boxed piano; H. C. Kirk & Co., 2 boxes and 2 bales sponges; A. Denery & Co., 17 boxes lamp burners, 2 boxes and 3 sacks lamp-chimneys; Whittier, Fuller & Co., 1 box drawing paper, 1 case paper hanging; Booth & Co., 50 cases molasses; Armington, Millis & Morse, 1 case dry goods; Baker & Hamilton, 25 rolls, 3 barrels and 4 bales rope; J. F. Hill, 2 boxes carriage axles; W. D. Comstock, 3 boxes furniture; C. P. R. R. Co., 2 cases hardware, 1 cask crockery; Billingsley & Co., 10 cases wood toothpicks; L. L. Lewis & Co., 1 box tinware; Charles A. Smith, 1 case machinery; G. B. Corwin, 1 case cigars; Hall, Luhrs & Co., 23 barrels hams; Lindley & Co., 8 packages tobacco; E. Lyon & Co., 2 cases shirts, 1 box buttons, 1 box dry goods; S. J. Nathan & Co, 1 box clothing.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.—The Board met yesterday at 10 A. M. Present—Dreman, Wilson, Blair, Butler, Bailey, Christy, Beckley. Minutes of Monday amended to read as follows: The Clerk to advertise for 50 cords of mountain white oak or second growth for the County Hospital, and 25 cords for the County Jail. The matter of hearing the petition of E. F. Ingals et al., for a road in Road Districts Nos. 3 and 4, coming on regularly for hearing, the report of the viewers was read, and it appearing to the Board that Mr. Kerick, one of the non-consenting landowners, had been properly notified, and the other non-consenting land-owners, Harris and Ward, appearing, the Board proceeded with the case. E. F. Ingals, J. F. Cross, J. C. Lowell, Thomas Slater and Matt. Johnson, witnesses for petitioners, were sworn and testified. Joseph Harris and Robert Ward testified as non-contesting parties. The matter was taken under advisement until to-day.

UPPER SACRAMENTO.—The steamer Gov. Dana, Page master, came down from Jacinto yesterday. She was heavily laden with wheat and broomcorn. On her arrival at Sacramento her freight was transferred to the steamer Modoc. The Captain reports that the river at Colusa was falling quite rapidly, and that the main banks above that point are all out of the water. He also states that the coast range hills from Colusa up are covered with snow. The farmers in all that section are confident of an abundant crop this year.

MILITARY INSPECTION.—Monday evening Major Harry Carroll and Captain J. A. Sheehan, of the brigade staff, inspected Company G, of the First Artillery Regiment, at the Pavilion. Last evening the same officers inspected Company A, of the same regiment. The companies were put through a number of movements, all of which were executed in a style that would have done credit to old veterans. The inspecting officers were highly pleased with the proficiency of both companies, and paid them many flattering compliments.

STATE WARRANTS.—The following warrants have been drawn at the State Controller's office, and are ready for delivery: Huntington, Hopkins & Co., Clarence Nelson, Holbrook, Merrill & Stetson, Day & Joy, M. R. Rose, W. D. Smith, George T. Bush, Alfred Barstow, H. H. Lynch, Locke & Lavenson, William B. Miller, Alms house, San Francisco; W. A. & C. S. Houghton, Thomas H. Berkey, Capital Soap Company, Capital Wood Works, Yosemite Valley Commissioners.

RUNAWAY.—Yesterday a horse attached to Chinese butcher cart created a little excitement on Fourth street by entering upon a lively runaway. He ran through Fourth street from K to I, and thence directly into a China slough. The driver was thrown out on I street. The wagon was turned bottom side up in the lake, and it was with difficulty that the horse was saved from drowning.

LAND SYNDICATE.—Louis Philipps left for San Francisco yesterday morning. He represents a syndicate formed in this city during the past few days for the purpose of purchasing Texan lands. They propose buying a great many thousand acres. They pay 20 per cent. down, and have twenty years in which to pay the balance.

SUPREME COURT DECISION.—On Monday last the Supreme Court rendered their decision in the case of Murdock vs. Cox & Clark. The decision of the lower Court was reversed and Cox & Clark given the full amount of their claim, which is $20,000 more than they were allowed in the Superior Court.

ICE MATTERS.—Candidates for police positions are springing up in every quarter. Most every prominent citizen has some friend whom he is asking the Commissioners to elect. A great many are of the opinion that the office of Captain of Police in this city should be abolished.

NEW UNIFORMS.—The brass band of Jones & Beebe, eighteen pieces, are having elegant military uniforms made at the tailoring house of Henry McCann, in this city. No band in the State will have a more showy uniform than theirs. In the future they will be known as the Hussar band.

THE COUNTRY order department of the great one-price shoe house of Lewis Bros. sends to all parts of the Pacific coast good boots and shoes at lower prices than any other house in California.

LADIES who are in want of a nice stylish hat for spring wear, should visit the Millinery Parlors of the Red House, second floor. *

TWENTY-FIVE DOZEN men's elastic Hercules suspenders, 25 cents a pair, at Red House. *

TAXPAYERS' ASSOCIATION.

MEETING OF TAXPAYING CITIZENS TO CONSIDER CITY AFFAIRS.

An Organization Effected—Its Purposes, Laws and Officers.

A meeting was held at Pioneer Hall at 3 P. M. yesterday, pursuant to call, to consider matters relative to the city debt, its discharge, etc., and city matters generally. There were present, whom the reporters recognized from their stand: Charles McCreary, Ben. Steinman, Newton Booth, P. A. Miller, John F. Sheehan, L. L. Lewis, Henry Treichler, John McNeill, James McGuire, J. N. Porter, John H. Carroll, John Oswald, E. K. Alsip, C. H. Hubbard, — Waters, C. Schwartz, James McCleery, A. S. Hopkins, C. H. Cummings, M. Wilson, J. H. Sullivan, C. R. Parsons, Frank Miller, J. F. Richardson, S. Roth, H. Weinrich, Chris Green, J. M. Henderson, Mr. Wadsworth, D. H. Quinn, C. Weisel, J. L. Huntoon, A. McNeal, J. H. McKune, E. E. Ames, Mr. Billingsley, W. Keith, Fred Cox, Jos. Steffens, N. D. Goodell, Israel Luce, — Clark, H. Steinman, P. Herzog, R. Dale, Chas. Zeitler, G. J. Cross, C. H. Krebs, G. Schroth, A. Aitken, R. Parker, S. J. Jackson, W. R. Strong, Mr. Klink, Mr. Watt, O. Hartig, L. S. Taylor, H. Weinstock, S. W. Butler, N. L. Drew, Samuel Jelly, A. P. Catlin, F. R. Dray, F. D'Hondt, P. S. Lawson, Mr. Croly, Mr. Hotchkiss, A. C. Sweetser and several others.

The interest manifest was very warm, and the importance of the meeting and the gravity of the business in hand were evidently felt by all present.

E. K. Alsip called to order and nominated John McNeill as Chairman, and he was elected.

J. F. Sheehan nominated E. K. Alsip as Secretary, and he was elected.

The Chair said the general purposes of the meeting were well understood. It might have special purposes. If so, he was unaware of them. He called on some signer of the call to explain.

John H. Carroll said he was a signer. The object of the callers was to secure a permanent organization of taxpayers to gather reliable information regarding the state of city financial matters, as a basis for intelligent judgment and action by the people. Meetings held on the subject heretofore, for want of system, had been ineffective. The people were not well informed as to the true state of the financial condition of the city. He thought there should be a permanent organization, with a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, and an Executive Committee of fifteen or twenty, to gather facts and so place them that any citizen can have positive and undisputed information, and not be kept in hot water by statements and counter statements by the papers and the partisans of this or that policy.

Mr. Alsip said he understood the object to be as stated by the last speaker.

Mr. Carroll said the object was not only to investigate, but by permanent organization unite taxpayers on some system, to have records kept, to do all that good judgment shall determine for the interest of the city. He moved to go into an election of officers as the first step, and he hoped the organization thus begun would result in a large membership. The motion prevailed.

John McNeill was elected President; John H. Carroll, Vice-President; A. K. Alsip, Secretary, and C. H. Cummings, Treasurer.

Mr. Carroll moved that the Executive Committee consist of the elected officers and twelve members, and that three persons be named to nominate the twelve.

Mr. Luce thought there should be thirteen—an odd number.

Mr. Carroll amended his motion to make it thirteen. Carried.

The Chair named Jas. McClatchy, Frank Miller and L. L. Lewis as a nominating committee. That committee retired, and returning, reported these names, saying that as to three names the committee was divided, as to all others unanimous, but a majority decided as to the three last: Fred. Cox, Jos. Steffens, A. Heilbron, W. P. Coleman, P. Herzog, T. M. Lindley, G. L. Simmons, L. Williams, S. Lavenson, A. Gallatin, Frank Miller, Jas. McClatchy, L. L. Lewis. The report was adopted.

Frank Miller asked what were the duties of the committee.

The Chair said they were yet to be defined.

Mr. Miller said the Secretary had some rules ready prepared. He'd like to hear them read.

Mr. Carroll thought it would be satisfactory to have the Executive Committee get up a code of rules as to membership, by-laws, etc., and have them left at a public place for signature. He strongly urged that system be the rule, and that all things be done in business-like order.

Mr. Weisel wanted to know if the membership was to be limited?

Mr. Carroll said he had not suggested any limitation, only the adoption of some system.

Mr. Weisel said some had come in late and didn't understand the objects of the meeting.

The Chair asked Mr. Carroll to repeat his remarks.

Mr. Carroll did so, adding that he doubted if any three men present understood the true state of the city financial question.

James McGuire—No, and not three men in the city.

J. F. Sheehan thought membership was the first thing necessary to proceed with organization. He hoped the list for signers would be at once opened, and the matter decided whether the membership should be general or limited to taxpayers.

Carroll—Leave that to the committee.

Sheehan—There are those here willing to sign perhaps who may not be able to attend again.

Alsip—Let the committee report by-laws first and then secure signatures.

Sheehan—Have them sign now.

G. J. Cross—Is this political or for the benefit of taxpayers? Is this a meeting like that in the First Ward? (Roars of laughter.) I have been here since '49. (Laughter and cries of "Shut up.") I understand city affairs. (Laughter, "Oh! oh!") I don't care about your offices (applause) Chief of Police (laughter) or any thing else.

The Chair endeavored to check Cross, but he "wouldn't have it," and ground out his usual speech, notwithstanding the efforts of the Chair and Ben. Steinman to suppress him. Finally Frank Miller got Cross to yield the floor for a motion, and he moved that a committee of three be named to draw up a code of laws, while Mr. Cross went on with his speech and entertained the company.

Chris Green said the Secretary had a prepared code in his pocket, and asked that it be read. The meeting wanted no star chamber proceedings.

Mr. Oswald, after some difficulty, got the floor, and began to speak of the necessity of determining what this people should be taxed for, when the Chair checked him as out of order, the meeting having tacitly resolved to organize first and inquire, and not discuss affairs of the city at that meeting.

Mr. Green's suggestion was then adopted, and the Secretary proceeded to read the laws he had prepared.

[The words in parenthesis indicate the amendments adopted after the reading. The words in brackets and italics show the laws as they stood before amendment, the italicised words being stricken out by the meeting.]

This Association shall be known as the (Taxpayers Protective Association of Sacramento), and its object shall be the protection (and advancement of the general interests) of the city [*against debts and floods*].

The officers of this Association shall be a President, Vice-President, a Secretary and (Treasurer) [*the latter shall act as Treasurer*]. Said (four) officers shall be a Finance Committee to audit and pay bills, making reports to the Association at least once each year.

The Association shall select [*twelve*] (thirteen) members to act as an Executive Committee, and the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer shall ex officio be additional members of said committee.

The (Executive) [*Advisory*] Committee shall investigate questions referred to it by this Association, and shall report back with such information and recommendations as they deem proper; but said committee shall have no additional powers except such as shall be hereafter granted to it by this Association.

The members of this Association shall consist of those who shall sign this constitution at the meeting wherein it is adopted, together with those who shall be elected to membership; and all resident taxpayers who (pay taxes on real estate in the city of Sacramento) [*are assessed by the City Assessor for $—— or over*] shall be and are hereby declared members without election.

The members shall elect the officers, who shall serve until the annual meeting following, or until their successors are qualified. The annual meeting shall be held at noon on February 22d of each year, at Pioneer Hall, or such other place as may be advertised by the Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee shall call special meetings by publication of a notice for two days in two city newspapers.

Twenty-five members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting properly called.

[*Every member present at any meeting shall pay to the Secretary 50 cents per month as his dues or share of expenses for such meeting*]. (All members shall pay an assessment of $1 per year, in advance, to the Secretary); and the list of members who are entitled to vote shall be made only from those who have actually paid their dues.

This constitution can be amended at any meeting, but such amendments shall not go into effect until they have been approved by a majority vote of those present at a subsequent meeting.

After a full reading the laws were taken up seriatim.

Newton Booth objected to the objects as set out. On his motion the words in law I. were substituted: "and advancement of the general interests."

On motion, finally, of Israel Luce, the name was adopted, "Taxpayers' Protective Association of Sacramento."

In the section relating to membership the amendment was adopted only after a long debate. A long debate ensued on the proposition to fix the dues, the issue being whether there should be dues, or only a "joining fee."

Mr. Luce wished to have all persons present, if taxpayers on personality, elected members, but the matter was dropped.

The by-laws were then adopted as a whole, and a recess was taken to secure signatures. These persons signed: N. L. Drew & Co., W. R. Strong, John F. Sheehan, L. S. Taylor, P. S. Lawson, S. W. Butler, L. L. Lewis, N. D. Goodell, A. Johnson, I. Luce, H. Weinstock, J. McClatchy, Carle & Croly, C. Weisel, H. Freichler, C. Green, C. Klink, J. Steffens, J. McGuire, S. Jelly, J. McNeill, F. Miller, C. McCreary, A. S. Hopkins, F. R. Dray, J. F. Richardson, J. L. Huntoon, H. Steinman, P. H. Menken, N. Booth, Ben Steinman, C. H. Krebs, F. Cox, O. G. Hartig, George Schroth, W. Kearth, C. H. Cummings, A. C. Sweetser, J. N. Porter, J. H. Carroll, P. Herzog, E. K. Alsip, U. C. Billingsley, Charles Zeitler, F. D'Hondt.

On being called to order again the meeting was addressed by Mr. Weisel, who asked the meeting to press the Trustees to reduce taxation forthwith and without regard to the debt.

The meeting then adjourned until called together by the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee then met. Present, McNeill, Alsip, Cox, Herzog, Cummings, Carroll, McClatchy, Miller, Lewis and Steffens. The officers of the association were declared officers of the committee.

The committee discussed the best methods of proceeding with its work.

Mr. Carroll said these were the questions on which information was desired:

What is the amount of outstanding bonds and coupons? What is their description by dates of maturity, and what amounts mature at each date, and who holds said bonds?

What remedy at law have the creditors to enforce payment of past due coupons?

What violations of law have been committed by the city, and to what liability is the city subject for such violations?

What defense has the city against the creditors?

What is the present action of the City Trustees, or what is or has been their observance of the law?

Have the City Trustees exceeded, or fallen short of the requirements of the law?

If they have done either, then what legal or other action have the citizens as taxpayers against the Trustees?

State briefly the operation of the Commission upon the funded debt.

Recommend plans of action for this association.

The committee tacitly agreed to these being the points concerning which it would first make inquiry. After some discussion as to what, if any, plans and system the City Trustees have for the final discharge of the city debt, it was resolved to meet Friday evening at 8 o'clock, at the office of Sweetser & Alsip, and that the City Trustees be respectfully invited to meet with the committee for the purpose of eliciting information concerning city financial affairs.

A SURPRISE.—Monday last was the birthday of Professor G. Lohse, the instructor of the Turn Verein Society of this city. While he was giving instructions to the boys' class, the members of the little girls' class marched into the hall, and the oldest, in a few choice remarks, presented the Professor with a large and beautiful album. The Professor was still further surprised in the evening when he was invited to a banquet given in his honor by the active members of the society. During the evening the Harmonic Society rendered some excellent music. The Professor has not been in the city very long, but his worth is appreciated, and he has made a host of friends.

CITY APPOINTMENTS.—It is reported that Mark Foster is to receive the appointment of Chief Engineer of the water works. Mr. Foster has filled that position once, and gave general satisfaction. The position of City Tapper will be given to either John Longabaugh or C. Laufkotter. It is thought that Brannigan, the Poundmaster, and Caldwell, the Superintendent of the City Cemetery, will be retained in their present positions. The Democracy were considerably chagrined yesterday when they found that they could not have the efficient Clerk of the Water Works, R. D. Scriver, ousted and a good Democrat put at his desk. Scriver has two years yet to serve.

BILLIARDS.—In the billiard match played at the Union Hotel billiard parlors last evening between Messrs. Gamble and Bostwick, the game was won by the former. The following is the score: Gamble—21 23 0 0 0 0 0 0 6 0 0 0 1 3 6 4 8 0 0 3 1 1 7 0 1 0 1 6 8 3 7 2 2 0 3 0 2 1 0 1 3 0 0 1 0 4 0 0 2 6 0 0 0 7 2 1 1 1 0 1 7 2 3 1 0 0 8 1 0 0 7 0 0 3 0 0 0 1 1 3 6 3 8 2 0 0 2 1. Game, 200 points. Average, 2 30-85. Bostwick—4 0 3 0 1 1 1 1 0 2 0 0 3 0 2 1 2 4 1 0 0 0 3 1 6 5 1 2 5 0 0 4 0 0 0 2 4 1 1 6 2 3 1 2 0 7 2 1 0 0 2 0 7 1 5 4 0 6 2 0 0 0 1 0 3 0 3 0 0 1 5 0 3 0 2 1 5 0 1 0 2 1 0 1 8 8—189 points, 85 innings. Average, 2 19 85.

RECKLESS SHOOTING.—The residents on Twelfth and Thirteenth streets, in the neighborhood of the North levee, are complaining loudly of the reckless manner in which firearms are discharged in that portion of the city. Boys and young men go out there with guns and pistols and shoot at trees and other objects. There is an ordinance in this city against such conduct, and it is to be hoped that some of the offending parties will be arrested and dealt with according to law.

SOCIAL AND LITERARY RECEPTION.—A free social and literary reception or entertainment is to be given by the Young Men's Christian Association at their rooms on J street, between Third and Fourth, this evening, commencing at a quarter before 8 o'clock. It will consist of music, readings and a general social occasion. An invitation has been extended to all to be present.

AN AFFLICTED FAMILY.—On Monday the youngest son of A. A. Cook, the architect, aged 2 years, died of brain fever, and yesterday a daughter aged 5 years also breathed her last. Mr. and Mrs. Cook are both confined to their room by illness, though not seriously sick. Two other children are under the care of a physician, and another, a boy, is suffering from a broken arm.

WILL HOLD COURT.—Judge George E. Williams, Superior Judge of El Dorado county, will hold Court in Department Two of the Superior Court of this county on April 6th. The case to be tried at that time is that of H. G. Smith vs. the Odd Fellows' Bank. The case is to test the validity of Smith's assignment.

METROPOLITAN THEATER.—The Wallace Sisters, in Brougham's play, "Minnie's Luck," last evening appeared to very much better advantage than on the first evening. It was last evening made evident that they were embarrassed greatly by the condition of the leading man the evening before.

MICHIGAN BAR RUNAWAY.—While Lawrence Long and Charles Clements were taking a buggy ride behind a colt on Monday last, it became frightened and ran away. Both the occupants of the vehicle were thrown out, but neither sustained serious injuries.

POLICE COURT.—The session of the Police Court only lasted fifteen minutes yesterday morning. Maggie Ham, who was charged with petit larceny, was discharged. Thomas Smith, charged with being drunk, forfeited his deposit of $5.

CLERK OF THE POLICE COURT.—Judge Henry, of the Police Court, appointed P. A. Byrne to the position of Clerk, vice Alfred Spinks, deceased. Mr. Byrne filled that position during the time that M. S. Horan was Police Judge.

IMMIGRANTS.—One hundred and twelve immigrants, including eighty males, passed Carlin yesterday, and will arrive in Sacramento to-day by the overland train.

QUITE CLEAR.—The water in the river is clearer now, say experts, than known for some years at this season of the year.

WHAT THE segregation of lines of trade does for a city: It fills unoccupied stores and makes demand for more; it lowers the taxes of merchants generally, and gives employment to those who have made a life study of one particular business, as have the men that conduct the great One-price Shoe House of Lewis Bros., 411 J street, between Fourth and Fifth. How deplorable would be the state of that city or town where all the business would be conducted under the roofs of two or three houses keeping all manner of merchandise, and so manipulating the prices as to fill their coffers only. Lewis Bros. have the coin, and will not allow anything of the kind to occur in Sacramento. The people must have good boots and shoes at as low prices as it is possible to sell them. So says the Leading Shoe House of Lewis Bros., 411 J street, between Fourth and Fifth. One price.

MEN'S heavy driving blouses and jumpers at Red House, for 50 and 60 cents. *

OLD LADIES' Congress serge gaiters, with toe cap, for $1, at Red House.

BOSS OF-THE-ROAD OVERALLS, 70 cents, at Red House.

THE WHEAT-GROWERS' ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA.

The following communication was yesterday received by the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Sacramento county:

MARCH 18, 1882.

Pursuant to notice given through the public press, a number of the prominent grain-growers of this State held a meeting in San Francisco on the 14th of September last for the purpose of consultation with a view of devising some means for the protection of their interests against the various combinations which have been formed by those engaged in buying and selling, and transporting the products of the California grain fields to market, such combinations being injuriously detrimental to the interest of the grain-grower, having been so managed as to defraud him of a large portion of the profits of his industry.

At the said meeting the subject was fully discussed and the necessity for concert of action on the part of the grain-growers being unanimously conceded, it was decided to organize the "Wheat-Growers' Association of California," whose objects and purposes shall be as follows:

1. To bring the grain-growers of this State into closer communication with a view of securing concerted action when deemed necessary to guard their general interests.

2. To provide means for collecting and disseminating among the members of the Association reliable statistical information concerning the crop prospects and annual aggregate product of the grain-producing districts of the world, the probable demand for consumption and amount available for supplying such demand, the available tonnage for moving the surplus product of this coast to market, and such information concerning storage facilities, railroad and inland water transportation, as shall be requisite to enable the members of the Association to act intelligently in the transaction of their business.

3. To discourage all practices which may tend to lower the standard of California wheat in the markets of the world, and to endeavor to enhance the value of our wheat and to increase the productiveness of our land.

4. To provide a method to enable the grain-growers of the State to act with promptness and efficiency in any emergency when their interests are threatened.

Such an Association has been formed and legally incorporated under the laws of this State. Being an Association merely for the mutual protection of its members, it has no capital stock, and its principal object will be to aid its members to receive for their product a price more nearly approximating its value in the great markets of the world than has been the price heretofore fixed by the combinations of speculators and shippers who have so long controlled the wheat market of California.

In order to make the Association a complete success it is desirable to have the co-operation of all the leading grain growers of the State, and consequently at a meeting of the Association held in San Francisco, Monday, October 10, 1881, it was decided to appoint a committee in each of the wheat-producing counties of the State to solicit persons in the business of grain growing to become members of the Association. At the meeting held January 9, 1882, all of the former committees were continued and new committees were appointed to canvass the counties not already provided for. The following-named gentlemen were appointed for your county: P. R. Beckley, J. W. Wilson, Benjamin Bailey, J. J. Bauer, Samuel Blair, Stephen Butler and Edward Christy.

It is sincerely hoped that your committee will make an effort to secure as large a membership as possible, as we are satisfied that each member of the Association will be benefited to an extent far in excess of the small amount each will have to contribute to make the Association self-sustaining. Each subscriber should endeavor to be present at the next meeting of the Association, as matters of importance will there be acted on. If a subscriber is unable to attend in person, your committee is authorized to receive the initiation fee and propose his name.

The initiation fee will be $10, and the annual dues will be fixed hereafter at a regular meeting of the Association, at such sum as shall be found necessary to carry out the objects of the Association, but not to exceed in any event $12 per annum. The next regular meeting of the Association will be held in Grangers' Hall, San Francisco, on Monday, April 10, 1882, at 2 P. M., at which time it is hoped that a large representation from your county will be present to take part in the deliberations of the organization. Respectfully,

W. L. OVERHISER,
A. C. PAULSELL,
L. M. HICKMAN,
J. W. McCARTHY,
THOS. UPTON,
Committee.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Major Blakeney passed through the city yesterday.

B. R. Crocker and wife left for Los Angeles yesterday morning.

Judge W. S. Mesick passed through from San Francisco to Carson yesterday.

Mrs. John Yost and children came to the city from San Francisco yesterday.

Sir Thomas and Lady Hesketh leave England for California on the 29th of this month.

Dr. H. B. Pearson, of this city, returned yesterday from a short visit to San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Henderson, of Montana, are visiting in California at the Baldwin Hotel.

Daniel Cook and wife and Mrs. D. D. Colton will arrive from the East this morning in a special car.

C. McCormick, of San Francisco, arrived here yesterday, and will remain in this city about a week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Nance, of Salinas City, celebrated their golden wedding last evening by a reception.

H. L. H. Kirkham and Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Graham arrived on the steamer California, from Oregon, last Saturday.

A pleasant party was given at the residence of B. Kozminsky last evening in honor of the wedding of his sister-in-law.

Mrs. J. C. Howes, of Boston, has arrived in Salinas City, and will spend the summer there with her sister, Mrs. Fred. May.

J. W. Dench, of Placerville, came up from San Francisco yesterday, and will leave for El Dorado county this morning.

Wm. Radcliffe, the popular baggageman of the California Pacific, has recovered from his recent illness and is on duty again.

Mrs. Colonel Woods, of Oakland, who has been to Europe for a year or more, has arrived in New York, and will return home in a few weeks.

G. H. Fowler, Charles Tiffin, J. Graham, J. F. Grainger and D. A. Cline, of Shingle Springs, El Dorado county, are visiting Sacramento.

Last Saturday evening there was a grand masquerade ball given at Swiss Station, in this county. Several couple from the city were in attendance.

Miss Sadie Leibert and Miss Mary Vaughan, daughter of ex-Governor Vaughan, of Utah, will be guests of Miss Katie Kelly, of the Napa Soda Springs, in May.

R. H. Pratt, Superintendent of the Sacramento Division of the Central Pacific Railroad, returned Monday evening from the Summit. Mr. Pratt was at the scene of the snow blockade during the entire storm.

The domino and mask carnival given by the Downieville Social Club Monday night was largely attended, although a fierce driving snow-storm was raging and most all the roads and trails were blockaded. Armory Hall was brilliantly illuminated and decorated.

In all respects the most noteworthy social happening of the past week in Sonoma was the sheet and pillow-case party, given at the home of Major and Mrs. E. Rufus, last Thursday evening. There were about forty present, representatives of the fashion and culture of the valley.

The students of the University of California will give an entertainment and hop at the college building at Berkeley on Thursday, when charter day will be appropriately celebrated. The exercises will take place in the morning, and the afternoon will be devoted to dancing.

The Rod and Gun Club of Gilroy held their regular meeting on Monday last, and the game supper was spread at the Williams House the following night. Never was there a more substantial prospect of good eating presented to the guests, says the *Advocate*. Pyramids of quail on toast, rows of roast duck, goose pie, pickles, preserves, boiled hams, cakes, in most tempting and delicious array.

At the Eldred House: Geo. D. Evans, J. W. Gafford, Davisville; Michael Pickett and wife, William Elder, James Conner, Richard Hausklaw, Bud Conner, Cosumnes; H. E. Fairman, Alder Creek; Alex. Jones, city; C. W. Street, C. P. R. R.; E. C. Newell, San Francisco; Mrs. A. M. Plummer, Twelve-mile House; C. W. Schleffer, Tobe Testle, Latrobe; W. C. Cummington, Nicholas; C. C. Graves, Woodland.

The latest thing in evening dress for men of fashion in England is to have their dress coats slashed with satin. White waistcoats are also much worn. It is true that some distinction should be made between the costume of the guests and that of the waiters, for not long ago a hostess, making up a set of quadrilles, asked one of the waiters to choose a partner, thinking he was a guest who had not been introduced.

A grand masquerade ball was given at Hill's Ferry on the night of the 17th instant, in the Masonic Hall building, under the auspices of the Knights of Honor. Fifty couples were en masque, and fifty or seventy-five others were present. A fine supper was served at 12 M., and then the dancing was resumed and kept up until 5 o'clock in the morning. It will long be remembered as one of the most successful balls ever given in that place.

In the city yesterday: Paul C. Blum, St Paul; J. B. Cooke, Colusa; D. Gildmacher, Santa Ana; F. Seller, F. Cook, Mrs. Folger, San Francisco; J. Dresel, Sonoma; John M. Davis, Oil City, Pa.; A. Judis, New York; A. Abbott, Marysville; T. H. B. McLerran, Woodbridge; John Murphy, M. Curran, Stanislaus county; Miss Kean, Mrs. Martin, Woodland; G. F. Packer, Princeton; Ira Robbins, Miss Kate Cox, G. W. Schmidt, Dutch Flat; Mrs. R. N. Thomas, Charles Wilson, H. D. Kercheval, Mark Thall, R. Day, A. Thornton, L. Huntington, San Francisco; P. Moulton, Grass Valley; D. M. Youngblove and wife, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Butterfield, Ione; A. Thornton, Fred. Viney, Newhope; M. J. E. Tobin, Grass Valley; H. M. Stacy and wife, Lincoln; L. Meiss, Laguna; L. Wilcox, Cosumnes; George Cornish and family, Clarksburg; D. McClure, Drytown; D. R. Hunt, Freeport; G. Jenks, Placerville; Mrs. Pierce, Los Gatos; D. L. Christman, Pleasant Grove.

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SUPERIOR COURT.

DEPARTMENT ONE—CLARK, Judge.

TUESDAY, March 21, 1882.

Francis vs. Francis—Default of defendant entered, and case set for trial to-morrow.

Matter of the contest of the wills of C. G. Hidden, deceased—On trial by jury.

DEPARTMENT TWO—DENSON, Judge.

Lee Chung vs. Long Dow Sung—On trial.

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