THIRTY YEARS AGO.

SENSATIONAL SUICIDE UNDER PECULIAR CIRCUMSTANCES.

Unique Report on a Remonstrance to the Board of Supervisors—George Francis Train in England.

There were evidently some pretty bright men on the Board of Supervisors in those days. A wingdam had been constructed at Rabel's tannery to protect the levee at that point, and a complaint against it was filed by Samuel Norris, owner of the Norris grant. The Committee on Police and Levees were instructed to inquire into the matter and report to the Board, which they did in a unique manner. The report read:

First—We have no desire, by any act of ours, to cause the current of the American river to be so changed as to wash away the sand bar which is complained of in Mr. Norris' remonstrance, and which must necessarily be of great advantage to him in the future.

Second—We think the homes of the people of Sacramento are perhaps of not so much importance as the aforesaid sand bank, therefore the work should be stopped, as no material damage could be anticipated in the event of the overflow of the city, which can be readily shown by the annals of the years 1852-3.

Third—Mr. Norris intends to hold each and every member of the Board personally responsible for said damage, and not wishing to be reduced to absolute poverty, we advise that the work be immediately stopped.

Fourth—And—by far the most weighty reason of all—we are informed by Mr. Rightmire, the contractor, that all of said work has been completed, therefore, your committee believes that the work should be stopped immediately.

.....A singular and sensational affair occurred in this city on the 20th of November. A young man named Richard H. McGill, a clerk in the State Controller's office, hired a stylish and high-spirited pair of gray horses and a carriage from Frank Malone's stable, intending to take some ladies out for a ride. He drove about the eastern portion of the city for some time, the horses going at a very rapid pace, which caused many person to express a fear that McGill would meet with an accident. Coming down town, he drove about Seventh and J street a number of times, and finally the horses got under such headway that he could not manage them. The vehicle was upset at Eighth and I, and McGill thrown heavily to the ground. The horses ran down J street, and the carriage was torn to splinters by numerous collisions. John E. Doyle was the first person to reach McGill, whom he assisted to rise, and then helped him to get to the residence of E. J. Sanders on L street, near Eighth, where he boarded. On the way there McGill asked what had become of the team and vehicle, and on being informed he said: "There's $3,000 gone!" Just as they reached the house he took a pistol from his pocket, and before anyone realized what he was doing he discharged a bullet into his brain, dying instantly. The late A. H. Esteil was one of the pall-bearers at the funeral, which was attended by the Sutter Rifles, of which McGill had been a member.

.....George Francis Train, then a young but very lively gentleman, was in England, where he had created quite a stir by his public addresses on "American Institutions." One of his speeches, delivered at a dinner party in London, created quite a sensation. He was the same brilliant, aggressive Train then that he was up to the time, a few years ago, when he seemed to lose his mental balance wheel. In the course of his remarks before the astonished Britishers he said: "England views mankind from a first-class carriage; hence, when a few hundred West-Enders go to the sea-side, they say everybody is out of town! What egotism! All the misconception has arisen by comparing the English dress circle with the American pit—or Oxford and Cambridge against all America! Compare dress circle with dress circle, gallery with gallery, pit with pit, and then America will receive justice in Europe! England has always been looking out of the cabin at America in the forecastle! England has been the pulpit, America the audience; England the schoolmasters, America the scholars. That day has passed away! A published idea is an expired patent!" Train was then seriously talked of as a coming President of the United States.

.....One night a young man about town, who was in the habit of getting on an occasional spee, while in his cups strayed into the kitchen of a prominent hotel, under the impression that he was going to his room. He lay down on the floor, and seeing a cask near by concluded it was whisky, and that he would take one with himself and then go to sleep. He managed to get the faucet turned, and he was soon flooded with molasses—old-fashioned thick black molasses. Before he got the faucet turned off he was nearly smothered with it, and when found in the morning he was a pitiable-looking object.

.....On the 16th of November, 1860, Nevada county was visited by a terrific gale of wind. Trees were uprooted and thrown down in all directions. At Sailor Flat a tree fell on the cabin of M. Jones, killing Jones and another man. The sash factory of W. C. Stiles in Nevada City was also partially wrecked. Nearly all the mining flumes in the county were blown down, including that of the Eureka Lake Company, which cost $100,000. The gale lasted for nearly three days, leveling fences, light buildings, etc., and doing great damage generally.

.....During the political campaign which had just closed, Calhoun Benham, the rampant Democrat and follower of Breckenridge, declared that if Lincoln were elected the grass would grow in the streets of New York city. Shortly after the election Benham was about to go East, and the San Francisco *Call* pointedly suggested that he was probably going to New York to roll on the grass that had grown up on Broadway.

..... At Genella's crockery store on J street, near Sixth, a quarrel arose one evening between Barney Wolfe, Genella's business manager, and a man named Patrick, who was contemplating the purchase of an interest in the establishment. From words they came to blows, and during the fight Wolfe got out his pocket knife and slashed his adversary severely about the head.

.....Secession talk was rife throughout the South, but about the first act to warrant the belief that the people down there were really in earnest was the raising of the Palmetto flag over the bark James Gray, in Charleston harbor, and saluting it with fifteen guns.

.....There was a one mile running race over the Yolo Park Course on the 16th of November between slow horses. The last one in was to be declared the winner, and each owner rode the other's horse. Whip and spur were used freely, and the winner "dashed under the wire" one length in the lead in the wonderful time of 6:46.

.....On the 18th of November burglars entered the grocery store of J. A. Webber, in Napa, and stole $7,000 in coin, the savings of several years' business. It afterwards turned out that the notorious "Black Jack" was one of the robbers, and he was arrested somewhere up north.

.....A large and well-equipped party of surveyors under Surveyor-General Higley left this city in the latter part of November to survey the boundary line between this State and Arizona.

ANOTHER CONTEMPT CASE.

This Time the "Bee" Proprietors Are the Defendants.

A complaint was yesterday filed in the Superior Court by Grove L. Johnson, counsel for G. W. McKay, President of the Council of Federated Trades, charging V. S. and C. K. McClatchy, proprietors of the *Bee*, with contempt of Court. The complaint is based upon the allegation that the defendants published certain affidavits prior to Judge Armstrong's decision in the boycott case (and while that case was still pending), which contained allegations that had not been introduced in evidence.

The complaint is quite long, but the chief points are as follows:

The said C. K. McClatchy and V. S. McClatchy published the said affidavits, preamble and head notes, and caused the same to be circulated largely throughout the said city of Sacramento, and caused the same to be delivered and left with the said Judge of the said Court, with the willful, malicious, illegal and corrupt purpose of improperly, illegally and unlawfully influencing the said Court and the said Judge in the said decision, and with the illegal, improper, malicious and corrupt design, purpose and intent to unlawfully interfere with the process and proceedings of the said Court, and illegally, improperly and unlawfully to change, affect and influence the decision of the said Court upon said matter so submitted to it, and with the corrupt, illegal and unlawful purpose to present to said Court evidence which the said C. K. McClatchy and V. S. McClatchy well knew had not been proffered or offered in Court.

CITRUS FRUITS.

The Sacramento Crop Abundant and the Fruit of Good Size.

The past summer has been an unusually favorable one for the growth and development of oranges and lemons in this city and vicinity. The trees are all heavily laden with fruit, which is now taking on that beautiful golden hue which makes an orange orchard in full bearing an object of such warm admiration.

Both oranges and lemons have attained an unusual size this season, and—unlike the fruit produced in some portions of the southern citrus belt—it is perfectly free from all taint of smut.

There is now scarcely a garden in Sacramento that is not ornamented by from one to a dozen orange or lemon trees, most of which are loaded down with fruit. Sacramento should be well represented at the approaching Citrus Fair, wherever it may be held; and in order to do so, citizens should not pick and dispose of their choice fruit too early in the season, as is generally done.

There are now oranges enough grown in this city and county to make up a display sufficiently large to constitute an exhibition in itself; and if the fair should be held in San Francisco this winter there is no reason why Sacramento county should not have as fine an exhibit as any in Northern California.

A PLEDGE OF FAITH.

Interesting and Impressive Confirmation Ceremony at the Synagogue.

An interesting ceremony took place yesterday forenoon in the Jewish Synagogue, the occasion being the confirmation of Myron, the 13-year-old son of Aaron Nathan.

The ceremony took place after the usual services of the day. According to the usages of the Jewish Church, the youthful communicant addressed the congregation, pledging his loyalty to the faith of his fathers, and his determination to adhere to its teachings throughout his life. It was a very creditable effort for one so young, and elicited general complimentary comment.

His address was followed by one on the part of Rabbi Levy, in which he spoke eloquently and impressively of the grave responsibility which the communicant had assumed. He urged him to be faithful to the vows he had taken, and in all his acts through life to be governed by the precepts of his faith.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the residence of the boy's parents.

WINTER DELICACIES.

The Florin Strawberry Section Still Sending Out Berries.

The SUNDAY UNION is in receipt of a sample of ripe and luscious strawberries plucked yesterday from the vines in the garden of John McNie at Florin. The berries are large and of excellent flavor.

A few weeks ago one of the San Diego papers made a great "blow" over the fact that some newly-arrived Eastern people were astonished at a few ripe strawberries. They had not believed that such delicate fruit could be grown at that season of the year, even in the famed semi-tropical climate of Southern California.

The fact is, strawberries were at the same time quite plentiful in the Sacramento markets, and cheap. It is not at all uncommon for people here to have strawberries at Christmas.

POLICE COURT JOTS.

How Judge Buckley Disposed of Yesterday's Calendar.

In the Police Court yesterday Gus Hughes was fined $15 for stealing some underclothing from a down-town store.

A boy named Andrew Aitken was acquitted of a charge of battery. The evidence showed that the affair was an accident and Judge Buckley promptly discharged the defendant.

A charge of battery against F. H. Walker was dismissed on motion of the City Attorney.

Ah Lee pleaded guilty to carrying a concealed weapon and was ordered to appear on Monday for sentence.

J. P. Hughes was held to answer on a charge of perjury. Bail was fixed in the sum of $1,000.

AMUSEMENTS.

The Eunice Goodrich Company played to an extraordinarily large audience at the matinee yesterday afternoon. The opera-house probably contained on that occasion 800 children and 300 adults; possibly even more of the former. The farce comedy, "In and Out of School," gave entire satisfaction to the juvenile audience. There was another large house last night, when "The Little Countess" was played with good effect. To-night Miss Goodrich concludes her remarkably successful week's engagement, with the play from her own pen, entitled "A Double Marriage." The company leaves Sacramento certainly with only kindly recollections of it, for it has been patronized as have been the few only. Manager Pottle has proved one thing beyond question, that is, that very low prices will draw large audiences, without much regard to the high or mediocre ability of a dramatic company. The people wish to be amused; they care less about being entertained—that is to say, a very large body of the people are content with amusement and do not wish the mental powers to be greatly engaged while witnessing a dramatic performance or any other from the stage, for which an admission fee is charged.

Barwick's Weather Notes.

The Signal Service temperature at 5 A. M. and 5 P. M. yesterday was 43° and 66°, while the highest and lowest was 72° and 46°, with gentle northerly winds and a nearly cloudless sky.

The barometer was quite high, but having a falling tendency. Cloudy weather prevailed in Southern Oregon and Northern California, caused by a cyclone going eastward over Vancouver's Island.

The highest and lowest temperature one year ago yesterday was 64° and 46°, with .15 of an inch of rain; and one year ago to-day 58° and 41°, and no rainfall. There was on the 23d fresh southerly winds and a partly clouded sky.

The Expected Chinatown Vendetta.

There are still rumors flying about of a prospective vendetta in Chinatown. An intelligent Chinaman stated to a SUNDAY UNION reporter yesterday that the reason so many San Francisco toughs have come here lately is that the police down there have been "pulling" them in great numbers, and they come here to avoid arrest.

The police here, however, feel confident that trouble is brewing, and that one of these nights a score of masked batteries in Chinatown will belch forth their leaden messengers of death.

Pacific Coast Failures.

The Bradstreet Mercantile Agency reports fourteen failures in the Pacific coast States and Territories for the week ending yesterday, as compared with fourteen for the previous week, and five for the corresponding week of 1889.

The failures for the past week are divided among the trades as follows: Four general stores, three saloons, one restaurant, one grain, one butcher, one grocer, one lumber, one manufacturer of furniture and one printer.

The Page Robbery.

William Wright, John Sullivan and D. Quinlan were yesterday taken out to Brighton for examination before Justice Foster for the recent robbery of J. H. Page in that neighborhood.

Assistant District Attorney A. J. Bruner went out for the purpose of conducting the prosecution. The prisoners asked that the examination be continued until Wednesday next, and the request was granted.

IT is here. Reed's absolutely pure sap maple syrup. Nothing like it in town. At Weber & Co.'s, 1217 and 1219 L street. *

ONLY $325 at $5 per month will buy a cheap new piano at Cooper's, first class (so says its maker). We also sell real first-class pianos as low as anywhere, giving better value in the solid iron frame Mathushek, of which piano over 1,100 sold in Sacramento city, used and recommended by our very best pianists, many of whom have lately purchased it after teaching on it for many years first. *

EVERY well-regulated household has Quaker oats always on hand for breakfast. *

COMPLETE TRANSFORMATION.

SACRAMENTO MAY NOW BOAST OF SOME GOOD STREETS.

What the Citizens' Company Has Done in the Booming Line—Many Miles of New Streets.

A reporter of the SUNDAY UNION captured C. A. Luhrs, the well-known public-spirited citizen and business man, yesterday on Second street.

"No, nothing going on to-day that I have heard of," was his reply to the scribe's stereotyped conundrum. "But, I say," resumed Mr. Luhrs, catching the news hunter by the coat collar as he was about to proceed on his weary way, "I can tell you one thing that you can make an item of, and that is, that never before in the history of Sacramento was there so much improvement going on, particularly as regards street work."

"Never thought of that. Now, you are just the man who can tell me about what is going on in that line, too, aren't you?"

MR. LUHRS IS COMMUNICATIVE.

"Guess I am," replied Mr. Luhrs, drawing himself up to his full height, and hooking his thumbs into the armholes of his vest. "Yes, sir, and what is more, I am just the man that is perfectly willing to tell you all I know, too. I would like first rate to have the people of Sacramento know, through your valuable paper, what the result of their issuing $100,000 in bonds for street improvement has been, and I would also have them know what the Citizens' Street Improvement Company has been doing. Now, young man, if you have some spare time just hop into my buggy and we'll take a little spin around, and if I don't open your eyes, I'll treat to the cigars."

The invitation was promptly accepted.

"Now," said Mr. Luhrs, after they had driven about a block, "while we are en route, it might not be out of place to recite a little history. You remember how the Improvement Company was originated, of course? Well, then you also know the obstacles it had to contend with. The contractors, who had had a monopoly of the street work, got up and howled against us and the bond proposition when they heard that we were not in the business to make money, but to

GIVE THE PEOPLE GOOD STREETS

For just what the labor and material cost. They did everything they could to discourage us. At that time, however, there was little or no street improvement going on, and these men were making a scant living. But we got on our feet, in spite of all the obstacles thrown in our way and we went into the business with a vim. Look at the result! These same contractors and teamsters, who were so bitter against us, have now more work than they can possibly attend to. They had also kicked against our using a steam wagon, for the purpose of hauling gravel from the pit, claiming that it took work away from them, yet, to-day, the combined efforts of the steam wagon and more teams than were ever before employed on the streets of Sacramento cannot keep up with the work that is desired to be done."

CHANGED THEIR TUNE.

"Well, what do they think of it now?" ventured the reporter.

"Oh, they see now how mistaken they were, and they are now our greatest friends. And well they might be. Our scheme has proved a veritable bonanza for them. Every man in the city, and many from the country, who has a team, has as much work, and more, too, than he can possibly handle, and it will be the same next year, I have no doubt."

"How many teams and men have you given employment to?"

"You mean the Improvement Company?"

"Yes."

"Let me see, now. To-day, there are at work just fifty-five teams, to say nothing of the steam-wagon. Each team, of course, is attended to by one man. Then, the steam-wagon and its carts has a crew, and there is a large gang employed at our gravel pit to do the loading. Then there are the laborers who do the work on the streets after the gravel is brought in, the foremen, the rollers, and others whom I cannot enumerate. Altogether, there must be something like

TWO HUNDRED MEN EMPLOYED

Right now on the streets—fully triple the number that was ever employed at one time before. And what is more than all this, I think it is very safe to say that, as the enthusiasm of the people increases daily, by next year there will be fully double the present amount of work under way, and employment given to a correspondingly increased number—although for the life of me I can't see where the additional teams and teamsters are coming from, unless it is from other parts. Every available team in the city is now at work, either for the improvement company or for other contractors.

"Can you give me any idea, Mr. Luhrs, as to how much work has been done—that is, how many blocks have been excavated, graded and graveled?" asked the reporter.

"Well, I can come pretty near to it," was the reply. "I can tell you almost exactly what the improvement company has done and very near what has been done by other contractors. You will remember that the Street Improvement Company

DID NOT GET TO WORK

Until the middle of August of this year, but every day since then has been used to advantage. Since then our company has excavated, graded, graveled, and rolled in the best possible shape, about thirty blocks, and by the end of the year it will reach fifty. This, of course, includes the crossings as well as the streets themselves, and the crosswalks, too. There is a great deal more work about putting a street in order than the casual observer or average citizen dreams of. The other contractors have, I should judge, disposed of about seventy-five blocks during the past year. There, you see, Sacramento has now over a hundred graveled and graded blocks, all of good quality, and of the kind that will be in good order during the heaviest kind of a winter. Quite a change from a year ago, eh?"

The vehicle was now bouncing along up G street toward Agricultural Park. The street was in magnificent condition, smooth, hard, nicely convexed, and durable in appearance. Mr. Luhrs explained that contractor Peter Miller was just putting the finishing touches on the street, he having had the contract for

THE WORK OF TRANSFORMATION

From Sixth to Twentieth streets—that being the entire length of G street at present. It is admitted on all sides that the quality of gravel in the pit owned by the improvement company is superior to any other in this locality, and the fact that contractor Miller was permitted to use gravel from this pit on G street had much to do with the excellent appearance of the street now.

Reaching Twelfth street, Mr. Luhrs pointed out several blocks which had been done by the improvement company, and they all looked splendid. Twelfth street is now graveled and graded from L street, northward to the levee, and as the county is putting the county road on the other side of the bridge in good condition, too, the citizens and farmers may rejoice in the knowledge that there will be no more stoppages of traffic this winter, as was the case last year, by reason of the impassable condition of this road and Twelfth street.

"Yes, sir," said Mr. Luhrs, enthusiastically, "the fact that Twelfth street is now a fine thoroughfare means thousands of dollars to the people of Sacramento, and nobody knows this better than we business men. Look at what we lost last year! Why it's incalculable, sir."

REFRESHING TO BEHOLD.

As the buggy was driven rapidly from one street to another, where dozens of men and teams were at work, the newspaper man was kept in a constate state of wonder—wonder that so much could have been going on of such importance and interest to the people, and he not know it.

From Tenth to Twenty-third, H street has been made an entirely different looking thoroughfare, and contracts are about to be let for finishing it out to the city limits.

Work will be commenced in two or three days by the company on I and J streets, from Thirteenth to Thirty-first.

L from Fifteenth to Twenty-eighth is now finished and will reach the city limits by the end of the coming week. The street now affords an elegant drive to Sutter's Fort, and to the road leading to Brighton. This is also the work of the improvement company.

SOME INFERIOR GRAVEL.

Twenty-eighth from J to M has been finished, as has N street from Nineteenth to Thirtieth. The latter street was done by an outside contractor, and while no fault can be found with the workmanship, the gravel used is not up to the standard. It contains too much sand and earth, and not enough cement. However, the street is in a far superior condition to what it was formerly, and there is a possibility that the rain will have a different effect upon it than that anticipated.

From Tenth to Twenty-third on O has been finished by contractor Ewing in good shape, and the improvement company has completed N street from Nineteenth to Fifteenth. Fifteenth from G to O was divided between contractors Ewing and Parker, and, though not quite finished, looks like an excellent job. Work is in progress on Fourteenth between M and O, by contractor Toohey. Thirteenth between N and O, by the improvement company, is finished. Colonel McNasser, who owns considerable property on Twelfth, between N and O, has undertaken to do the graveling on that block himself. Eleventh, from N to O, by the company, is finished.

A LONG FELT WANT.

Tenth street is now a magnificent thoroughfare, from the Capitol building clear down to Y street. This was a much needed improvement, as Tenth street is the most convenient for funerals moving toward the City Cemetery, and is the street mostly used by those wishing to reach the Riverside road. Contractor Parker did the work from N to R, and Ewing is finishing up the balance.

From Front to Tenth, on O, has been completed for some time, and the work speaks for itself. It was the first job undertaken by the Citizens' Company, and they naturally feel proud of it, as it has proved itself to be a most excellent and durable piece of work.

The contract for grading and graveling Eleventh, from H to I, has been let to contractor Hughes, and work will be commenced immediately. It is also understood that Y street (on top of the levee) is to be graveled from Tenth to Twenty-eighth very soon. This will fill another long-felt want, as this street connects with the lower Stockton road, and by putting it in shape will give the country people a chance to get into town during the winter—something they could not do a year ago.

QUITE A CHANGE.

"Now that you have seen about all that is to be seen," said Mr. Luhrs to his companion, as they headed for home, "you will observe what a complete transformation has taken place. Last year—last winter, I mean—people from outside the city could not get into town and we could not get out. The outlets were nothing less than running streams of mud. What have we got this year? Why, there are N and L streets to connect with the Jackson and Brighton road; Twelfth street to connect with the Auburn road on the north; Tenth street to connect with the upper Stockton road, and the roads in from Gerber's and the hospital—in fact, we will have no trouble from this source at all this year, and, as I said a while ago, it will mean thousands of dollars to Sacramento. Now, another thing: did you notice as we drove along how many improvements were going on? New buildings going up everywhere, lots being graded, off-property values rising, and new streets being opened up. I attribute all that to the improvement of the streets. I tell you, sir, it is the key-note of advancement in a city like this."

And, indeed, Mr. Luhrs spoke the truth. The SUNDAY UNION man had noticed the improvements mentioned, and had counted exactly thirty-eight new building that were in course of construction in the residence portion of the city.

CITRUS FAIRS.

Views of a Gentleman Who Has Had Experience.

EDS. SUNDAY UNION: I agree with you upon the proposition of holding the Citrus Fair East. What benefit do we derive by holding it in California? There is not a man, woman or child here but that knows we produce fine semi-tropical fruits. It is our Eastern friends we wish to convince that they may come and live with us. The inducements we hold out to them is our climate and glorious, profitable productions. "California on Wheels" has given them a sample of what we produce, and the past year having been such a profitable one in the deciduous fruits, they having been shipped all over the union, now let us follow the immense advantage so gained by showing them our fall and winter products. The small exhibit made at Columbus in 1887 did us more good in the way of inducing immigration to the State than five hundred fairs held within the State. We have located several parties, and I have met numbers of others that were induced to come here by what they saw at that exhibit.

Now that immigration is once more looking towards this State instead of Washington and Oregon, we can, with a united effort and a grand exhibit of semi-tropical fruits, such as can be made, in Chicago or Kansas City, turn the tide to California, and once again started and here we can hold them, as we have gained such knowledge in fruit culture that we can convince our Eastern brethren of its profitable production, but in my judgment it is a waste of money to hold a citrus fair in this State—in comparison to the advantage gained by holding it East—and from my past experience here and East I think I know whereof I speak, and I am willing to give my mite and render what assistance I can towards the enterprise. Respectfully,

EDWIN K. ALSIP.

Sacramento, November 21, 1890.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS.

Deeds to Real Estate Filed With the County Recorder.

[From law and abstract office of Brusie & Taylor, southeast corner of Seventh and J.]

The following transfers of real estate have been made since the last published report:

Mary H. and John L. Buck, by George C. McMullen, Sheriff, to Emma C. Irvin—North half of east half of lot 5, N and O, Twenty seventh and Twenty-eighth streets; $788 83.

R. H. Daniels to W. B. Austin—East half of northeast quarter and north half of the southeast quarter of section 32, and west half of the northwest quarter of section 33, township 3 north, range 5 east, 240 acres; also lands in San Joaquin county; $10.

Antonie P. Valin and wife to Manuel Jacinto—92.26 acres of survey No. 187.

J. H. Smith to J. W. Grace—Lot 13, in block 35, in town of Folsom.

Rolled Into a Ditch.

The steam-wagon used by the Citizens' Street Improvement Company in hauling gravel in from the pit to the city met with an accident Friday evening. The regular engineer was sick, and the man who took his place temporarily was unused to the work. As a result the ponderous machine was run into a ditch in the vicinity of Thirty-first and J streets and was upset, and considerably damaged. It is thought, however, that the repairs will be made in time to allow the machine to go to work to-morrow or Tuesday.

County Board of Education.

This body met yesterday, all the members being present.

The members of the Board selected studies on which to prepare questions for the examination of applicants for certificates.

The only other business transacted was the consideration of matters relative to the County Institute.

Forest Fires Up North.

The Mount Shasta *Herald* states that extensive forest fires have been burning on the west side of the Sacramento river, apparently in the vicinity of Castle Lake. A week ago a large fire was burning between McCloud and Mott, but did but little damage, as all that section of the country has been burned over quite recently.

IT MADE HIM FIGHTING MAD.

The Queer Case of a Quarrel Between Two Boys This Morning.

There was an awful row on Main street early this morning. Two small boys were nearly tearing themselves to pieces, when a philanthropical citizen interfered, and, holding them apart, he finally discovered the trouble. One of the boys, it seemed, had a grievance, and said he would lick the other one, because when he got home he would get an awful licking.

It seemed that his mother had sent him out to get some Quaker rolled oats, and as he was on his way home the other boy ran into him and caused him to spill it all over the pavement. His mother, he said, could not get breakfast without it, and he was afraid to go home, for he knew he would catch it. To get even, he was doing up the cause of the accident in the best shape that he knew how.

"We never have breakfast without Quaker rolled oats," he said. "Mother thinks she can't do without it, and when I go home and say that that little duffer upset me and spilled it all, I will be in for it."

The boy was only pacified after being supplied with money enough to buy another supply of the dainty, and then he hurried off to get it, so that he could get home in time to save himself. *

WHO WILL GET IT?

THE BASEBALL PENNANT HANGS BY A THREAD.

It Depends Upon To-day's Games—Sacramento Won Two Yesterday—Oakland Defeats San Francisco.

The Sacramentos had a "walk-over" with Stockton yesterday in the first game and won by a score of 6 to 1.

It was agreed that only seven innings should be played so that the clubs might finish the second game before it became too dark, and their calculations proved to be just correct, for the teams could not have played the second game through if it had lasted ten minutes longer, for already the sun had gone down and fielding and batting the ball began to get rather difficult. The Stockton pitcher, Hickenbotham, was a genuine surpise, and with a good club behind him could do excellent work. The Sacramentos found him safely but six times, and a couple of these hits would not have been made had the fielders been properly coached. Twice the shortstop, left fielder and third baseman of the Stocktons stood and watched the ball drop in the midst of the circle—all of them eager, but neither of them knowing whether it was his place to take the ball. This kind of playing and a little real ragged work by the infielders made the Stockton club lose the game by a wide margin, the score being 6 to 1.

Neither side scored in the first two innings, but the fire-works on the part of the home team commenced in the third and lasted till the fifth. Errors and stupid fielding by the Stocktons and a few scattering base hits by the Sacramentos netted five runs. In the seventh inning the Senators added one run. The visitors escaped a shut-out by scoring Pache in the third inning on McHale's error.

The Sacramentos played almost perfect ball and the battery work of Harper and Bowman was very good. The latter handled eleven chances without the sign of an error and Harper was slightly steadier than usual, and his hitting was a surprise. He made two clean singles—more than any other man in his team succeeded in doing.

Fudger did some good work at second for Stockton, even though he made two errors. Wilson "bagged" four high flies and hit the ball hard. Armstrong gave his pitcher good support. Following is the score:

SACRAMENTO.	T.B.	R.	B.H.	S.B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Roberts, 1. f.	3	1	1	1	2	1	0
Bowman, c.	3	0	1	1	11	1	0
Stapleton, 1st b.	4	1	1	0	3	0	0
Daly, 2d b.	3	0	0	1	2	2	0
McHale, r. f.	4	1	1	0	0	0	1
Godar, 3d b.	4	0	0	0	1	1	0
Reitz, s. s.	3	0	0	0	2	2	2
Harper, p.	3	1	2	1	0	0	0
F. Hoffman, c. f.	2	1	0	0	1	1	0
Totals	29	6	6	4	21	8	1

STOCKTON.	T.B.	R.	B.H.	S.B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Selna, 1st b.	3	0	0	0	4	0	1
Holliday, c. f.	3	1	0	0	1	0	0
Hoffman, l. f.	3	0	1	0	0	0	0
Fudger, 2d b.	3	0	2	0	4	4	2
Armstrong, c.	3	0	0	0	6	0	1
Wilson, 3d b.	3	0	2	0	5	1	0
Fogarty, r. f.	3	0	0	0	1	0	0
Pache, s. s.	3	1	1	0	0	2	2
Hickenbotham, p.	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	26	1	7	0	21	7	6

Runs by innings—	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Sacramento	0	0	2	3	0	0	1	—6
Stocktons	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	—1

Two-base hit—Holliday. Sacrifice hit—Holliday. First base on errors—Sacramento, 3; Stockton 1. First base on called balls—Sacramento, 5; Stockton, 2. Left on bases—Sacramento, 7; Stockton 5. Struck out—By Harper, 7; by Hickenbotham, 4. Double plays—Hoffman, Reitz and Godar. Wild pitch—Harper. Time of game—One hour and five minutes. Umpire—Meegan. Will H. Young, official scorer.

THE SECOND GAME.

By the time the clubs were about to begin the second contest, a large crowd of people had gathered in the grand stand, including many ladies, most of whom probably realized that it was their last opportunity to witness a week-day ball game. The assemblage altogether numbered about 1,000, and it soon became manifest that there was no little amount of enthusiasm in the crowd when there was anything to arouse their feelings. Hickenbotham was anxious to defeat the Senators, and at his request Armstrong, the Captain of the Stocktons, allowed him to pitch the second game. Kilroy and Bowman were in the points for Sacramento, and when the game commenced both clubs looked active. The playing in the first inning was sharp and true and each club scored a run. By a streak of batting in the second inning the home club scored four men, but Stockton was not to be discouraged, and by gauging Kilroy's delivery they batted in two earned runs. In the next five innings the Sacramentos made three runs in all, while the Stocktons scored four times. This left the score 8 to 7 at the end of the seventh inning, and the excitement was getting strong.

The Stocktons appeared determined, and showed that they intended to make a desperate effort to tie the score or win the game. They had been batting Kilroy rather hard, and Manager Enright thought the better plan would be to put Harper in the box for the next two innings. It was evident that the crowd agreed with the Sacramento manager, and when the Senators' favorite twirler walked out to the pitcher's box he was loudly applauded.

The eighth inning resulted in "blank" for both teams, as did the ninth, but not without an exciting finish. Stockton had two men on bases, with one out, and Fudger to the bat. A hit meant at least one run and possibly two, and for the first time in weeks the crowd feared the Stocktons. Fudger hit the ball hard to Daly, who blocked it and threw to Reitz at second base, forcing out the runner. Reitz with lightning rapidity shot the ball over to Stapleton, and shut out Fudger at the initial, completing a brilliant double play which sealed a Sacramento victory.

Hoffman played in center field for the Sacramentos in both games, Goodenough being unable to fill the position on account of a sprained ankle. Hoffman made three great catches in the last game, and also did some sharp fielding.

Roberts gathered in two fly hits, and fielded his position to perfection. The crowd appeared to delight in watching a ball go up into the air towards the Senators' unrivaled left-fielder, just to see the ease and grace with which he handled the ball.

Godar knocked out a home-run in the third inning.

Following is the score:

SACRAMENTO.	T.B.	R.	B.H.	B.S.	P.O.	A.	E.
Roberts, l. f.	5	1	1	0	2	0	0
Bowman, c.	5	1	1	0	9	0	0
Stapleton, 1st b.	5	0	2	0	4	0	0
Daly, 2d b.	5	0	0	0	4	1	0
McHale, r. f.	4	1	1	1	1	1	0
Godar, 3d b.	4	3	2	1	0	3	0
Reitz, s. s.	5	1	1	0	4	3	1
Kilroy, p.	4	1	2	1	0	2	0
Hoffman, c. f.	3	0	1	0	3	0	0
Harper, p.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	40	8	11	3	27	10	2

STOCKTON.	T.B.	R.	B.H.	S.B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Selna, 1st b.	5	0	1	0	8	0	0
Holliday, c. f.	5	1	1	0	5	0	1
Hoffman, l. f.	5	0	2	0	3	0	0
Fudger, 2d b.	4	1	1	0	5	3	1
Armstrong, c.	4	2	3	2	3	1	0
Wilson, 3d b.	4	2	1	1	2	2	0
Fogarty, r f.	3	0	2	0	1	0	0
Pache, s. s.	3	0	1	0	0	2	1
Hickenbotham, p.	4	1	0	0	0	3	0
Totals	37	7	12	3	27	11	3

Runs by innings—	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Sacramento	1	4	1	0	1	0	1	0	0—	8
Stockton	1	2	0	1	0	2	1	0	0—	7

Earned runs—Sacramento, 5; Stockton, 5. Home run—Godar. Three-base hits—Bowman, Holliday, Wilson, Armstrong. Two-base hits—Reitz, Kilroy. Sacrifice hits—Stapleton, Reitz, Hoffman of Stockton (2). First base on errors—Sacramento, 3; Stockton, 1. First base on called balls—Sacramento, 2; Stockton, 2. Left on bases—Sacramento, 8; Stockton, 6. Struck out—By Kilroy, 4; by Hickenbotham, 3; by Harper, 3. First base on hit by pitcher—Fogarty. Double plays—Daly, Reitz and Stapleton. Passed balls—Bowman, 0; Armstrong, 1. Time of game—One hour and fifty-five minutes. Umpire—Meegan. Official scorer—Will H. Young.

OAKLAND WON.

Rank Playing and Errors the Features of the Game.

SAN FRANCISCO, November 22d.—There was some rank baseball here to-day. The Oaklands again defeated the San Franciscos in a game full of errors and poor playing, although there were double plays and several pretty assists. It was a slogging match throughout, there being plenty of triples doubles and singles. The batteries were Cobb and Lohman for Oakland, and Lookabaugh and Speer for San Francisco. Score:

SAN FRANCISCO.	T.B.	R.	B.H.	S.B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Shea, 2d b.	4	2	1	0	0	2	0
Stevens, r. f.	4	2	3	1	2	0	0
Ebright, 3d b.	3	2	1	0	0	5	0
Hanley, c. f.	5	1	3	0	5	0	0
Levy, l. f.	5	0	2	0	3	1	0
Everett, s. s.	5	0	0	0	5	4	0
Speer, c.	3	1	0	0	2	4	0
Isaacson, 1st b.	3	0	1	0	7	0	0
Lookabaugh, p.	4	0	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	34	8	11	1	24	17	*

OAKLAND.	T.B.	R.	B.H.	S.B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Cantillion, 2d b.	5	2	3	0	2	4	0
Sweeney, c. f.	5	3	1	0	3	0