

LOWERING THE TAXES.

The Supervisors Make the Levy For the Present Fiscal Year.

A Reduction of Twenty Cents on the Hundred, as Compared with Last Year.

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Table with 2 columns: Interest on bonds of 1872, Interest on bonds of 1888, C. P. R. bonds, Road fund.

ROAD MATTERS.

Besides fixing the tax levy, the board attended to several matters which have been hanging for some time.

A petition was received from Ella S. Russell and others to have some alleged roads on the hanging estate near the County Hospital, closed so that the residents may farm.

The petition was laid out in streets for a town-site during a boom many years ago and was on paper. The streets were never opened.

The supervisors decided yesterday that inasmuch as the streets had never been opened, they would not be opened.

Nothing to do with them, and the supervisors had no jurisdiction.

Road Overseer Berry, of District No. 3, was present and stated that the county would purchase \$250 worth of lumber for him to improve the bridge over Dry Creek, near Chadderton's farm.

Overseer Berry also provided the expense of the labor would be paid out of District 3 fund.

A similar promise was made to Overseer Berry, of District 13, for repairs to bridges on the Levee-Stockton road.

The general road fund will be called upon for \$200 in this case.

By a unanimous vote \$50 was transferred from the hospital fund to Road District 11, so as to pay a bill due Michael Keefe.

Chairman Greer said that the Polson suspension bridge, which is now undergoing repairs, needed replanking in several places.

It was agreed, however, not to do anything in the matter until the Road Overseer of that district was heard from.

The board then adjourned until the October session.

TO RECEIVE GUESTS.

Arrangements set on foot to receive the Library Association.

A meeting of citizens called by the Mayor was held at the Courthouse last evening.

Mayor Comstock stated the purpose to be to arrange for the reception of the American Library Association, October 10th.

It is a body of representative people from all parts of the nation, and it is the largest and best organized library association in the world.

Mayor Comstock was chosen chairman and T. H. Wallis secretary of the association.

A resolution was unanimously adopted as follows: Resolved, That it is the sense of the meeting that the American Library Association should be received by Sacramento with due honors.

The Mayor stated that the association would arrive at 11 A. M. and that three hours would therefore be spent here.

A discussion ensued as to how the association should be received, and Messrs. Wallis, Leake, Wallis, Woodson, Clark, Duhan, McMillin, Harmon and others.

It was finally agreed that the association should be received by the city at the depot, or by a sub-committee on the road; to escort them to the state capitol building, and then to the residence of the Mayor.

A suggestion by Mr. McMullen to ask the committee to have full charge of the whole matter of the reception, with power to add to its number.

G. T. Clark, a member of the American Library Association, by request stated that San Francisco proposes to do in the matter of the visit.

It was in that city there will be a big thing, an evening reception, and a banquet and a variety of interesting parts of the city.

A committee of fifteen will come in a special car to Sacramento to receive the visitors at this point and escort them to San Francisco.

Mr. Leake thought the Sacramento committee should go up to Placer County on Friday, and that some freight special be collected to be forwarded to the special train to meet it on the hill with the compliments of Sacramento.

On Monday, Mr. Wallis was voted that the Executive Committee be requested to ask Governor Markham to receive the guests at the State Capitol.

IT IS NOW SAFE.

The Twenty-First and L Streets School Overhauled.

The City Board of Education Indulges in Some Strong Talk—Contractor Boyver Arraigned.

The condition of the Sutter School, at Twenty-first and L streets, was the subject of a warm discussion by the members of the City Board of Education last evening.

Before the board convened, and while the members were sitting around the room, they indulged in some talk on the matter.

Architect Seidler, who examined the building and reported on its condition, was there, too, and entered freely into the discussion.

He characterized the work on the building as the "shoddiest he ever saw," and he marveled that it had not been a collapse there, in which the lives of many innocent children were sacrificed—and all due to careless workmanship.

The roof had been twisted and loosened the joists as well as the whole upper portion.

If the roof had collapsed it would have carried the ceilings with it, and crushed the children in the rooms above.

Underneath the ground floor the very piers or supports themselves were in such a state of decay that all this brick and mortar was in danger of falling in one place there was a span of thirty-six feet, where there were absolutely no supports at all.

Then all through the building the joists had been thrown together with only one or two nails to hold them in place.

Two-thirds more nails should have been used all through, particularly on the roof.

It was sent up to paint the roof, said he would not venture upon it again for all the money in the county.

No more work was necessary.

"But," said Mr. Seidler, "we have completed the repairs now, and I consider the building as safe as any in town. The roof has been thoroughly trussed and braced, and all the joists are in all around—wherever they were needed. I watched all of the repairing and know that it was done properly.

Parents need have no fear of sending their children there. They can all dance jig there and will not hurt it. The delicate brick piers have been replaced with iron columns, and the contractor has put in the building properly in the first place, because the specifications and plans of the architect directed that call for proper bracing, is nonsense.

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WHY IS THIS?

Rubbish Fires Continue to Burn Unmolested.

Are there any authorities in this city who rathery it is to conserve public decency and prevent public nuisances?

Not three weeks ago we were promised that the abomination of rubbish fires should be put an end to.

Health officials thousands of nuisances in the nuisance should cease, as it is prejudicial to public health.

But there has been no stoppage of the offense.

Last night a rubbish fire was built just at dusk on Seventh street, between J and K, and that whole section was filled with foul-smelling, disease-breeding smoke, to the injury of the sick, the discomfort of the well, and the surprise of strangers at the hotels, who were open in their expression of disgust for a city that will turn the evening air into foulness.

Citizens gathered from Ninth to Sixth streets, on L and M, the atmosphere was made dense with the smoke of rubbish heaps, flavored with leaves, old shoes, decayed vegetables, and other prolific stick-evolving substances.

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THE WIFE IS GRANTED THE SEPARATION.

But Does Not Get the Child.

The divorce suit of Julia Sloat vs. James P. Sloat was heard by Superior Judge Van Dyke yesterday.

The husband and wife for a divorce, too, and both parties alleged extreme cruelty as the grounds for the separation.

After hearing the testimony the court granted the petition of Mrs. Sloat, but denied that of the husband.

The latter was, however, allowed to have the custody of the only child, it having been shown that the mother was given to the excessive use of intoxicating liquor.

The wife was also denied alimony.

INDIAN WAR BONDS.

The case of W. F. Sawyer vs. Controller E. P. Colgan, to compel the latter to honor a number of Indian war bonds, was partially heard in Judge Catlin's court yesterday afternoon.

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REAL ESTATE AT PUBLIC SALE.

W. T. Crowell & Co. announce that on Friday, October 2d, they will sell at auction, in order of Miller & Hawk, the following desirable pieces of real estate:

First—South half of north half lots 6 and 6, Q and R, Eighteenth and Nineteenth streets, with a good house of seven rooms; also chicken-house and good outbuildings, etc. Second—North quarter lots 5 and 6, Q and R, Eighteenth and Nineteenth streets.

A ROOM ROBBERED.

Newton Lapiere, an engineer in the rolling-mills, complains that \$5 was taken from his room in a lodging-house on the south side of J street, between Fourth and Fifth.

He states that he left his watch and a pair of pants containing \$5 on a bureau and left the room for a few moments; when he returned the purse and money were gone but the watch was still there.

UNDINE CLUB ELECTION.

The Undine Boat Club held a meeting last evening and elected the following officers: E. L. Lovell, President; George B. Cosby, Jr., Vice-President; E. E. Foote, Secretary; Joseph Gray, Treasurer; V. S. Tanguay, Captain; W. E. Peterson, First Lieutenant; J. E. Pierson, Second Lieutenant; Frank Ross, Third Lieutenant, and Charles R. Bernard, Steerman.

STENOGRAPHER TALK.

The board approved Mr. Davis' course, and the repair bills were allowed. Then there was some rather strong talk.

Chairman Erlwin said that the security of the school building was appalling. He considered it a disgrace to erect such a building and then turn it over to the board as a place for the children of the city.

He was satisfied, too, that much information that the board should know had been covered up.

It was stated that Contractor Boyver, who erected the building, has made the assertion that he told the Board of Education that that building was unsafe.

The request of the proprietors of the Sixteenth and J street school was granted. Several of the directors wanted to prosecute the contractor, or whoever was responsible for the work.

The others, however, thought it would be wiser to drop the whole matter. They argued that enough of a row had been raised already to warn others from following Contractor Boyver's example, and beside, the board had learned a thing or two. This course was finally decided upon.

OTHER MATTERS.

The regular routine business of the board did not amount to a great deal at this session.

Professor Wharf, teacher of German at the High School, asked the board to purchase a number of German dictionaries for the use of his classes.

The request was granted. Miss Weeks, Vice-Principal of the Sacramento Grammar School, was granted a four-months' leave of absence.

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STUDENTS FOR PALO ALTO.

The following youths and misses of this city will be among the pupils of the Leland Stanford Jr. University at its opening on Thursday: Cyrus R. Miller, Samuel E. Simmons, Frank R. Dray, Charles E. Pinkham, and Misses Lottie Stephens, Maud Jones, Jennie Herrick and Kate Herrick.

IRRIGATION CONVENTION.

The officers of the State Association of Irrigation Districts of California have called a meeting of representatives of all the districts to be held in Los Angeles on the 29th of October, and express the hope that all will be represented.

JOHN SANSONO'S GASP.

Chief of Police Drew and Officer Higgins went up to Auburn last night as witnesses in the case of John Sansone, the Iowa Hill burglar.

CHANGED DAILY FOR WEINSTOCK, LUBIN & CO.

HOMESPUNS—A superior quality in Heavy-weight, Rough-finished Homespuns, with diagonal twill, at 50c a yard. A surprising cloth for the money.

BROADCLOTHS—Pieces at \$1, \$1 50, \$2 and \$2 50 per yard, and in all the latest colorings. We call attention to the \$1 50 quality, as it is particularly smooth and fine for that price.

PATTERN SUITS—Many original and exclusive designs are shown in Camels' Hair effects and Tufted Goods at \$8 to \$35 per suit.

White \* Wool \* Underwear.

Men's Heavy White Wool Undershirts, soft and fleecy.

The neck and front are finished with silk braid and stitching. The tails are ribbed so as to fit comfortably about the body. This garment we can specially recommend. Price, \$1 50. Drawers to match above, \$1 50 per pair.

Wild Flowers of Pacific Coast.

To those who love our native flowers, and to those who know them not, we commend Mrs. Emma Thayer's "Wild Flowers of the Pacific States." A beautiful book, 10x13 inches, thickly interspersed with full-page water-color sketches of California wild flowers.

There are twenty-five art sketches, each faithful to nature, including a gorgeous group of Mariposa lilies, California poppies, Azaleas and the scarlet snow plant, plucked from the Glacier Point, Yosemite Valley.

Alternating with the sketches are pages of chatty talk, relating to the finding of the floral treasures, and of delightful visits to various parts of California and Oregon.

The cover design is a dodo of salmon blossoms against dark red, above which is the setting sun of the "Golden West." The last pages give a botanical description of the flora sketched. Price, \$2 50.

Paper \* Flower \* Outfits.