IRRIGATION BONDS.

Their Validity Sustained by the Supreme Court.

The Irrigation Act Is Constitutional, But There Were Informalities in the Case on Appeal.

The Supreme Court decision involving the legality of the bonds of the Madera Irrigation District was filed yesterday in this city. The case is an important one, and great interest has been manifested in its outcome.

The Board of Directors of the Madera Irrigation District, on May 25, 1889, filed in the Superior Court of Fresno County a petition for the confirmation by that court of their proceedings for the issue and sale of certain bonds of the district, amounting to $850,000. In their petition they alleged that "said Madera Irrigation District was duly organized under the laws of the State of California, and especially under the provisions of the Act, approved March 7, 1887," and set forth the various steps taken by them in reference to the issue and sale of the bonds, and prayed "that the proceedings aforesaid for the issue and sale of the bonds of said district may be examined, approved and confirmed by said court, and for all and any legal and equitable relief which may be provided by law and which the court shall deem meet."

Notice was thereupon given by order of the court that the hearing of the petition would be had July 5, 1889, and prior to that day the appellants herein filed answers thereto, showing that they were owners of lands within the district to be affected by said bonds, and specifically denying the allegations in said petition.

At the hearing upon the issues presented by the answers of the appellants the court rendered its judgment in favor of the petitioners, and approved and confirmed "the legality and the validity of each and all of the proceedings for the organization of Madera Irrigation District," and further adjudged and decreed that "each and all of the proceedings taken to secure and provide for, and authorizing the issue and sale of bonds of the district in the sum of $850,000, and affecting the legality and validity of the bonds, up to and including the resolutions and orders of the Board of Directors of the district, made March 13, 1889, authorizing the issuance and sale of said bonds, be and the same are hereby approved and confirmed."

From this judgment an appeal has been taken directly upon the judgment roll, bringing here the proceedings at the trial of the issues by a bill of exceptions. The opinion rendered by the Supreme Court is one of the longest that has been filed in many a day. It orders that the judgment be reversed, for the reason that an error was made by the lower court in admitting to be introduced in evidence the record of the proceedings of the Board of Supervisors, which contained recitals that a petition had been presented, and that before hearing said petition "evidence to the satisfaction of the board was adduced by petitioners upon the question whether or not there were fifty petitioners whose genuine signatures appeared affixed to said petition who were bona fide freeholders of lands within the proposed boundaries of the irrigation district, whereupon the board, having announced that they were satisfied that there were fifty such freeholders, whose signatures appeared affixed to said petition, proceeded to hear the petition."

The defendants objected to this evidence on the grounds of immateriality, irrelevancy and incompetency. The objections were overruled and the defendants took an exception.

The petitioners then offered in evidence a document purporting to be a petition, with the signatures of upward of fifty names attached. The defendants objected to the introduction of this; the objection was overruled, and the defendants again excepted.

The Supreme Court says that in these rulings the court erred. "There was no proof," says the Supreme Court, "that the petition had been signed by either the persons whose names were attached thereto, or that either of said persons was a freeholder owning lands within the boundaries designated in the petition. Whether a petition had been presented to the Board of Supervisors of such a character as to give to that board jurisdiction to act in accordance with the provisions of the law in question, was an issue before the court to be determined by competent evidence. A declaration by the Board of Supervisors that such a petition had been presented, even though such declaration was spread upon their records, was not competent evidence in this proceeding, as it was only hearsay. No board nor tribunal can obtain jurisdiction by its own recital that it has jurisdiction. * * * * * *

"In its decree the court, after determining the legality and validity of the proceedings, added thereto the following: 'And it is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that all persons, and each and every person interested in the organization of said irrigation district—save and except the appellants herein—be forever debarred and precluded from disputing, denying or disclaiming any fact or facts relating to the organization of said district, or providing for and authorizing the issue and sale of the bonds of said district, which might by them have been denied, questioned or disputed in this proceeding.'

"This portion of the judgment was unauthorized. The statute does not confer upon the court any power or jurisdiction to do more than examine and determine the legality and validity of, and approve and confirm the proceedings had under the Act under which this district was formed. * * * The judgment is reversed."

Justice Harrison wrote the opinion, and the unusual length of the opinion was due to the fact that he dwelt very extendedly on the question of the constitutionality of the Act under which the district was formed. He holds that the Act is constitutional, and his views are concurred in by the other Justices.

The order of the court below in denying a new trial is also reversed.

UNDER THE FLOWERS.

The Grave Receives the Body of the Late Nellie Wright.

The remains of Miss Nellie Wright were yesterday afternoon followed to the City Cemetary by a large number of friends, there to pay the last sad rites to her cherished memory. At the residence of the deceased's parents funeral services were held, Rev. Mr. Ottman, of St. Paul's Church, officiating. Appropriate hymns were rendered by a quartet composed of Mrs. Percy Ross, Mrs. Addie Carter, Charles W. Phillips and Mr. Longbottom. There was singing also at the grave. The floral offerings were many and beautiful.

The pall-bearers were Eugene Petrie, George Locke, Horatio Harper, Frank Brown, John Gill and Frank Lambert. The services throughout were very impressive, and in keeping with the sad occasion.

A pure, angelic girl has been called away from the home and friends by whom she was loved and esteemed for her amiable and womanly qualities, and her taking-off has left sorrowing and aching hearts.

COFFEE HOUSE ROW.

Peters and His Daughter Discharged by Judge Cravens.

Henry Peters and his daughter, Mrs. Ketchum, were examined in the Police Court yesterday on charges of disturbing the peace of Mrs. John Steen and Tillie Steen.

Peters is the proprietor of a coffee house on K street and Tillie Steen worked for him until a few days ago, when she was discharged. Miss Steen on the witness stand testified that Peters accused her of robbing his till when he discharged her and withheld half of her salary. Peters when sworn denied that he had called the young lady a thief. Mrs. Steen, Tillie's mother, went to the coffee house for an explanation, but was met by Mrs. Ketchum and a row ensued. Judge Cravens dismissed the case.

ELECTION RETURNS.

Official Canvass of Votes Cast at the School Election, December 7th.

The City Trustees yesterday canvassed the returns of the school election held on the 7th, with the following result:

CANDIDATES.	First Ward	Second Ward	Third Ward, Prec. 1	Third Ward, Prec. 2	Fourth Ward, Prec. 1	Fourth Ward, Prec. 2	Totals
City Supt. Schools.							
Albert Hart	144	210	187	192	145	225	1103
School Directors.							
Robert A. Fisher	44	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	44
W. H. Sherburn	118	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	118
E. A. Crouch	.....	164	.....	.....	.....	.....	164
J. N. Payne	.....	133	.....	.....	.....	.....	133
W. J. Davis	.....	.....	133	164	.....	.....	297
John Hantzman	.....	.....	81	87	.....	.....	168
O. W. Erlewine	.....	.....	.....	.....	109	192	301
J. M. Henderson	.....	.....	.....	.....	76	96	172
Freeholders.							
J. W. Armstrong	112	198	143	169	105	208	935
E. A. Burr	59	80	63	86	79	133	500
Fred Cox	146	258	191	227	168	265	1275
N. Greene Curtis	132	259	185	204	159	258	1217
R. T. Devlin	145	255	184	222	157	233	1159
Chris Green	132	221	157	187	134	236	1067
T. B. Hall	147	258	184	223	163	248	1223
C. H. Hubbard	128	254	184	221	160	239	1186
Matt F. Johnson	144	259	178	227	161	254	1223
W. F. Knox	82	99	87	98	86	157	600
W. F. Knox, Jr.	124	215	148	182	121	209	999
H. M. Larue	140	257	177	225	154	241	1194
J. H. Roberts	140	250	175	214	154	233	1166
G. L. Simmons	146	254	182	225	160	252	1219
Samuel B. Smith	98	103	97	105	94	173	670
H. Weinstock	126	156	173	215	152	234	1056
C. L. White	122	127	167	210	147	239	1012

Illegal ballots cast, 165.
Scattering (for Freeholders), 23.

Condition of the State Funds.

Following is the monthly statement of the State Controller, showing the condition of the several funds:

Funds.	Balance on Hand.	Balance in State Treas.
General	$568,907 11	$700,431 70
School	395,574 81	400,157 76
Interest and sinking	138,345 25	138,345 25
State school land	17,857 59	18,107 59
State school land deposit	29,080 00	29,141 00
San Francisco harbor improvement	304,201 32	322,698 28
University	7 50	742 50
State University	3,289 98	3,289 98
Mining Bureau	5,675 02	5,675 02
State Library	9,647 34	9,647 34
Supreme Court Library	419 41	680 51
Leprosy	4,126 34	4,126 34
War bond	2,993 30	2,993 30
Yosemite Valley	1,457 42	1,457 42
Adult Blind	6,677 13	6,677 13
Revolving jute	67,888 32	67,888 32
Estate of deceased persons	15,527 92	15,527 92
Interest and sinking, Levee Dis. No. 5	8 26	8 26
Election reward	2,021 75	2,021 75
Railway tax	210,318 57	210,318 57
Railway tax contingent	687 40	687 40
Fish Commission	3 70	3 70
San Quentin State Prison	84,520 11	84,520 11
Folsom State Prison	1,911 87	1,911 87
Insurance Commissioner's special	3,369 69	3,369 69
Bank Commissioners'	9,183 17	9,163 17
State school book	114,857 64	115,338 99
State drainage construction	8 48	8 48
Fish Com. boat	1,100 00	1,100 00
Southern Cal. Insane Asylum	95,000 00	95,000 00
Mendocino Insane Asylum	59,066 12	59,066 12
Dissolved savings bank	8,807 18	8,807 18
Total, exclusive of coupon accounts	$2,162,539 70	$2,319,931 65
Total amount in coupon accounts	$1,155 00	$1,155 00

Warrants outstanding—General fund, $131,524 59; school fund, $5,582 95; State school land fund, $55; State school land deposit fund, $30; San Francisco harbor improvement fund, $18,496 96; University fund, $735; Supreme Court Library fund, $261 10; State school book fund, $481 35. Total, $157,391 95.

The City's Money.

City Treasurer W. E. Gerber yesterday reported to the Trustees as follows for the month of November:

Balance November 1st	$90,007 06
Receipts during month	29,530 75
Total	$119,537 81
Warrants paid $32,471 59	
Coupons paid 8,354 00	
Total disbursements	40,825 59
Balance December 1st	$78,712 22

Hubert H. Bancroft.

Upon his late arrival in Mexico Hubert H. Bancroft was requested by President Diaz to write a book for the Columbian Exposition on the resources and development of Mexico. Mr. Bancroft went to Mexico with his family to spend a quiet winter there, feeling that he needed the rest. But General Diaz has shown him so many favors in times past that he could not refuse him this request. George H. Morrison, Secretary of the History Company, will at once proceed to Mexico to assist Mr. Bancroft in this work.

Masonic Election at Elk Grove.

At Elk Grove, on Saturday evening last, Elk Grove Lodge, F. and A. M., elected and appointed the following officers for the ensuing year: Henry Alltucker, W. M.; G. S. Williamson, S. W.; Arthur I. Gray, J. W.; J. T. Chinnick, Treasurer; L. Bower, Secretary; I. L. Freeman, S. D.; B. V. Hoover, J. D.; J. N. Andrews, Marshal; Thomas M. Taverner, E. E. Barry, Stewards; Alex. I. Gray, Tyler.

Painful Accident.

On Sunday Edwin S. Jacobs left the city for a day's shooting. While endeavoring to navigate the top of a Yolo levee his vehicle was upset, and he fell in such a manner as to break both his arms between the wrist and elbow.

After having the fractures reduced at the Railroad Hospital he was taken to his home.

Gee Lee Forgiven.

The case of Gee Lee, the Chinese laundryman who was arrested for withholding a week's washing from Martin Noblest, was dismissed in the Police Court yesterday upon the payment by the Chinaman of costs, and returning the linen.

All's Well, Etc.

The case of Andreas Mettier, charged with seduction, was dismissed in the Police Court yesterday. Judge Cravens made the order on the showing that Mettier had married the young lady involved in the case.

Embroidered Suspenders,

In all the latest shades, at prices much lower than other houses in Sacramento, can be found at The Bee Hive, 418 K street, opposite the Metropolitan Theater. *

NO MORE DEATH-TRAPS.

Chief Engineer Guthrie Has His Weather Eye Open.

He Offers a Stringent Ordinance to Govern the Erection of Buildings Within the Fire Limits.

At yesterday afternoon's session of the City Trustees Chief Engineer Guthrie of the Fire Department presented an amended ordinance regulating the construction of buildings within the fire limits. It is intended to put a stop to methods that menace not only human life but the safety of the city. The proposed new ordinance

FIXES THE FIRE LIMITS

As follows, in which nothing but buildings of brick or stone may be erected: The western boundary commences at a point opposite the center of H, runs thence through H to the center of Sixth; thence south through the center of Sixth to the alley between H and I; thence easterly through said alley to the center of Seventh; thence southerly through the center of Seventh to the center of I; thence easterly through the center of I to the center of Tenth, to a point opposite the center of said alley to the center of Twelfth; thence southerly through the center of Twelfth to a point opposite to the center of the alley between K and L; thence westerly through the center of said alley to the center of Tenth street; thence southerly through the center of Tenth to the center of L street; thence through the center of L street to the center of the alley between Front and Second; thence through the center of said alley to the center of M street; thence through the center of M street to the west boundary line of the city; thence northerly along said line to the place of beginning.

HOW CONSTUCTED.

All buildings hereafter erected within the fire limits, the ordinance provides, shall be constructed in the following manner: The foundation and all extra walls shall be of brick or stone, the foundation not less than four feet wide, the basement walls sixteen inches thick, the first and second story wall not less tnan twelve inches thick where the building stands by itself; eight-inch walls may be used where the building is between other brick walls owned by other parties; but in no case shall studding be used unless by the consent of the Chief Engineer.

All lintels over six feet long must be of iron or steel; columns must be of iron or brick. All exterior ornamental finish for windows, cornices, etc., shall be of galvanized iron, brick or any other fire-proof material. Rear porches and outbuildings must be well-framed together, and the exterior walls covered with corrugated iron No. 24. All roofs must be covered with tin or iron.

POWERS OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER.

The ordinance further provides that before any building of brick, stone or wood shall be enlarged, raised, altered or built upon, the same shall be first examined by the Chief Engineer to ascertain if the same is in good condition to be enlarged, raised, altered or built upon, who shall certify to the safety of making such repairs.

The Chief Engineer has power to regulate the removal of buildings. He shall also have power in passing upon materials used in the construction, alterations or repairs of buildings.

The ordinance was read the first time, and, under the rules, laid over one week.

KINDERGARTEN FETE.

How One Can Help the Free Kindergartens and Get Value Received.

A fete will be held this evening for the benefit of the free kindergartens. For the occasion Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCreary have given the use of their spacious dwelling on Tenth street, between K and L. All the people are invited, and it is hoped that no one at all desirous to attend will feel restrained because the fair is not held in a public hall.

The cause is one of the worthiest that has claims upon our people. Free kindergartens are economic enterprises; they are cheaper than jails and prisons, Police Courts, poverty and wretchedness, for they are the enemies of these, and begin their work at the tap root where evil begins its.

The house will be handsomely decorated. There will be a doll booth, a candy booth, a fancy goods booth, a linen booth, refreshment booths, a mysterious orange tree and an auction mart, with the well-known business man, S. Prentiss Smith, as auctioneer. An orchestra will furnish music all the evening. All the goods on sale are free contributions, and for each article the guarantee cost of the material is named. These goods are all suitable for presents, and are not flimsy or useless. Thus one can secure at a desirable price handsome presents and at the same time aid the free kindergartens. If this is not "killing two birds with one stone" we do not understand the meaning of the old saw.

But if one does not purchase, he or she will get full value for the admission fee—which is only half what one would pay to see a minstrel show, or a cheap traveling show—by the entertainment offered by the programme. This programme is to be as follows:

Piano solo, Mrs. A. Elkus; soprano solo, Mrs. A. Bonnheim; duet—guitar and flute, Miss Belle Morton and C. A. Neale; tenor solo, J. Desmond; piano solo, R. Tolmie, the distinguished pianist, a pupil of Kullach of Berlin; contralto solo, Miss Lena Carroll; flute obligato, C. A. Neale.

The good women who are devoting their energies and time to further the free kindergarten work say that no visitor will be unpleasantly importuned to buy goods at this fair. If people will come and see they can rest assured that only their own inclination and the worth of the goods will move them to buy, outside of the dictates of charity.

The fete will be open from 8 o'clock to midnight, and visitors will be welcome at any hour between. They will find plenty to interest and amuse them at any time during the fete, for the features will all be novel and more than ordinarily attractive.

MISSING MAN.

Walter S. Hoar Suddenly and Mysteriously Disappears.

Walter Scott Hoar, a recent arrival from Butte, Mont., is missing.

Mr. Hoar secured employment at the freight sheds shortly after his arrival here, and worked there for about four weeks. He was then laid off and remained idle about a week. He became quite despondent over his inability to get further employment. On the 5th inst. he wrote a letter, and, telling his wife that he was going to the Postoffice to mail it, left the house. He did not return, and, as he has not been seen since, Mrs. Hoar is distracted over her husband's disappearance, and some friends fear that he has suicided.

Hoar is described as being a steady and intelligent man, and a good workman. He is about 35 years of age, five feet ten inches in hight, has blue eyes, dark brown hair and sandy mustache, and weighs about 168 pounds. Strenuous efforts are being made to learn what has become of him, but so far they have been futile.

IN ATHLETIC CIRCLES.

Preparations for a Carnival—Presentation of Medals.

The Board of Directors of the Sacramento Athletic Club held a meeting last evening, President George H. Clark in the chair.

It was decided to call a general meeting of the club for Wednesday evening, January 6th, at which the members will vote on the proposed new constitution, and the proposition to incorporate. On the same evening the gold medals won by Rubenstein and Strobel in the recent special boxing contests will be presented and a short entertainment will be furnished. The election of officers will take place one week after the general meeting.

On New Year's Day the club will keep "open house" for the members, and will have a goodly supply of refreshments on hand.

It was finally decided to give a fancy dress carnival shortly after the holidays in the Assembly Chamber at the Capitol. The affair is intended to be quite select, and efforts will be made to make it one of the best social events of the winter.

FEDERATED TRADES.

A Quiet Meeting of the Council—Boycotted Stoves.

The Council of Federated Trades held its regular weekly meeting last night at Federation Hall, with President Hantzman in the chair. Little business of importance was transacted.

A communication was received from the Trades' Assembly of Rochester, N. Y., calling attention to the boycott on stoves manufactured in that city. The molders there are out on a strike, and it is said their places have been filled with boys and non-union men.

The committee which had charge of the late tug-of-war tournament asked for further time in which to report, as it had not settled up the accounts.

The various delegates reported on the condition of their respective trades as follows: Brewers, dull; boiler-makers, dull; bakers, fair; barbers, slow; carpenters, quiet; carbuilders, fair; harnessmakers, good; musicians, fair; molders, fair; springmakers, fair; tinners, medium; tailors, fair, and printers, fair.

School of Design.

The Sacramento School of Design closes with to-day's session for the holidays. The term has been a very satisfactory one. While the attendance has not been nearly so large as it should have been, nor to make the school financially independent, yet it was the best attended fall term for four years.

The school will reopen for its winter term January 2d. The hope is entertained that then it will be well filled. There are three competent instructors in the school, and the work of the pupils will stand side by side in merit with that of the San Francisco school, where the terms are higher and the pretensions greater.

Real Estate and Horses at Auction.

To-day at 10:30 A. M., D. J. Simmons & Co. will sell at auction, on the premises, the house and lot at 1921 P street. The lot is 40x160 feet.

At 11 A. M. the same firm will sell, on the premises, the full lot on the northwest corner of Twenty-second and N streets. It will be sold in two lots of 40x160 feet each. They are choice building lots.

Simmons & Co. will also sell at auction at 2 P. M., by order of the Electric Railway Company, at the Carey car stables, Twentieth and K streets, sixty head of good work horses, formerly used on the street-cars.

Myers Gets Off Easy.

John Myers, charged with threatening the life of George Gastman, and carrying a concealed weapon, was examined in the Police Court yesterday on the latter charge—the charge of threats against life being dismissed. Gastman testified that while standing at the cornor of Ninth and J streets Myers pointed a pistol at him, and threatened to shoot. Judge Cravens fined Myers $7 50 and "read the riot act" to him. The trouble is alleged to have been over Gastman's attentions to Myers' wife.

Zemansky's Speculation.

"Jake" Zemansky, the cigar dealer, is out $400. He advanced this sum to a Sutter County farmer named Phillips the other night, on a check drawn upon the bank of Rideout & Smith. The next day he discovered that Phillips had no money in the bank.

Zemansky learned by telegraph yesterday that Phillips is at his home sick, and he proposes having an interview with him as soon as he is well enough to see visitors.

Sherburn's Auction.

On Wednesday W. H. Sherburn will sell at auction, at his salesroom, 323 K street, a large assortment of furniture, carpets, stoves, crockery, including one E. Gilbert & Co.'s piano, one parlor set, one antique oak bedroom set, fancy platform rockers, willow rockers, etc.

Handsome Donation.

A donation of $50 has been made to the kindergarten fund by Hale Bros. Such unsolicited generosity is very encouraging to those engaged in the good work of promoting the welfare of these schools.

A Thought.

"It's a blessed good thing," said Mawson, as he gazed on the ocean, "it's a blessed good thing the ocean's bottom is solid."

"Why?"

"Think of what a geyser there'd be on the other side of the earth if it leaked."—New York Sun.

Why He Left.

"Why ain't yer got yer uniform on, Jimmy; have yer left?"

"Yes, I ain't goin' ter work for no telegraft company where they tells yer to hurry every time yer goes out to deliver a message!"—Life.

If your complaint is want of appetite, try half wine glass of Angostura Bitters before meals. Dr. J. G. B. Siegert & Sons, sole manufacturers.

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Silk Plush Smoking Cases, satin lined, meerschaum pipe, cigar and cigarette holder.....$1
Manicure Sets, in silk plush, satin lined.....75c and up
Silk Plush Workboxes, satin lined.....50c and up
Silk Plush Toilet Cases, 10x5½, 9 pieces, white oval fittings.....$2 25
Silk Plush Whiskbroom-holder and Hat Rack of natural horns, fixings of oxidized silver mountings.....$3 50
Horn Stools, silk plush tops.....$1 35, $1 50
Handsome Silk Toilet Cases from.....$2 50 to $10
Silk Plush Albums from.....75c up
Extra-fine Toilet Cases, embossed in gold and silver, with fittings of oxidized silver, large fancy shapes.....$7 50 to $15

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$5 Beaded Trimmed Toques for.....$2 95
$8 Trimmed Velvet Hats for.....$4
$5 Ladies' Felt Hats, trimmed with tips, birds and ribbon, for.....$2 50
$2 50 Child's Fancy Felt Scalloped-brim Hat, trimmed with ribbons and wings.....$1 45
Ladies' $1 45 Fine Felt Hats (The Planet), in all colors, for.....25c
25c Black Ostrich Tips for.....10c

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Ladies' Fine Dongola Shoes, in opera or half-round toe, reduced to $1 95; worth $2 75.
Youths' Kip Lace Shoes, sizes 11 to 2, reduced to 75c; former price, $1 25.

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Capay Valley Lands.

A CAPAY COLONY.

Busy Fruit-Growers in a Pretty Yolo Valley—Tancred and Its Adjoining Farms.

IN THE SPRING OF LAST YEAR Robert A. and Neal D. Barker associated themselves with William McKay, all of Oakland, with a view of searching out a suitable location in which to engage in the profitable occupation of fruit-growing. After visiting many localities, they decided on the Capay Valley, Yolo County, and the Rhodes tract at Tancred.

Negotiations were opened with the Capay Valley Land Company, owning the tract in question. With W. H. Mills, the General Agent of that company, they arranged for the purchase of about 220 acres of foothill land This being more than they had thought of taking for their own use, they spoke to a number of friends about it, with the result that the tract was divided among the following people: B. L. Hickok, 40 acres; W. T. Barnett, 20 acres; N. T. Greathead, 20 acres; Mrs. L. Greathead, 20 acres; W. McKay, 20 acres; N. D. Barker, 20 acres; R. A. Barker, 20 acres; J. P. Brownlee, 20 acres; E. H. Haslett, 10 acres; Joseph Barker, 10 acres; A. W. Kelly, 10 acres, and Frederick Kelly, 10 acres.

So far this had been merely a private venture of the gentlemen above named, but in talking up the question of dividing the land already purchased, it was found that so many more would like to join it than the area of the purchase would admit of, that it was suggested on all hands, "Why not get some more land and divide it up in the same way?" Then followed the idea of a stock company to take hold of a larger tract and arrange for the cultivation of the whole of it, after subdividing it according to the requirements of the subscribers. A provisional board was formed, a prospectus issued, and finally, on the 5th of June, 1890, the Western Co-operative Colonization and Improvement Company was duly registered and proceeded to business, with the following officers: President, William McKay; Vice-President, M. P. Brown; Directors—H. C. Ellis, Charles Brooke and R. A. Barker; Secretary and General Manager, Neal D. Barker; Solicitor, C. E. Snook; Treasurer, First National Bank of Oakland.

The balance of the tract, 373 acres, was purchased. A contract was entered into for the purchase of a large number of fruit trees, vines, etc. This early purchase of trees was the means of saving between $3,000 and $4,000 to the company, the prices in some cases having more than doubled since then.

The ideas which the prospectus set forth have been but slightly modified and the progress of the company has been uninterrupted. Those who went into it doubtingly have become enthusiastic, and almost all the members arranged to set out all their lands in fruit trees, etc., the first year. Consequently in this, the first season, some 40,000 trees and between 20,000 and 30,000 vines will be planted.

The satisfactory working of this scheme has had the effect of attracting considerable attention to the work of the Colony Company, and a number of people are now desirous of joining in with them. An additional 200 acres have been added to the sixty acres originally purchased.

For the company is predicted a very bright future, as well as for the beautiful valley in which their operations are conducted. How this marvelous little garden has come to be so long neglected is a puzzle to every one who has visited it, but one thing is very sure, and that is that this neglect will never again be felt in the valley.

The fruits set out are mostly of the standard varieties—peaches, apricots, Bartlett pears, prunes, figs, raisin grapes, etc., while along both sides of the avenues, throughout the tract, walnuts will throw their graceful shade. A considerable number of citrus trees are also being set out; quite a sufficient number to demonstrate that these fruits can be successfully grown in the valley, about which the colonists appear to have no doubt, provided proper care is given to the young trees. Neal D. Barker, General Manager of the company, resides on the tract, and to his care is to be ascribed much of the success of the venture.

Mention should be made of the town-site, about which there is a pleasant innovation which might with profit be followed by more ambitious places. A small park of some three acres has been laid out right in the center of the town. This park it is proposed to beautify by planting in it from time to time as many of the beauties and curiosities of tree and shrub life as may be obtained by diligent search and a wise expenditure of money. It is not expected that Tancred will ever be a large and busy city, but it is thought that it can be made a very pleasant little place to dwell in.

A petition has been circulated recently and very largely signed, asking the county to accept Island avenue, on the colony tract, as a county road, and to build a bridge across Cache Creek at this point, in order to give the settlers on the east side of the creek access to Tancred Station. The Tancred colonists are quite willing to give the necessary right of way, and are very desirous of having a bridge there, as the colony lands extend along both sides of the stream. It is thought that it would be a very wise expenditure of public money to grant them this very necessary improvement, as the operations of such companies are of widespread benefit to the whole county and State. The attractions and comforts of the cities are well known, but to those who are willing to settle on the land and show that the country also affords attractions and comforts and ways of making money pleasantly, every inducement should be held forth.

The following is a list of the principal members of the Tancred Colony, with the number of acres owned by each, and a fact worthy of mention is that in each contract or deed issued by the Colony Company there is a provision that no intoxicating liquor shall ever be manufactured or sold on the land. The apparent success of the enterprise shows that the ideas and plans of the colony, as set forth in the prospectus some time ago, are not impracticable: C. T. Hull, Berkeley, 5 acres; W. P. Hammon, Oakland, 14 acres; C. S. Kasson, San Francisco, 11 acres; Jos. Barker, 10 acres; A. W. Kelly, Kincardine, Ont., 5 acres; N. T. Greathead, 5 acres; R. G. Greathead, Oakland 10 acres; R. A. Barker, San Francisco, 10 acres; N. D. Barker, Tancred, 10 acres; Dr. K. Favor, San Francisco, 27 acres; J. P. Brownlee, Kincardine, Ont., 9 acres; W. T. Barnett, Berkeley, 5 acres; M. P. Brown, 10 acres; Chas. Brook, Sr., Oakland, 10 acres; W. C. Boutelle, Berkeley, 20 acres; Mrs. T. A. Crelin, Oakland, 5 acres; C. H. Peach, Tancred, 5 acres; H. C. Ellis, Oakland, 10 acres; J. Vanstone, Winnipeg, 10 acres; E. A. Vanstone, Tancred, 5 acres; E. Wadsworth, Sacramento, 5 acres; M. A. Thomas, Oakland, 6 acres; James Graham, San Francisco, 11 acres; A. Stark, 12 acres; J. Stark, 10 acres; Mrs. M. Vrooman, 5 acres; C. E. Snook, 10 acres; C. T. Greathead, 12 acres; Wm. McKay, 5 acres; Mrs. Wm. McKay, Oakland, 5 acres; Mrs. E. C. Wooley, Brooklyn, N. Y., 10 acres; Mrs. H. Beckley, Oakland, 5 acres; T. A. Marriett, 5 acres; J. C. Harrison, Tancred, 5 acres. The land reserved by the Colony Company, including townsite, consists of 61 acres.

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