TRUE CHRISTIAN LIFE.

Rev. R. M. Stevenson Discourses on the Subject.

The Responsibility Resting on Those Who Have Been Forewarned, and Hence Forearmed.

At the First Presbyterian Church Rev. R. M. Stevenson, the pastor, yesterday preached an eloquent and able sermon from the following text: "For it were better for them not to have known the way of righteousness than, after knowing it, to turn back from the holy commandment delivered unto them." (2 Peter ii., 21.)

To me, said the reverened speaker, the chapter where this text is found is one of the saddest in the whole scriptures. There are pictures in it that are revolting, and from which a pure, refined nature would gladly turn away; but when we remember that an infinitely holy God caused the drawing of these pictures and ordered the awful sentences written which we find here, we may know that "it is for our learning." Further we can recognize the truth of the statements and the sad truth of the pictures. The fact that I can bring myself to present the truths which I do to-day is evidence of their exceeding importance, as it seems to me.

I ask your attention to the following proposition: The person who voluntarily assumes a responsibility occupies an altogether different position from what he did before he assumed it. For instance, a young man of a good literary and law education, of bright prospects, married a music teacher in the State Normal School of Nebraska.

Now we all are ready to say: "Yes, the responsibility resting upon him after he took those marriage vows was altogether different from what it was before." He became responsible for the protection, support, comfort and love of that woman and of their children.

Eight or nine children resulted from that marriage, but that father took to drink, went to the gutter, embezzled money, and fled from justice, leaving his bondsmen to pay his obligations.

That man tried to impose on me ten days ago, or such a matter, and he did successfully impose on a number. He is going over this State imposing on every one he can. He is an outcast, a wanderer on the face of the earth.

Who can ever tell what that wife and those children suffered in the years of this man's drunkenness and crime? The culmination of his cruelty manifested itself in driving them out of the house at the point of a weapon. Think of the awful responsibility which that man bears, because he has been so glaringly false to the vows he took!

And there have been many circumstances which have greatly added to his responsibility. When he had committed crime and suffered the penalty he professed reformation. The church took him up and confided in him. The community restored him to confidence and gave him a position of honor.

His obligations were now greater than ever. For him to abuse such kindness would be nothing less than ignominy, but that is just what he did do.

That man is responsible for crushing the woman whom be vowed to "love, cherish and protect." He is responsible for the dishonor cast upon his own children. No words can express the degree of that man's falseness and disgrace. All of us kindle with indignation at knowledge of it.

Shall any one doubt then the proposition that the person who voluntarily assumes a responsibility occupies an altogether different position from what he did before he assumed it?

But we recognize this fact in all the affairs of life. It may be a very foolish thing to "go security" and often is, but once having placed your signature to secure a note, the only honorable course for you to pursue is to meet the responsibility if it becomes necessary.

Indeed, a man only has recognized standing as a business man and in all his relations among men just as he is true to the proposition laid down.

Shall the church of God take a lower ground than is recognized by the world? It cannot do it and be true to the word of God, and to its own highest welfare. If any man assumes a responsibility in connection with the Church of Jesus Christ, then he is in honor bound to meet that responsibility.

It is a fitting question then to ask, what responsibilities do we assume when we identify ourselves with the disciples of Jesus Christ?

It is certainly understood that we accept Jesus Christ as our Savior, teacher, leader and friend. It is understood that we promise to live as nearly like Christ did as we are able, striving daily and seeking divine help. It is understood that we will take much interest in the advancement of His cause, being willing to give what time and energy, thought and money that we can.

We all know that when we stand up and unite with any branch of Christ's body we are expected to assume these and kindred obligations.

What of the persons then, who, having voluntarily assumed such obligations, afterward ignore them, cease to manifest any interest in the church, abandon its services, and act as if they had no responsibility to the church?

But there are those who go beyond this. They become profane and drunken, and grossly immoral in every respect. They justify the writer of the text in the picture of the context, that of a sow returning to her wallow, to say nothing of the revolting picture that just precedes it.

If men of the world hold in dishonor those who are untrue to their obligations, shall the Church of God take a lower ground?

Had it not been better for such persons never to have named the name of Christ? Aye, infinitely better!

Just as it had been better for that man never to have married than to do so and bring his wife into misery and disgrace; just as it were better never to "go security" than to do so and then prove false, so it were better for one never to profess to be a Christian than to do so and be untrue.

Such persons not only dishonor Christ and shame his people by being untrue to their vows, but (2) by misrepresenting Christ.

They create a false impression. It is as if they said "We have tried Christ and his gospel and there is nothing in him or in his gospel." And yet they go on bearing the name of his disciple. They are like a piece of counterfeit money—having the name without the value. If one who has professed to be a disciple of Christ discovers afterward that he made a mistake, that after all he is not, if such an one would come to the officers of the church and say, "I have made a mistake. I am not a disciple of Christ, and I do not wish to sail under false colors by professing to be what I am not," that would be honorable and manly, but to allow their names to remain among the names of Christ's disciples is both unmanly and dishonorable.

And this is the place to say that as it is dishonorable to knowingly circulate counterfeit coin in the community, so it is a gross wrong for the church of God to knowingly circulate counterfeit Christians. "Judgment must first begin at the house of God."

But I imagine that I hear some one ask, "Were it not better under these circumstances not to take the vows upon us?"

When it shall be better not to take the marriage vow, because some men turn that relation into a hell, which ought to be like heaven. Yes, but not till then.

Because some bondsmen forfeit their bonds shall we cease to require bondsmen? When we do then it will be fitting to advise persons not to take the vows of Christ upon them. There are thousands for whom the marriage relation is an honor, a help, a comfort and a joy. No reflection should be cast upon them because some dishonor that relation.

There are thousands who are true to their bonds in every transaction in life and let them not be smirched because other base souls are untrue to their obligations. And so there are thousands of Christ's followers who are genuine coin; they have the true ring, and no shadow should be cast upon them because some professed disciples proved to be counterfeit.

And it is right to say for the encouragement of any who shrink from making a confession of Christ, by uniting with the church, lest they dishonor Him; it is right to say for their encouragement, that Christ is not "a hard master." He remembers that we are "dust." He it was who told Peter beforehand of the trying ordeal through which he was about to pass, and yet He it was that was so gentle and pitiful with Peter after his disgraceful fall. And so, while Christ expects us to stumble and backslide, he is always as tender as a nursing mother with the one who comes in penitence for forgiveness and takes them into his confidence and love again as if they had not wandered.

Christ wishes sincere, genuine effort in the Christian life, and He sees to the rest. I take it that the text not only has a lesson for the backslider, but for those who know of Christ and His gospel, and yet who do not avail themselves of the advantages of this knowledge. It were better for them not to have known than, knowing, to turn away from the benefits.

It is a fair statement that the greater the advantages the greater the opportunities we fail to use, the greater is our guilt. We say to the boys and girls of this country: "There is no excuse for you if you grow up in ignorance. The schools are not only excellent, but they are free, and it is your privilege to have the full benefits of them."

It often occurs that a rich man offers to establish his son in business or to give him a full, thorough education, and the son, preferring sport, turns away from both. Now in any case, the more favorable the opportunity abused or the greater the advantage neglected, the less excuse for the one committing such folly.

Take an actual case as told me by the man himself. A young man had every advantage of education, was fitted to practice an honorable and lucrative profession and was launched upon the world with plenty of money. Instead of going to work, instead of putting in practice the knowledge acquired, he wandered over the world like an adventurer, spending his money in pleasure. Finally, when out of money and in a strange land and far from home, misfortune and sickness come to him, he wakes up to see his folly and to discover that even good men have little sympathy with one who has abused all his opportunities.

Now, God has been like a loving father to many, who have been as negligent of all that he has done for them as has the young man mentioned. God has given them all their bodily powers and endowments, and has made every provision for their improvement. He offers to take a peculiar interest in them, even to bring them as near to himself as sons, and to plan for them as only an infinitely wise and loving father can do. He sent his Son to tell men of these offers, and to urge them to embrace them. That Son not only told of them, but made provision to have the news carried far and wide to every land. And in carrying out the plan, to make all possible that was promised, that Son gave up his life as a ransom.

The church was established and intrusted with the great and good mission of carrying the glad tidings.

Many of those who have, for long years, had all the advantages of the church; who have heard the tidings over and over again, and who have been surrounded by its holy influences, have not appropriated the good news to themselves, and have failed to avail themselves of the advantages offered.

It were better for them never to have had all these advantages than having had them to neglect them.

The child that has been so situated that it could not have the advantages of school is not to be blamed for growing up in ignorance.

The man who has been prevented by ill-health or misfortune from acquiring money is not to be blamed for his poverty.

And so the one who has never heard of Christ, who by his situation in a dark, heathen land, could not know of Christ, such an one will not be censured for not embracing Christ.

In this land, where the very steeples as they point heavenward leave men without excuse; in this land, with not only its countless churches and Sabbath-schools, but with its millions of printed gospel messages, that are scattered like autumn leaves, there is only culpability for the one who grows up without the advantages of the gospel.

When all shall stand before the judgment-seat of Christ, those who have had the advantages of the gospel and have neglected them will have a severer condemnation than those who have not had such advantages. Indeed, as has been the opportunity thrown away, so will be the increased decree of condemnation.

Indeed, men have reasoned on this account that it were better not to send the gospel to the heathen world. But sending the gospel to those without it does not necessarily bring any into condemnation. And because some will reject its benefits, is no reason that others should be deprived of them.

While it is better never to have known than to reject, yet there is no such necessary alternative. Men need not reject. Not only does rejected opportunity increase guilt, but remorse.

How often do we hear:

"Of all sad words of tongue or pen,
The saddest are these, it might have been."

During fair week among all those robbed, I only read of one who acknowledged that he only had himself to blame for it. He said frankly that if he had kept away from whisky and gambling he would not have gotten into trouble.

There are many men, who having come to the evening of life, "are down" financially and in every way. Life for them is a bitter struggle and disappointment. It were better had they never been born, than to be what they have been, and their remorse is keener because of the consciousness they have of great advantages abused.

And so the one who has had Christian parents and has been taught in Sabbath-school, and has sat under gospel preaching and listened to the elevating songs of the gospel, and to the prayers of good men, will suffer a keener remorse if he abuses such advantages than one who has not had them.

Now, I have a word for myself and for all who profess to be Christians. It is that all of us may well ponder whether we are loyal to our vows. We may well consider whether we are true to our engagements. Some of us can say that we are sincerely trying to serve Christ. We may have to confess that our service is not as full as it should be and yet we are conscious of a sincere effort.

But I fear that some who took the vows upon them cannot claim to be even trying to follow Christ. If they confess to the truth, I think they will acknowledge that they have no interest in Christ, or in His cause. They will have to confess that they have no interest in His service. They have only the name of disciple without the reality.

Face the fact that your condition is worse than it would have been had you never professed to be a disciple of Christ. The one who takes vows and proves untrue to them, loses his own respect, that of his fellow men and, more than all, that of God, so that his condition is worse than if he had never vowed.

But let me say this, God is always ready to restore a backslider to his love and care, if they come in sorrow for past wrongs, and with determination to be true in the future. Christ's restoration of penitent Peter stands as a memorial for the encouragement of every backslider. God calls on many a page of His word for the return of the backslider, so let me urge any such, like the prodigal, to "come home."

One word to those who having had every gospel advantage have never identified themselves with the disciples of Christ.

Never blame a child for remaining in ignorance who has all the advantages of our free schools; never blame a boy for neglecting all the advantages offered him by a wealthy and loving parent as long as you yourself neglect to acknowledge the Christ who has brought you all that has made you even what you are, and the opportunity to be far beyond what you are, even like unto Himself.

A SATURDAY NIGHT SCRAP.

"Happy Joe" Defeats Gus Mueller in a Glove Fight.

The Defeated Pug Gets Hard Punishment from a Chair—Haley will Fight the Winner.

Gus. Mueller, a light-weight San Francisco pug, and "Happy Joe," an ebony-skinned production of the southern citrus belt, fought upward of thirty hard rounds at Brown's Comique on Saturday night, with gloves.

The white lad was severely handicapped from the start. His attendants did not understand their business, and one of them was constantly nagging the youth in a way that would have early discouraged a less stout-hearted and plucky lad. They never removed his chair from the inside of the ring, and early in the fight Mueller was thrown in his corner and struck the corner of the chair with his face, inflicting a big gash near his right eye, the blood from which kept him in a sufficiently gory condition throughout the contest to please the most fastidious admirer of a prize fight.

It also seemed to give his black adversary more confidence, as if it had been the result of his cleverness, instead of that of the chair.

It was in one sense an unequal contest, and yet neither was able to severely punish the other. Had not Mueller fallen upon the chair, there would not have been a drop of blood spilled, nor hardly a lump to show for a spirited battle of two hours. Mueller is of the "chunky" build, short-armed, and rather slow. He stood stiffly up to his work, and received the black lad's thumps on his stomach as unflinchingly as if he were made of wood.

"Joe," on the other hand, was lithe and shifty, always bobbing about and avoiding punishment. He has arms on him like those of a gorilla, and it was almost impossible for the little fellow to reach him, except during a rally and when things became mixed. Then it was different, and the pale-face was quite at home.

The darky handles himself very much after the style of Charley Turner, the colored middle-weight. He cannot easily be whipped by fighters of the Mueller or Haley style, but it is doubtful if he would stand up long with one of his own style of fighting who is capable of giving him an occasional good punch. Whenever Mueller did force things the darky would try to run away, and generally succeeded. He has an awful left for one of his class, and his favorite tactics is to dash it against his adversary's stomach and at the same time clinch with his right, so as to avoid receiving a return.

He practiced this trick on Mueller several times in nearly every round, and the latter did not seem to be clever enough to avoid the bread-basket punches. Neither did he seem to mind them very much. Frequently Joe's left went higher than the waistband, and on these occasions it would collide with Mueller's face,

The latter injured his hands early in the fight by thumping the hard-skulled man from the sunny south on the back of the head when the latter would turn to run, and toward the last he seemed afraid to hit a hard blow.

Finally it became evident that Mueller could not hope to win, plucky and game as he was, so he complained of the referee's unfairness in not allowing a claim of foul made against the colored fighter, and refused to fight any more. Undoubtedly the latter did resort to wrestling, shoving Mueller down by a neck-hold, but the referee would not allow the claim. He therefore gave the victory to "Happy Joe," but declared all bets off.

Jerry Haley then went upon the stage and challenged the victor, who accepted the defi, and these two will soon engage in one of the modern apologies for a prize fight. Haley is quicker than Mueller, but it looks as though he will be greatly outclassed in hight and reach.

EVERYBODY'S COLUMN.

Correspondence of Interest to the General Public.

[Under this heading the RECORD-UNION will publish short letters from correspondents on topics of interest to the general public. The matter in these communications will be understood to represent only the views of the writers. All communications must be accompanied by the name of the writer, not for publication, unless so desired, but as a guarantee of good faith.—EDS.]

The Gravel War.

EDS. RECORD-UNION: The controversy between the Street Improvement Company and the residents of Sixteenth street has become public property. I am seeking information; I have no personal interest in the matter, further than being a property-holder on Q street, and would like the question settled—which is the better gravel, Sacramento or Folsom?

I would consider myself badly treated if the street in front of my property was graveled with pit gravel, and would "kick like a Spanish steer" if I had to pay for it. I don't think any one having experience in road building will say that clean river gravel is not the best. The clay that is in the pit gravel will all work to the surface, and whenever a hole has been made in the street there will be a pond of water.

Look at O street to-day. While it may be that there is some mud deposited there from adjacent streets, much of the mud is from the gravel itself. The City Engineer says "the Folsom gravel will remain loose and unpacked an inch and a half underneath the surface." Well, even if that is so, that is no detriment. That is just where clean gravel is the best. The water that falls upon it will percolate through it and leave it as dry as a bone in ten seconds after a shower.

Now, the relative cost is another consideration; but when the wise fathers conclude to gravel Q street, I, from my experience of gravel, would be willing to pay 50 cents a load more for clean river gravel.

I don't pretend to know anything of the political aspect of the gravel question, and certainly would not be compelled to purchase it through some political boodler, but it occurres to me that it could be purchased first-hand from the owners of it. As my understanding is that the Sacramento Street Improvement Company are honest business men, and are working for the good of the community (for I have had some very pleasant business connections with them), I hope they will yet continue to benefit their friends and overlook the digs of their enemies. Neither of these gentlemen would knowingly deal in an inferior article in their business, but I assure you, gentlemen, you certainly are, in handling clay gravel. MOUNTAINEER.

INDIAN VS. KANAKA.

The Son of the Island Kingdom Not In It with the Washoe Buck.

A young and good-looking Kanaka was going about on Saturday night with his head bandaged and a carving-knife inside his coat.

He was looking for a certain Washoe warrior, whose scalp he swore should dangle at his waist ere the silvery moon had sunk out of sight beyond the mountains of his native isle.

The descendant of the ancient cannibals of Hawaii refused to disclose the details of the occurrence that resulted in the native son of the sagebrush country smashing his head with a Folsom pebble, but from an eye-witness to the affair the reporter learned that the Kanaka attempted to flirt with the Indian's mahala. The noble red man would not countenance any interference of this sort on the part of a penniless fisherman, and went on the warpath at once, directing the coquettish mahala to strike for the camp on the bank of China Slough.

The midnight overland train bore the Piute warrior and his dusky mate over tha Sierra to the stamping-ground of their forefathers (and two mothers) by the placid mud-flats of Pyramid Lake, where there are few white men and Knakas are unknown.

"JOHNNY GET YOUR GUN."

The Wildfowl Beginning to Come in—Shooting Near at Hand.

The shooting season will open on Thursday next, but there will not be much shooting done before the rain and frost come.

There are a few home-bred ducks in the tules, and the "immigrants" are just beginning to come in. Two large flocks passed over the city yesterday afternoon, but they were too high for one to determine of what species they were.

"Joe" Houston of Courtland informed a RECORD-UNION reporter last week that there were quite a number of ducks moving down about the islands, but the shooting will not amount to much until at least one good storm is had.

Wild geese are becoming quite numerous in the southern part of the county, and their "honk" can now be heard nights and mornings as they pass to and from the stubble fields.

There is no use in anybody trying to hunt quail for several weeks yet. The weather is too warm and the grass too dry and slippery for hill-climbing; besides, a dog cannot do good work when the ground and atmosphere are so dry, and quail-shooting without a dog is not sport.

Again, until the rains come the quail will all keep close by the water-courses, and as the streams generally run where the brush is densest the birds will be quite safe from harm.

October days in the East are looked forward to by sportsmen more impatiently than in this State, for there they mean cooler weather and "riper" crops of game. Here in California the shooting season is not closed by heavy snowfalls, but lasts from October 1st to March 1st—five long months.

However, the rain and frost will both come soon, and then the crack of the shotgun will be heard throughout the land.

OFF FOR HOME.

The Piute Hop-Pickers Leaving in Crowds for Reno.

Johnson Sides, the Piute Chieftain who bosses the Indian hop-pickers, has had all he could do during the past two days in rounding-up the scattered members of his tribe in this locality and getting them off for Reno.

Indians were thick about the railroad depot on Saturday and Sunday nights waiting for the outgoing overland trains. They were all loaded down with bundles of gew-gaws, consisting chiefly of red silk handkerchiefs, of which they had made large purchases.

One big, strapping young buck, decked out in a new suit of clothing and wearing a broad white felt hat that must have cost him at least $5, strutted up to a reporter at the depot on Saturday night and said:

"Gimme ten cents."

"Give you ten cents! what for?"

The sagebrush humorist never cracked a smile as he replied: "I want to buy some cake."

The reporter did not feel disposed to go without his ten cents' worth of coffee and doughnuts that night in order that the Indian dude might indulge his taste for cake, but offered to swap hats with him.

The buck took one stolid look at the newspaper man's six-bit tile, gave a significant grunt of disapproval, and stalked off toward the camp in the willows.

Most of the Indians have saved considerable money from their wages as hop-pickers, and will be able to hold out for several good stiff games of poker after they get home.

Will Enter the Army.

John F. Madden, son of Jerome Madden, Land Agent of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, and a resident of San Francisco, has just passed a successful examination before the Army Examining Board in Washington. As a result of this favorable action young Madden will enter the regular army with the grade of Second Lieutenant, he having been previously nominated for the position by President Harrison.

The young gentleman is a native of Sacramento, a graduate of the San Francisco High School, and is now in his second year at the State University.

Criminals Arraigned.

In Judge Catlin's court on Saturday Ong Ah Foon, who is charged with attempting to murder a fellow-Chinaman, was up for arraignment, but was not ready to plead, and was given until today to do so.

A similar order was made in the case of Sam. Brown, who is held for an attempt to commit grand larceny.

The trial of T. H. Lynch, held for burglary, was set for October 15th, and W. M. Sims appointed to defend him.

Street Collision.

On Saturday afternoon, as Henry Schulmeyer and Samuel Berck were driving on Third street—the former piloting a market wagon and the latter a buggy—they came in collision between J and K streets.

The buggy and its occupant came to grief, the latter receiving severe bruises by being thrown heavily upon the cobbles.

No Inquest Yet.

Coroner Clark has not yet held an inquest in the case of John Callahan (or Franks), who was killed by a coal-car on Front street the other day. The young man's identity has not yet been satisfactorily established, and the Coroner is in communication with parties in San Jose on the subject.

Accident at the Fort.

Fred. Newman, who has been superintending one branch of the work at the old Sutter Fort, had a hard fall on Saturday, in consequence of the breaking of a plank on which he was standing. The result of the fall was a fracture of one of his arms, which was already paralyzed.

Jumped the Town.

A photographer named Charles Bell, who has left the city, is charged by the proprietor of a photograph gallery with having stolen a lens from the latter's place, where he had been temporarily employed. A warrant has been sent to Stockton for Bell's arrest.

To Receive the Librarians.

At the Courthouse this evening there will be a meeting of citizens, called by Mayor Comstock, for the purpose of making arrangements for the reception of the visiting Librarians who will reach the city on the 10th of October.

Charge Against a Clerk.

A young man named Haines was yesterday arrested by officers Shellars and Rider at the instance of a K-street clothing dealer, in whose employ he was, and who accused him of having appropriated several articles of clothing.

Confirmed.

The favorable impression produced on the first appearance of the agreeable liquid fruit remedy Syrup of Figs a few years ago has been more than confirmed by the pleasant experience of all who have used it, and the success of the proprietors and manufacturers—the California Fig Syrup Company.

Berlin Cough Cure

For coughs and colds and all lung and throat affections this article has superior merit. It is perfectly harmless, gives immediate relief and cures the worst cases in from two to three days. Indorsed by our best physicians. Try a bottle and you will always keep it. Price, fifty cents a bottle. The W. H. Bone Company, San Francisco, sole proprietors. Kirk, Geary & Co., sole agents. Try C. C. Liniment for aches and pains. *

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NEVER mind what opposition agents tell you, the "Domestic" is by far the best sewing machine. Try it. Office Ninth and J. *

WILLCOMB'S WEALTH.

It Was Accumulated From the Till of a Hotel.

How Landlord Caswell's Money Regularly and Steadily Disappeared—Caught in the Act.

For some time past various sums of money have been missed from the till of the International Hotel, but W. A. Caswell, the proprietor, was unable to determine who was the thief that was trying to drive him out of business.

At last these losses became so frequent and so heavy that Mr. Caswell concluded he must do something about it. It was decided, after consulting the police, to place marked coins in the till and have the latter watched.

On Saturday morning Officers Shellers and Kripp were detailed for this latter duty. Shortly before noon a lodger named N. G. Willcomb was seen, during the absence of the proprietor and his wife, to enter the office, go behind the counter, unlock the till with a key taken from his pocket, and put something into his pocket.

The officers pounced upon and arrested him. The marked coins were found in his possession, as well as the key with which the till was unlocked. Willcomb was taken to the Police Station and locked up.

It seems that Willcomb was formerly employed in the hotel, and at that time Mr. Caswell says he used to miss sums of money, but never suspected Willcomb of being the thief.

Since then the latter has been in Oregon, but recently returned to the city and became a guest at the hotel. He is a person of excellent address, and Mr. Caswell said would be about the last that he would suspect of being guilty of such dishonesty, to say nothing of the ingratitude shown, as he had befriended Willcomb in times past.

When the fellow was caught in the act he was too dumbfounded to be able to frame any sort of denial of guilt, simply declaring that he had nothing to say.

Caswell thinks he must be out about $500 altogether as the result of the smooth rascal's pilferings.

City Finances.

City Auditor Young makes the following report of the receipts and disbursements of the city for the week ending Saturday, September 26, 1891:

M. Coffey, water rates	$1,626 00
Geo. A. Putnam, city licenses	427 68
Geo. A. Putnam, dog licenses	4 32
R. O. Cravens, Police Court fines	10 00
R. H. Singleton, cemetery dues	120 50
F. D. Ryan, delinquent taxes	1,729 01
Total receipts	$3,296 51
Total disbursements	$1,826 43
Amount in City Treasury	$153,463 96
APPORTIONED AS FOLLOWS:	
Sinking and Interest Fund	$24,051 27
General Fund	22,472 02
Water Works Fund	918 43
Fire Department Fund	17,921 31
School Fund	35,436 23
Levee Fund	377 90
Cemetery Fund	1,842 76
Street Repair Fund	14,631 75
Police Fund	14,515 08
Bond Redemption Fund	1,270 31
Library Fund	2,008 08
Exhumation Fund	270 50
Sewer Fund	4,060 33
Dog Fund	33 49
Special Street Improvement Fund	7,393 28
Street Bond Fund	6,261 22
Total	$153,463 96

Last Shoot of the Summer.

The Spoonbill Shooting Club held its last blue-rock contest of the season at the Curtis ranch yesterday, near this city. There was a fair assemblage of shooters, and the scores were generally good:

Bohn (Captain	111111111101111111111111—24
Fitzgerald	111111111111111111101111—24
VanAlstine	111110101111111111111110—22
King	011111101111011111101111—21
Nold	011011110111111110110111—20
Maddux	110110001111011111111011—19
Chapman	011100101111110111111011—19
Damm	101110111011110111011001—18
Flohr	011111011111110001001100—16
Wormer	101010001111101011011110—16
Soule	000111101000000011111101—13
Swartz	001100111100000001010001—10

In shooting off the ties on 24 Fitzgerald broke 11 out of 12, and Bohn 10 out of 12, the former winning the medal.

The sportsmen will now burnish up their shotguns, mend the patches on their gum boots and otherwise get ready for the ducks and geese.

Military Rifle Scores.

The results of the semi-annual military shooting scores made yesterday are not ready for announcement as yet.

Some of Company G's men yesterday made the following practice scores:

W. F. Sheehan	41	J. Gruhler	36
T. W. White	40	A. Griesel	35
P. Cook	39	W. H. Benteen	32
J. A. Douglas	39	J. R. Weeks	30
J. Myers	38	J. Campbell	28

In a "refreshment" match between two teams, the following were made:

J. L. Hughes	42	A. Myer	41
A. Griesel	34	J. Gruhler	43
	76		84

General Allen and Lieutenant-Colonel McKee shot a round each, the former making 24, and the latter 41.

Sick on the Cars.

Fred Rohrer, one of the clerks in the State Controller's office, was seized with a spasm on the local train from San Francisco last evening, the result of a protracted bowel complaint.

Through the prompt and efficient action of some ladies who were in the car, Mr. Rohrer had sufficiently recovered to be able to leave the train unaided on reaching here.

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When on Saturday the case of J. S. Pratt, charged with malicious mischief, was called in the Police Court, Manuel Dubois, the complaining witness, asked that it be dismissed. He said Pratt had settled with him for the damage done.

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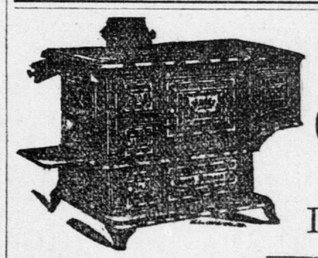

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se22-10t* JOHN J. BAUER, Secretary.